SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 74

A bill to amend 1915 PA 31, entitled "Youth tobacco act,"

by amending sections 1 and 2 (MCL 722.641 and 722.642), as amended by 2006 PA 236.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) A person shall not sell, give, or furnish a
- 2 tobacco product to a minor. A person who violates this subsection
- 3 is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than
- 4 \$50.00 \$100.00 for each A FIRST violation AND NOT MORE THAN \$500.00
- 5 FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING WITHIN 12 MONTHS
- 6 AFTER A PREVIOUS VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION. HOWEVER, A PERSON
- 7 WHO SELLS TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT RETAIL WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION
- 8 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN
- 9 \$100.00 FOR A FIRST VIOLATION AND NOT MORE THAN \$500.00 FOR A

- 1 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING AT THE SAME LOCATION AS
- 2 THE FIRST VIOLATION.
- 3 (2) A person who sells tobacco products at retail shall post,
- 4 in a place close to the point of sale and conspicuous to both
- 5 employees and customers, a sign produced by the department of
- 6 community health AND HUMAN SERVICES that includes the following
- 7 statement:
- 8 "The purchase of tobacco products by a minor under 18 years of
- 9 age and the provision of tobacco products to a minor are prohibited
- 10 by law. A minor unlawfully purchasing or using tobacco products is
- 11 subject to criminal penalties.".
- 12 (3) If the sign required under subsection (2) is more than 6
- 13 feet from the point of sale, it shall MUST be 5-1/2 inches by 8-1/2
- 14 inches and the statement required under subsection (2) shall MUST
- 15 be printed in 36-point boldfaced type. If the sign required under
- 16 subsection (2) is 6 feet or less from the point of sale, it shall
- 17 MUST be 2 inches by 4 inches and the statement required under
- 18 subsection (2) shall MUST be printed in 20-point boldfaced type.
- 19 (4) The department of community—health AND HUMAN SERVICES
- 20 shall produce the sign required under subsection (2) and have
- 21 adequate copies of the sign ready for distribution FREE OF CHARGE
- 22 to licensed wholesalers, secondary wholesalers, and unclassified
- 23 acquirers of tobacco products. free of charge. Licensed
- 24 wholesalers, secondary wholesalers, and unclassified acquirers of
- 25 tobacco products shall obtain copies of the sign from the
- 26 department of community health AND HUMAN SERVICES and distribute
- 27 them free of charge, upon request, to persons who are subject to

- 1 subsection (2). The department of community health AND HUMAN
- 2 SERVICES shall provide copies of the sign free of charge, upon
- 3 request, to persons subject to subsection (2) who do not purchase
- 4 their supply of tobacco products from wholesalers, secondary
- 5 wholesalers, and unclassified acquirers of tobacco products
- 6 licensed under the tobacco products tax act, 1993 PA 327, MCL
- 7 205.421 to 205.436.
- **8** (5) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection
- 9 (1) that the defendant had in force at the time of arrest and
- 10 continues to have in force a written policy to prevent the sale of
- 11 tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age and that the
- 12 defendant enforced and continues to enforce the policy. A defendant
- 13 who proposes to offer evidence of the affirmative defense described
- 14 in this subsection shall file and serve notice of the defense, in
- 15 writing, upon WITH the court and SERVE A COPY OF THE NOTICE ON the
- 16 prosecuting attorney. The DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE THE notice shall be
- 17 served not less than 14 days before the date set for trial.
- 18 (6) A prosecuting attorney who proposes to offer testimony to
- 19 rebut the affirmative defense described in subsection (5) shall
- 20 file and serve a notice of rebuttal, in writing, upon WITH the
- 21 court and SERVE A COPY OF THE NOTICE ON the defendant. The notice
- 22 shall be served PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SHALL SERVE THE NOTICE not
- 23 less than 7 days before the date set for trial and shall contain
- 24 INCLUDE IN THE NOTICE the name and address of each rebuttal
- 25 witness.
- 26 (7) Subsection (1) does not apply to the handling or
- 27 transportation of a tobacco product by a minor under the terms of

- 1 that minor's employment.
- 2 Sec. 2. (1) Subject to subsection (3), a minor shall not do
- 3 any of the following:
- 4 (a) Purchase or attempt to purchase a tobacco product.
- 5 (b) Possess or attempt to possess a tobacco product.
- 6 (c) Use a tobacco product in a public place.
- 7 (d) Present or offer to an individual a purported proof of age
- 8 that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own proof of
- 9 age for the purpose of purchasing, attempting to purchase,
- 10 possessing, or attempting to possess a tobacco product.
- 11 (2) An individual who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a
- 12 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 \$100.00
- 13 for each A FIRST violation AND NOT MORE THAN \$500.00 FOR A SECOND
- 14 OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OCCURRING WITHIN 12 MONTHS AFTER A PREVIOUS
- 15 VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1). Pursuant to a probation order, the THE
- 16 court may also, BY AN ORDER OF PROBATION, require an individual who
- 17 violates subsection (1) to participate in a health promotion and
- 18 risk reduction assessment program, if available. An individual who
- 19 is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction
- 20 assessment program under this subsection is responsible for the
- 21 costs of participating in the program. In addition, an individual
- 22 who violates subsection (1) is subject to the following:
- 23 (a) For the first violation, the court may order the
- 24 individual to do 1 of the following:
- 25 (i) Perform not more than 16 hours of community service in a
- 26 hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility.
- 27 (ii) Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction

- 1 program, as described in this subsection.
- 2 (b) For a second violation, in addition to participation in a
- 3 health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order
- 4 the individual to perform not more than 32 hours of community
- 5 service in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility.
- 6 (c) For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to
- 7 participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the
- 8 court may order the individual to perform not more than 48 hours of
- 9 community service in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care
- **10** facility.
- 11 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a minor participating in
- 12 any of the following:
- 13 (a) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or
- 14 receives a tobacco product under the direction of the minor's
- 15 employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor's
- 16 office as part of an employer-sponsored internal enforcement
- 17 action.
- 18 (b) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or
- 19 receives a tobacco product under the direction of the state police
- 20 or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action, unless
- 21 the initial or contemporaneous purchase or receipt of the tobacco
- 22 product by the minor was not under the direction of the state
- 23 police or the local police agency and was not part of the
- 24 undercover operation.
- 25 (c) Compliance checks in which the minor attempts to purchase
- 26 tobacco products for the purpose of satisfying federal substance
- 27 abuse block grant youth tobacco access requirements, if the

- 1 compliance checks are conducted under the direction of a substance
- 2 abuse coordinating agency as defined in section 6103 of the public
- 3 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6103, and with the prior approval
- 4 of the state police or a local police agency.
- 5 (4) Subsection (1) does not apply to the handling or
- 6 transportation of a tobacco product by a minor under the terms of
- 7 that minor's employment.
- 8 (5) This section does not prohibit the individual from being
- 9 charged with, convicted of, or sentenced for any other violation of
- 10 law arising out of the violation of subsection (1).
- 11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 12 after the date it is enacted into law.