
DIGEST

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HB 45 Reengrossed

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Talbot

Abstract: Increases the fines associated with selling vapor products to persons under the age of 18.

Present law prohibits the sale and distribution of any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product to persons under the age of 18, and prohibits persons under the age of 18 from buying such products.

Present law provides that whoever violates present law by selling or buying tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products shall be subject to the following fines:

- (1) For a first violation - a fine of up to \$50.
- (2) For a second violation - a fine of up to \$100.
- (3) For a third violation - a fine of up to \$250.
- (4) For subsequent violations - a fine of up to \$400.

Proposed law retains present law fines for under-age buyers of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products and for sellers of tobacco products or alternative nicotine products.

Proposed law provides for increased fines for sellers who violate present law with respect to vapor products:

- (1) For a first violation - a fine of up to \$500.
- (2) For a second violation - a fine of up to \$750.
- (3) For subsequent violations - a fine of up to \$1,000.

(Amends R.S. 14:91.8(H)(1); Adds R.S. 14:91.8(H)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Amend proposed law to provide that the increase in present law fines apply only to sellers of vapor products to persons under the age of 18.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Decrease the proposed law second violation fine from \$1,000 to \$750.
2. Decrease the proposed law subsequent violation fines from \$2,500 to \$1,000.
3. Make technical corrections.