



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 421

LCO No. 1815

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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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, 2008*):

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 shall be fined not
7 more than fifty dollars for the first offense and not less than fifty
8 dollars or more than one hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.
9 For purposes of this subsection, "public place" means any area that is
10 used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by
11 public or private interests.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</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.]