



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5261

LCO No. 1436



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ENERGY DRINKS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Dealer" means any individual, firm, fiduciary, partnership,
3 corporation, limited liability company, trust or association engaged in
4 the business of selling energy drinks to retail consumers in the state;

5 (2) "Energy drink" means a soft drink that contains (A) not less than
6 eighty milligrams of caffeine per nine fluid ounces, and (B)
7 methylxanthines, B vitamins, one or more herbal ingredients or an
8 ingredient labeled "energy blend"; and

9 (3) "Sale" or "sell" means the act of exchanging an energy drink for
10 consideration.

11 (b) On and after January 1, 2025, no dealer shall sell an energy drink
12 to an individual under sixteen years of age. Each dealer, or such dealer's
13 agent or employee, shall require any individual who is attempting to

14 purchase an energy drink, whose age is in question, to present a valid
15 motor vehicle operator's license, identity card issued pursuant to section
16 1-1h of the general statutes or passport. If an individual fails to present
17 such license, card or passport, such dealer or dealer's agent shall not sell
18 an energy drink to such individual.

19 (c) On and after January 1, 2025, each dealer shall place and maintain,
20 in legible condition at each point of sale of energy drinks to consumers,
21 a notice that states that the sale of energy drinks to any individual under
22 sixteen years of age is prohibited by this section.

23 (d) Any dealer who violates the provisions of this section shall be (1)
24 issued a warning for the first offense, (2) fined not more than two
25 hundred dollars for a second offense occurring not more than two years
26 after the first offense, and (3) fined not more than three hundred fifty
27 dollars for a third or subsequent offense occurring not more than two
28 years after a prior offense.

29 (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall have the power
30 to enforce the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the sale of energy drinks to individuals under sixteen years of age.

[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.]