

AN ACT restricting tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor products to persons 21 years of age or older.

***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. KRS 438.305 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 438.305 to 438.340, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) (a) "Alternative nicotine product" means a noncombustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means.
- (b) "Alternative nicotine product" does not include any product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;
- (2) "Manufacturer" means any person who manufactures or produces tobacco products within or without this Commonwealth;
- (3) "Nonresident wholesaler" means any person who purchases cigarettes or other tobacco products directly from the manufacturer and maintains a permanent location or locations outside this state at which Kentucky cigarette tax evidence is attached or from which Kentucky cigarette tax is reported and paid;
- (4) "Proof of age" means a driver's license or other documentary or written evidence that the individual is twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ years of age or older;
- (5) "Resident wholesaler" means any person who purchases at least seventy-five percent (75%) of all cigarettes or other tobacco products purchased by that person directly from the cigarette manufacturer on which the cigarette tax provided for in KRS 138.130 to 138.205 is unpaid, and who maintains an established place of business in this state at which the person attaches cigarette tax evidence or receives untaxed cigarettes;
- (6) "Sample" means a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product distributed to members of the general public at no cost;

- (7) "Subjobber" means any person who purchases tobacco products, on which the Kentucky cigarette tax has been paid, from a wholesaler licensed pursuant to KRS 138.195, and makes them available to a retail establishment for resale;
- (8) (a) "Tobacco product" means any cigarette, cigar, snuff, smokeless tobacco product, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, and any kind or form of tobacco prepared in a manner suitable for chewing or smoking, or both, or any kind or form of tobacco that is suitable to be placed in a person's mouth.
- (b) "Tobacco product" does not include any alternative nicotine product, vapor product, or product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and
- (9) (a) "Vapor product" means any noncombustible product that employs a heating element, battery, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size and including the component parts and accessories thereto, that can be used to deliver vaporized nicotine or other substances to users inhaling from the device. "Vapor product" includes but is not limited to any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and every variation thereof, regardless of whether marketed as such, and any vapor cartridge or other container of a liquid solution or other material that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar product or device.
- (b) "Vapor product" does not include any product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

➔Section 2. KRS 438.310 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No person shall sell or cause to be sold any tobacco product, alternative nicotine

- product, or vapor product at retail to any person under the age of **twenty-one (21)**~~eighteen (18)~~, or solicit any person under the age of **twenty-one (21)**~~eighteen (18)~~ to purchase any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product at retail.
- (2) Any person who sells tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products at retail shall cause to be posted in a conspicuous place in his **or her** establishment a notice stating that it is illegal to sell tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to persons under age **twenty-one (21)**~~eighteen (18)~~.
- (3) Any person selling tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall require proof of age from a prospective buyer or recipient if the person has reason to believe that the prospective buyer or recipient is under the age of **twenty-one (21)**~~eighteen (18)~~.
- (4) A person who violates subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first violation and a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any subsequent violation. The fine shall be administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control using a civil enforcement procedure **for persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. For persons under the age of eighteen (18) years, the offense shall be deemed a status offense and shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile session of the District Court.**

➔Section 3. KRS 438.311 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except **as provided in**~~for the provisions of~~ KRS 438.330, it shall be unlawful for a person who has not attained the age of **twenty-one (21)**~~eighteen (18)~~ years to purchase or accept receipt of or to attempt to purchase or accept receipt of a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product, or to present or offer to any

person any purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own, for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product. It shall not be unlawful for such a person to accept receipt of a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product from an employer when required in the performance of the person's duties.

- (2) **Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation. The fine shall be administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control using a civil enforcement procedure for persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. For persons under the age of eighteen (18) years,** this offense shall be deemed a status offense and shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile session of the District Court.
- (3) All peace officers with general law enforcement authority and employees of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may issue a uniform citation, but not make an arrest or take a child into custody, for a violation of this section. If a child fails to appear in court in response to a uniform citation issued pursuant to the section, the court may compel the attendance of the defendant in the manner specified by law.

➔Section 4. KRS 438.313 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No wholesaler, retailer, or manufacturer of cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products may distribute cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, including samples thereof, free of charge or otherwise, to any person under the age of **twenty-one (21)**~~eighteen (18)~~.
- (2) Any person who distributes cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, including samples thereof, free of charge or otherwise shall require proof of age from a prospective buyer or recipient if the person has reason to believe that the prospective purchaser or recipient is under the age of

twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~.

- (3) Any person who violates~~[the provisions of]~~ this section shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each offense. The fine shall be administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control using a civil enforcement procedure for persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. For persons under the age of eighteen (18) years, the offense shall be deemed a status offense and shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile session of the District Court.
- (4) All peace officers with general law enforcement authority and employees of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may issue a uniform citation, but may not make an arrest, or take a child into custody, for a violation of this section. If a child fails to appear in court in response to a uniform citation issued pursuant to this section, the court may compel the attendance of the defendant in the manner specified by law.

➔Section 5. KRS 438.315 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products dispensed through a vending machine is prohibited to any person under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ years.
- (2) The purchase of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products dispensed through a vending machine is prohibited to any person under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ years.
- (3) Except for vending machines located in factories or vending machines located in bars or taverns to which minors are not permitted access, any vending machine from which tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products are dispensed shall be located in the line of sight of the cashier for the retail establishment.
- (4) Any owner of a retail establishment violating this section shall be subject to a fine

of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation. The fine shall be administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control using a civil enforcement procedure for persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. For persons under the age of eighteen (18) years, the offense shall be deemed a status offense and shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile session of the District Court.

- (5) All peace officers with general law enforcement authority and employees of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may issue a uniform citation, but may not make an arrest, or take a child into custody, for a violation of this section. If a child fails to appear in court in response to a uniform citation issued pursuant to this section, the court may compel the attendance of the defendant in the manner specified by law.

➔Section 6. KRS 438.325 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Each owner of a retail establishment selling or distributing tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall notify each individual employed in the retail establishment as a retail sales clerk that the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to any person under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ years and the purchase of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products by any person under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ years are prohibited.
- (2) Each owner of a retail establishment selling or distributing tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall notify each individual employed in the retail establishment as a retail sales clerk that proof of age is required from a prospective buyer or recipient if the person has reason to believe that the prospective purchaser or recipient is under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~.
- (3) The notice to employees that is required in subsection (1) of this section shall be

provided before the person commences work as a retail sales clerk, or, in the case of a person employed as a retail sales clerk on the effective day of this Act~~[April 10, 2014]~~, within thirty (30) days of that date. The employee shall signify receipt of the notice required by this section by signing a form that states as follows:

"I understand that under the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky it is illegal to sell or distribute tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to persons under the age of twenty-one (21)~~[eighteen (18)]~~ years and that it is illegal for persons under the age of twenty-one (21)~~[eighteen (18)]~~ years to purchase tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products."

- (4) The owner of the retail establishment shall maintain the signed notice that is required pursuant to subsection (3) of this section in a place and in a manner so as to be easily accessible to any employee of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control or the Department of Agriculture conducting an inspection of the retail establishment for the purpose of monitoring compliance in limiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to persons under the age of twenty-one (21)~~[eighteen (18)]~~ as provided in KRS 438.305 to 438.340.
- (5) Any owner of the retail establishment violating subsections (1) to (4) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation. The fine shall be administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in a civil enforcement procedure.

➔Section 7. KRS 438.330 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Department of Agriculture shall carry out annually conducted random, unannounced inspections of retail establishments where tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products are sold or distributed for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of KRS 438.305 to 438.340. The inspections shall be conducted to the extent necessary to

assure that the Commonwealth remains in compliance with Public Law 102-321 and applicable federal regulations. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Department of Agriculture shall also ensure that targeted inspections are conducted at those retail establishments where, and at those times when, persons under the age of ***twenty-one (21)***~~*eighteen (18)*~~ years are most likely to purchase tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products. Persons under the age of ***twenty-one (21)***~~*eighteen (18)*~~ years may be used to test compliance with the provisions of KRS 438.305 to 438.340 only if the testing is conducted under the direct supervision of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, sheriff, or chief of police, or their employees, and written parental consent has been obtained. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall prepare annually, for submission by the Governor to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the report required by Section 1926 of Subpart 1 of Part B of Title XIX of the Federal Public Health Service Act.

- (2) The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall develop and implement the survey sampling methodologies to carry out the inspections as described in this section.

➔Section 8. KRS 438.337 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Except for violations of ***Section 2 of this Act and***~~*the provisions of*~~ KRS 438.311, 438.313, and 438.315 by a juvenile, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile session of the District Court, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall carry out the enforcement provisions of KRS 438.305 to 438.340.
- (2) The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall be entitled to the revenue produced by one-twentieth of one cent (\$0.0005) of the three-cent (\$0.03) per pack revenue collected by the Finance and Administration Cabinet from the state excise tax on the sale of cigarettes as imposed by KRS 138.140 to be deposited in a trust and agency account created in the State Treasury, and to keep fifty percent (50%) of



any fines collected under KRS 438.305 to 438.340 to offset the costs of enforcement of KRS 438.305 to 438.340.

- (3) The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall be responsible for maintaining statistics for compilation of required reports to be submitted to the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- (4) The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall devise a plan and time frame for enforcement to determine by random inspection if the percentage of retailers or distributors making illegal sales to minors does or does not exceed federal guidelines preventing tobacco sales to minors.

➔Section 9. KRS 438.350 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No person under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ shall possess or use tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.
- (2) Any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product found in the possession of a person under the age of twenty-one (21)~~eighteen (18)~~ and in plain view of the law enforcement officer shall be confiscated by the law enforcement officer making the charge.
- (3) This section shall not apply to persons exempted as provided by KRS 438.311 and 438.330.
- (4) The terms "alternative nicotine product," "tobacco product," and "vapor product," shall have the same meanings as in KRS 438.305.

➔Section 10. This Act takes effect August 1, 2016.