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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; AMENDING THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS, E-CIGARETTE AND NICOTINE LIQUID CONTAINER ACT TO BAN THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, E-CIGARETTES OR NICOTINE LIQUID CONTAINERS TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN NOTICES WITH PENALTY PROVISIONS; DEFINING "TOBACCO PRODUCT".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 30-49-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 244, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-49-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Tobacco Products, E-Cigarette and Nicotine Liquid Container Act:

A. "child-resistant" means a package or container that is designed or constructed to be significantly difficult for children under five years of age to open or obtain a toxic

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1 or harmful amount of the substance contained therein within a
2 reasonable time and not difficult for normal adults to use
3 properly, but does not mean a package or container that all
4 such children cannot open or obtain a toxic or harmful amount
5 within a reasonable time;

6 B. "e-cigarette":

7 (1) means any electronic oral device, whether
8 composed of a heating element and battery or an electronic
9 circuit, that provides a vapor of nicotine or any other
10 substances the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking;
11 and

12 (2) includes any such device, or any part
13 thereof, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as
14 an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe or any other product, name or
15 descriptor; but

16 (3) does not include any product regulated as
17 a drug or device by the United States food and drug
18 administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
19 [~~21 U.S.C. Section 301 et seq.~~];

20 C. "minor" means an individual who is less than
21 [~~eighteen~~] twenty-one years of age [~~and~~], but does not include
22 an individual who is at least eighteen years of age on July 1,
23 2020;

24 D. "nicotine liquid container" means a bottle or
25 other container of any substance containing nicotine where the

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1 substance is sold, marketed or intended for use in an e-
2 cigarette; and

3 E. "tobacco product" means:

4 (1) a product made of or derived from tobacco
5 or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether
6 smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted,
7 sniffed or ingested by any other means, including cigars,
8 cigarettes, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, pipe tobacco or
9 snuff; and

10 (2) a component, part or accessory used to
11 consume tobacco, but does not include a product approved by the
12 United States food and drug administration for sale as a
13 tobacco cessation product or for another therapeutic purpose,
14 where the product is marketed and sold solely for that use, as
15 approved by the United States food and drug administration."

16 SECTION 2. Section 30-49-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
17 Chapter 244, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "30-49-5. REFUSAL TO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS, E-CIGARETTES
19 OR NICOTINE LIQUID CONTAINERS TO A PERSON UNABLE TO PRODUCE
20 IDENTITY CARD.--A person selling goods at retail or wholesale
21 [~~may~~] shall refuse to sell tobacco products, e-cigarettes or
22 nicotine liquid containers to a person who is unable to produce
23 an identity card as evidence that the person is [~~eighteen years~~
24 ~~of age or over~~] not prohibited from purchasing tobacco
25 products, e-cigarettes or nicotine liquid containers."

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