

I am writing in response to the hearing on April 27th regarding

AN ACT ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION FEES FOR SELLERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PRODUCTS.

As a business owner who sells vapor in our store I find this proposed bill to have a great impact on small businesses like myself through out the state. Ecigarettes one should not be classified in the same regulations as cigarettes as they contain no tobacco. Also having a small business selling vapor have to scan for age verification when asking for a license will simply do the same thing seems to be added expense you are putting on small businesses. Why should only vapor shops be set to these regulations? Convenient stores, smoke shops etc who sell cigarettes do not currently have to do this. Why are we targeting vapor shops?

Then there is the registration fees. I understand that all places selling tobacco have these fees, but again the brings up the issues of categorizing ecigarettes under tobacco. These should not be under the same category. I feel these extra fees will hurt many small businesses who have recently opened their vapor shops.

As a small business we are not opposed to all regulations and do believe age restrictions are needed and card daily all of our customers who want to purchase vapor. We also feel responsible business is necessary among all vapor shops and believe vapor should not be getting into the hands of teenagers. Honestly though regardless of the regulations set, it will be the same as cigarettes have been for years. You will have responsible business owners that will not sell to someone underage while others will.

I feel these regulations and fees are directly targeting only the vapor shops, who by the way are tax paying and voting citizens of this state, just trying to run a business like all others.

I hope you will consider my remarks and have these read into permanent record on the day of the hearing.

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