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H.740

Introduced by Representatives Condon of Colchester and Harrison of
Chittenden

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Tobacco products; Internet sales; cigars

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit the
delivery of cigars purchased over the Internet or by mail or telephone to
anyone other than a licensed wholesaler or retail dealer.

An act relating to the delivery of cigars purchased over the Internet or by
mail or telephone

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 1010 is amended to read:

§ 1010. INTERNET SALES

(a) As used in this section:

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(8) "Cigar" shall have the same meaning as in 32 V.S.A. § 7702(21).

(b) No person shall cause cigarettes, roll-your-own tobacco, cigars, little
cigars, or snuff, ordered or purchased by mail or through a computer network,

1 telephonic network, or other electronic network, to be shipped to anyone other
2 than a licensed wholesale dealer or retail dealer in this State.

3 (c) No person shall, with knowledge or reason to know of the violation,
4 provide substantial assistance to a person in violation of this section.

5 (d) A violation of this section is punishable as follows:

6 (1) A knowing or intentional violation of this section shall be punishable
7 by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than
8 \$5,000.00, or both.

9 (2) In addition to or in lieu of any other civil or criminal remedy
10 provided by law, upon a determination that a person has violated this section,
11 the Attorney General may impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed
12 \$5,000.00 for each violation. For purposes of this subsection, each shipment
13 or transport of cigarettes, roll-your-own tobacco, cigars, little cigars, or snuff
14 shall constitute a separate violation.

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16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.