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1 Relating to sale, gift, exchange, or distribution of tobacco and tobacco products.

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3 * Section 1. AS 11.76.100(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) A person commits the offense of selling or giving tobacco to a minor if the
5 person

6 (1) negligently sells a cigarette, a cigar, tobacco, or a product
7 containing tobacco to a person under 19 years of age;

8 (2) is 19 years of age or older and [(1)] negligently [SELLS],
9 exchanges [,] or gives a cigarette, a cigar, tobacco, or a product containing tobacco to
10 a person under 19 years of age; or

11 (3) [(2)] maintains a vending machine that dispenses cigarettes, cigars,
12 tobacco, or products containing tobacco.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 11.76.100(b) is amended to read:

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1 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) of this section, a person who
2 maintains a vending machine is not in violation of (a)(3) [(a)(2)] of this section if the
3 vending machine is located

4 (1) on premises licensed as a beverage dispensary under AS 04.11.090,
5 licensed as a club under AS 04.11.110, or licensed as a package store under
6 AS 04.11.150; and

7 (A) as far as practicable from the primary entrance; and

8 (B) in a place that is directly and continually supervised by a
9 person employed on the licensed premises during the hours the vending
10 machine is accessible to the public; or

11 (2) in an employee break room or other controlled area of a private
12 work place that is not generally considered a public place and the room or area
13 contains a posted warning sign at least 11 inches by 14 inches indicating that
14 possession of tobacco by a person under 19 years of age is prohibited under
15 AS 11.76.105.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 11.76.100(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) A person who violates (a) of this section [SELLING OR GIVING
18 TOBACCO TO A MINOR] is guilty of a violation and upon conviction is punishable
19 by a fine of not less than \$300.

20 * Sec. 4. AS 11.76 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 **Sec. 11.76.106. Selling tobacco outside controlled access.** (a) Except as
22 provided under (b) of this section, a person may not sell cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or
23 a product containing tobacco unless the sale occurs in a manner that allows only the
24 sales clerk to control access to the cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or product containing
25 tobacco.

26 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply if the sale

27 (1) is by vending machine as provided under AS 11.76.100(b);

28 (2) is a wholesale transaction, the person is licensed as a manufacturer
29 or distributor under AS 43.50.010, and the sale occurs on premises where no retail
30 transactions occur; or

31 (3) is by a retailer who sells primarily cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or a

1 product containing tobacco and who restricts access to the premises to only those
 2 individuals who are 19 years of age or older.

3 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a violation and upon
 4 conviction is subject to a fine of not less than \$300.

5 * Sec. 5. AS 43.50.070 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 43.50.070. Revocation of licenses.** The department may suspend or
 7 revoke a license issued under AS 43.50.010 - 43.50.180 (1) for a [CRIMINALLY]
 8 negligent violation of AS 11.76.100, 11.76.106, 11.76.107, or a violation of
 9 AS 43.50.010 - 43.50.180 or a regulation of the department adopted under
 10 AS 43.50.010 - 43.50.180; (2) if a licensee ceases to act in the capacity for which the
 11 license was issued; or (3) if a manufacturer, distributor, or wholesale distributor
 12 negligently sells tobacco or products containing tobacco to a nonlicensed retailer or a
 13 retailer whose license endorsement under AS 43.70.075 has been suspended. A person
 14 whose license is suspended or revoked may not sell cigarettes or permit cigarettes to
 15 be sold during the period of the suspension or revocation on the premises occupied or
 16 controlled by that person. A disciplinary proceeding or action is not barred or abated
 17 by the expiration, transfer, surrender, renewal, or extension of a license issued under
 18 AS 43.50.010 - 43.50.180. The department shall comply with the provisions of the
 19 Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

20 * Sec. 6. AS 43.70.075(d) is amended to read:

21 (d) If a person who holds an endorsement issued under this section, or an
 22 agent or an employee of a person who holds an endorsement issued under this section
 23 acting within the scope of the agency or employment, has been convicted of violating
 24 AS 11.76.100, 11.76.106, or 11.76.107, or violates a provision of this section or a
 25 regulation implementing this section adopted under AS 43.70.090, the department may
 26 suspend the endorsement for a period of not more than

27 (1) 45 days; or

28 (2) 90 days [,] if₂ within the past 24 months₂ the person has been
 29 previously convicted of violating AS 11.76.100, 11.76.106, or 11.76.107, or a provision
 30 of this section or a regulation implementing this section adopted under AS 43.70.090.