



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Committee Bill No. 5078**

LCO No. 5193

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY MINORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 53-344 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (c) Any person under eighteen years of age who purchases or  
5 misrepresents such person's age to purchase tobacco in any form or  
6 possesses tobacco in any form in any public place or place open to the  
7 public shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for the first offense and  
8 not less than fifty dollars or more than one hundred dollars for each  
9 subsequent offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	53-344(c)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the possession of tobacco by minors in public places.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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