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amending s. 210.15, F.S.; revising the age limits for permits relating to cigarettes; amending s. 386.212, F.S.; revising age and time restrictions relating to the prohibition of smoking and vaping near school property; revising civil penalties; amending s. 569.002, F.S.; defining the term "liquid nicotine product"; revising the definition of the term "tobacco products"; defining the terms "vapor-generating electronic device" and "nicotine product"; deleting the term "any person under the age of 18"; amending s. 569.003, F.S.; specifying that fees for a retail tobacco products dealer permit only apply to retailers dealing in certain tobacco products; revising the age limits for retail tobacco products dealer permits; amending s. 569.007, F.S.; revising prohibitions on

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An act relating to tobacco and nicotine products;

term "flavored liquid nicotine product"; providing applicability; amending s. 569.101, F.S.; requiring that the age of persons purchasing tobacco products be verified under certain circumstances; amending s.

the sale of tobacco products from vending machines;

providing requirements for the delivery of vapor-

generating electronic devices and liquid nicotine

products; conforming provisions to federal law;

prohibiting a person from selling, delivering,

bartering, furnishing, or giving flavored liquid

nicotine products to any other person; defining the

569.11, F.S.; revising civil penalties; conforming

provisions to federal law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 877.112, F.S., relating to nicotine products and nicotine dispensing devices; amending s. 210.095, F.S.; conforming provisions to federal law; making technical changes; amending ss. 569.0075, 569.008, 569.12, 569.14, and 569.19, F.S.; conforming provisions to federal law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 210.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

210.15 Permits.-

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(b) Permits shall be issued only to persons of good moral character, who are not less than $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age. Permits to corporations shall be issued only to corporations whose officers are of good moral character and not less than $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age. There shall be no exemptions from the permit fees herein provided to any persons, association of persons, or corporation, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 386.212, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

386.212 Smoking and vaping prohibited near school property; penalty.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age to smoke tobacco or vape in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the

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real property comprising a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight. This section does not apply to any person occupying a moving vehicle or within a private residence.

(3) Any person issued a citation pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be charged with a civil infraction punishable by a maximum civil penalty not to exceed \$25, or 50 hours of community service and, for persons under 18 years of age or, where available, successful completion of a school-approved anti-tobacco or anti-vaping "alternative to suspension" program.

Section 3. Present subsections (3) through (6) of section 569.002, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) through (7), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to that section, and present subsections (6) and (7) of section 569.002, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

- (3) "Liquid nicotine product" means a tobacco product in liquid form composed of nicotine and other chemicals or substances which is sold or offered for sale for use with a vapor-generating electronic device.
 - (7) (6) "Tobacco products" includes:
- (a) Loose tobacco leaves, and products made from tobacco leaves, in whole or in part, and cigarette wrappers, which can be used for smoking, sniffing, or chewing; and
- (b) Any nicotine product or vapor-generating electronic device.
 - 1. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term:
- a. "Vapor-generating electronic device" means any product that employs an electronic, chemical, or mechanical means

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capable of producing vapor or aerosol from a nicotine product or any other substance, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar device or product; any replacement cartridge for such device; and any other container of nicotine in a solution or other substance form intended to be used with or within an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo, an electronic pipe, a vape pen, an electronic hookah, or other similar device or product. The term includes any component, part, or accessory of the device and also includes any substance intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine.

- b. "Nicotine product" means any product that contains nicotine, including liquid nicotine, which is intended for human consumption, whether inhaled, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any means. The term includes vapor-generating electronic devices.
- 2. The terms "vapor-generating electronic device" and "nicotine product" do not include:
 - a. Tobacco products described in paragraph (a); or
- b. Products regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- (7) "Any person under the age of 18" does not include any person under the age of 18 who:
- (a) Has had his or her disability of nonage removed under chapter 743;
 - (b) Is in the military reserve or on active duty in the

Armed Forces of the United States;

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- (c) Is otherwise emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction and released from parental care and responsibility;
- (d) Is acting in his or her scope of lawful employment with an entity licensed under the provisions of chapter 210 or this chapter.

Section 4. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 569.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.003 Retail tobacco products dealer permits; application; qualifications; fees; renewal; duplicates.—
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(b) Application for a permit must be made on a form furnished by the division and must set forth the name under which the applicant transacts or intends to transact business, the address of the location of the applicant's place of business within the state, and any other information the division requires. If the applicant has or intends to have more than one place of business dealing in tobacco products within this state, a separate application must be made for each place of business. If the applicant is a firm or an association, the application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons constituting the firm or association; if the applicant is a corporation, the application must set forth the names and addresses of the principal officers of the corporation. The application must also set forth any other information prescribed by the division for the purpose of identifying the applicant firm, association, or corporation. The application must be

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signed and verified by oath or affirmation by the owner, if a sole proprietor, or, if the owner is a firm, association, or partnership, by the members or partners thereof, or, if the owner is a corporation, by an executive officer of the corporation or by any person authorized by the corporation to sign the application, together with the written evidence of this authority. The application for a permit to deal, at retail, in tobacco products described in s. 569.002(7)(a) must be accompanied by the annual permit fee prescribed by the division.

- (c) Permits shall be issued annually, upon payment of the annual permit fee prescribed by the division. The division shall fix the fee for a permit to deal, at retail, in tobacco products described in s. 569.002(7)(a), in an amount sufficient to meet the costs incurred by it in carrying out its permitting, enforcement, and administrative responsibilities under this chapter, but the fee may not exceed \$50. The proceeds of the fee shall be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund.
- (2) (a) Permits may be issued only to persons who are 21 18 years of age or older or to corporations the officers of which are 21 18 years of age or older.

Section 5. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 569.007, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

569.007 Sale or delivery of tobacco products; restrictions.—

(1) (a) In order to prevent persons under 21 18 years of age from purchasing or receiving tobacco products, the sale or delivery of tobacco products is prohibited, except:

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- 1.(a) When under the direct control or line of sight of the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee; or
- 2.(b) Sales from a vending machine are prohibited under subparagraph 1. the provisions of paragraph (1)(a) and are only permissible from a machine that is located in an establishment that prohibits persons under 21 years of age on the licensed premises at all times.
- (b) Sales of vapor-generating electronic devices and liquid nicotine products, other than as authorized under subparagraph (a)1., are permissible only if a dealer implements an age verification procedure that:
- 1. Before accepting an order for delivery, verifies that the purchaser is at least 21 years of age using a commercially available database, or an aggregate of databases, which is regularly used for the purpose of age and identity verification; and
- 2. Employs a second-step age verification to secure delivery for every order by requiring the signature of the purchaser upon delivery and verifying that the credit card or debit card used for the purchase has been issued in the purchaser's name and that the delivery address is associated with the purchaser's credit card or debit card equipped with an operational lockout device which is under the control of the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee who directly regulates the sale of items through the machine by triggering the lockout device to allow the dispensing of one tobacco product. The lockout device must include a mechanism to prevent the machine from functioning if the power source for the lockout device fails or if the lockout device is disabled, and a mechanism to

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ensure that only one tobacco product is dispensed at a time.

- (2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply to an establishment that prohibits persons under 18 years of age on the licensed premises.
- (5) (a) A person may not sell, deliver, barter, furnish, or give, directly or indirectly, flavored liquid nicotine products to any other person. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "flavored liquid nicotine product" means a liquid nicotine product containing a natural or artificial constituent or additive that causes the liquid or its vapor to have a distinguishable taste or aroma other than tobacco or menthol, including, but not limited to, fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, a dessert, an alcoholic beverage, an herb or spice, or any combination thereof.
- (b) This subsection does not apply to the sale, shipment, or transport of any product that receives a marketing order issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration under 21 U.S.C. s. 387j.
- Section 6. Section 569.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 569.101 Selling, delivering, bartering, furnishing, or giving tobacco products to persons under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age; criminal penalties; defense.—
- (1) It is unlawful to sell, deliver, barter, furnish, or give, directly or indirectly, to any person who is under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age, any tobacco product.
- (2) Any person who violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. However, any person who violates

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- subsection (1) for a second or subsequent time within 1 year of the first violation, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (3) A person charged with a violation of subsection (1) has a complete defense if, at the time the tobacco product was sold, delivered, bartered, furnished, or given:
- (a) The buyer or recipient falsely evidenced that she or he was $21 \, \frac{18}{18}$ years of age or older;
- (b) The appearance of the buyer or recipient was such that a prudent person would believe the buyer or recipient to be $\underline{21}$ years of age or older; and
- (c) Such person carefully checked a driver license or an identification card issued by this state or another state of the United States, a passport, or a United States armed services identification card presented by the buyer or recipient and acted in good faith and in reliance upon the representation and appearance of the buyer or recipient in the belief that the buyer or recipient was 21 18 years of age or older.
- (4) A person must verify by means of identification specified in paragraph (3)(c) that a person purchasing a tobacco product is not under 21 years of age. Such verification is not required for any person over the age of 29.
- Section 7. Section 569.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 569.11 Possession, misrepresenting age or military service to purchase, and purchase of tobacco products by persons under 21 18 years of age prohibited; penalties; jurisdiction; disposition of fines.—
 - (1) It is unlawful for any person under 21 $\frac{18}{18}$ years of age

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to knowingly possess any tobacco product. Any person under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:

- (a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a \$25 fine. In addition, if the person is under 18 years of age, the person must attend a school-approved anti-vaping or anti-tobacco program, if locally available; or
- (b) For a second or subsequent violation within 12 weeks after the first violation, a \$25 fine.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

- (2) It is unlawful for any person under <u>21</u> 18 years of age to misrepresent his or her age or military service for the purpose of inducing a dealer or an agent or employee of the dealer to sell, give, barter, furnish, or deliver any tobacco product, or to purchase, or attempt to purchase, any tobacco product from a person or a vending machine. Any person under <u>21</u> 18 years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:
- (a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a \$25 fine and, in addition, if the person is under 18 years of age, the person must attend a school-approved anti-vaping or anti-tobacco program, if available; or
 - (b) For a second or subsequent violation within 12 weeks

after the first violation, a \$25 fine.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

- (3) Any person under <u>21</u> 18 years of age cited for committing a noncriminal violation under this section must sign and accept a civil citation indicating a promise to appear before the county court or comply with the requirement for paying the fine and, if the person is under 18 years of age, must attend a school-approved <u>anti-vaping or anti-tobacco program, if locally available</u>. If a fine is assessed for a violation of this section, the fine must be paid within 30 days after the date of the citation or, if a court appearance is mandatory, within 30 days after the date of the hearing.
- (4) A person charged with a noncriminal violation under this section must appear before the county court or comply with the requirement for paying the fine. The court, after a hearing, shall make a determination as to whether the noncriminal violation was committed. If the court finds the violation was committed, it shall impose an appropriate penalty as specified in subsection (1) or subsection (2). A person who participates in community service shall be considered an employee of the state for the purpose of chapter 440, for the duration of such service.
- (5)(a) If a person under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{48}$ years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to complete community service, pay the fine as required by paragraph (1)(a) or

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paragraph (2)(a), or, if the person is under 18 years of age, attend a school-approved anti-vaping or anti-tobacco program, if locally available, the court may direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for a period of 30 consecutive days.

- (b) If a person under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to pay the applicable fine as required by paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph (2)(b), the court may direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for a period of 45 consecutive days.
- (6) Eighty percent of all civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to this section shall be remitted by the clerk of the court to the Department of Revenue for transfer to the Department of Education to provide for teacher training and for research and evaluation to reduce and prevent the use of tobacco products by children. The remaining 20 percent of civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to this section shall remain with the clerk of the county court to cover administrative costs.
 - Section 8. Section 877.112, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) and paragraphs (e) and (g) of subsection (8) of section 210.095, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 210.095 Mail order, Internet, and remote sales of tobacco products; age verification.—
 - (5) Each person who mails, ships, or otherwise delivers

tobacco products in connection with an order for a delivery sale must:

- (a) Include as part of the shipping documents, in a clear and conspicuous manner, the following statement: "Tobacco Products: Florida law prohibits shipping to individuals under 21 18 years of age and requires the payment of all applicable taxes."
- (b) Use a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery which obligates the delivery service to require:
- 1. The individual submitting the order for the delivery sale or another adult who resides at the individual's address to sign his or her name to accept delivery of the shipping container. Proof of the legal minimum purchase age of the individual accepting delivery is required only if the individual appears to be under 30 27 years of age.
- 2. Proof that the individual is either the addressee or the adult designated by the addressee, in the form of a valid, government-issued identification card bearing a photograph of the individual who signs to accept delivery of the shipping container.

If the person accepting a purchase order for a delivery sale delivers the tobacco products without using a delivery service, the person must comply with all of the requirements of this section which apply to a delivery service. Any failure to comply with a requirement of this section constitutes a violation

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(e) A person who, in connection with a delivery sale,

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delivers tobacco products on behalf of a delivery service to an individual who is not an adult commits a misdemeanor of the second third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(g) An individual who is not an adult and who knowingly violates any provision of this section commits a misdemeanor of the second third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 10. Section 569.0075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

569.0075 Gift of sample tobacco products prohibited.—The gift of sample tobacco products to any person under the age of 21 18 by an entity licensed or permitted under the provisions of chapter 210 or this chapter, or by an employee of such entity, is prohibited and is punishable as provided in s. 569.101.

Section 11. Subsection (1), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2), and subsection (3) of section 569.008, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.008 Responsible retail tobacco products dealers; qualifications; mitigation of disciplinary penalties; diligent management and supervision; presumption.—

- (1) The Legislature intends to prevent the sale of tobacco products to persons under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age and to encourage retail tobacco products dealers to comply with responsible practices in accordance with this section.
- (2) To qualify as a responsible retail tobacco products dealer, the dealer must establish and implement procedures designed to ensure that the dealer's employees comply with the provisions of this chapter. The dealer must provide a training

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program for the dealer's employees which addresses the use and sale of tobacco products and which includes at least the following topics:

- (b) Methods of recognizing and handling customers under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age.
- (c) Procedures for proper examination of identification cards in order to verify that customers are not under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age.
- (3) In determining penalties under s. 569.006, the division may mitigate penalties imposed against a dealer because of an employee's illegal sale of a tobacco product to a person under 21 18 years of age if the following conditions are met:
- (a) The dealer is qualified as a responsible dealer under this section.
- (b) The dealer provided the training program required under subsection (2) to that employee before the illegal sale occurred.
- (c) The dealer had no knowledge of that employee's violation at the time of the violation and did not direct, approve, or participate in the violation.
- (d) If the sale was made through a vending machine, the machine was equipped with an operational lock-out device.
- Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2), subsection (3), and paragraph (g) of subsection (4) of section 569.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 569.12 Jurisdiction; tobacco product enforcement officers or agents; enforcement.—
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 - (b) A tobacco product enforcement officer is authorized to

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issue a citation to a person under the age of $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ when, based upon personal investigation, the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person has committed a civil infraction in violation of s. 386.212 or s. 569.11.

- (3) A correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3) is authorized to issue a citation to a person under the age of 21 18 when, based upon personal investigation, the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person has committed a civil infraction in violation of s. 569.11.
- (4) A citation issued to any person violating the provisions of s. 569.11 shall be in a form prescribed by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and shall contain:
- (g) The procedure for the person to follow in order to contest the citation, perform the required community service, attend the required anti-tobacco program, or to pay the civil penalty.

Section 13. Section 569.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 569.14 Posting of a sign stating that the sale of tobacco products to persons under $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ years of age is unlawful; enforcement; penalty.—
- (1) A dealer that sells tobacco products shall post a clear and conspicuous sign in each place of business where such products are sold which substantially states the following:

THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF $\underline{21}$ 18 IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW. PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.

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(2) A dealer that sells tobacco products and nicotine products or nicotine dispensing devices, as defined in s. 877.112, may use a sign that substantially states the following:

THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR NICOTINE DISPENSING DEVICES TO PERSONS UNDER THE ACE OF 18 IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW. PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.

A dealer that uses a sign as described in this subsection meets the signage requirements of subsection (1) and s. 877.112.

- (3) The division shall make available to dealers of tobacco products signs that meet the requirements of subsection (1) or subsection (2).
- (3) (4) Any dealer that sells tobacco products shall provide at the checkout counter in a location clearly visible to the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee instructional material in a calendar format or similar format to assist in determining whether a person is of legal age to purchase tobacco products. This point of sale material must contain substantially the following language:

IF YOU WERE NOT BORN BEFORE THIS DATE (insert date and applicable year) YOU CANNOT BUY TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Upon approval by the division, in lieu of a calendar a dealer may use card readers, scanners, or other electronic or automated

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systems that can verify whether a person is of legal age to purchase tobacco products. Failure to comply with the provisions contained in this subsection shall result in imposition of administrative penalties as provided in s. 569.006.

- $\underline{(4)}$ (5) The division, through its agents and inspectors, shall enforce this section.
- $\underline{(5)}$ (6) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 14. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 569.19, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 569.19 Annual report.—The division shall report annually with written findings to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, on the progress of implementing the enforcement provisions of this chapter. This must include, but is not limited to:
- (3) The number of violations for selling tobacco products to persons under age $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$, and the results of administrative hearings on the above and related issues.
- (4) The number of persons under age $\underline{21}$ $\underline{18}$ cited for violations of s. 569.11 and sanctions imposed as a result of citation.

Section 15. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.