

By Representative Putnam

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to tobacco products; creating  
3           s. 569.11, F.S.; prohibiting the possession of  
4           tobacco products by certain minors; providing  
5           for the removal of such products from the  
6           possession of the minor; authorizing the  
7           detention of a minor in violation of the act;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Section 569.11, Florida Statutes, is  
13   created to read:

14           569.11 Possession of tobacco products by persons under  
15 18 years of age prohibited; removal of tobacco product from  
16 minor; detention authorized.--

17           (1) It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of  
18 age to knowingly possess any tobacco product, except a person  
19 acting in the scope of his or her lawful employment with an  
20 entity licensed under the provisions of chapter 210 or this  
21 chapter.

22           (2) Any law enforcement officer who detains a minor,  
23 governed by the provisions of this section, may remove the  
24 tobacco product from the minor's possession. Any other  
25 provision of the Florida Statutes to the contrary  
26 notwithstanding, possession of tobacco products by a minor in  
27 violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute  
28 grounds for a law enforcement officer to detain the minor.

29           Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Prohibits the possession of tobacco products by persons  
under 18 years of age. See bill for details.