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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to tobacco; requiring retailers to keep tobacco products, cigars, cigarettes, and pipes where they are not easily accessible to minors; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Limits on minors' access to smoking-related products.--

(1) The owner or manager of a retail establishment in which tobacco products as defined in section 210.25, Florida Statutes, cigarettes as defined in section 210.01, Florida Statutes, or cigars, pipe tobacco, or pipes suitable for smoking are sold shall keep such products behind the counter or in another area of the retail establishment which is inaccessible to customers who are minors.

(2) Any person who violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in section 775.082 or section 775.083, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires retailers to keep specified smoking-related products where they are inaccessible to minors.