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HB 224 Changes between CSHB224 (JUD) and HB224 and original:

CSHB224(JUD)v.D creates a new section in AS 11.76 instead of adding “banning product containing nicotine” to the statute banning the sale of products containing tobacco, AS. 11.76.100. This keeps products containing nicotine out of title 43 and complications with violations regarding the sale of tobacco products and licensing.

Page 2 Sec. 2 of HB224v.A. We deleted this section because it made an exemption for minors in a correctional facility (mirroring language in the statute banning the sale of a product containing tobacco to a minor). There is no need for this carve-out.

Page 2 lines 16-17 of HB224v.A. We expanded the individuals who are allowed to prescribe smoking cessation products that contain nicotine from physicians only to “health care professional” to cover physician’s assistants, nurse practitioners and others with the authority to prescribe. This allows minors in rural settings that may not have access to a physician access to smoking cessation aids.

Page 1 line 13 and Page 2 line 5 of HB224v.A changed the age limit from 19 to 18. The intent of this change was to allow the Alaska Tobacco Quit Line to provide smoking cessation products to kids 18 and older. *A small conforming amendment in House Finance needs to be considered to fully achieve this (changing the age from 19 to 18 in two places).*