

Legislative Analysis



UNDERAGE TOBACCO SALES: INCREASE PENALTIES

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House Bill 4444

Sponsor: Rep. Dudley Spade

Committee: Commerce

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4444 AS INTRODUCED 3-13-07

The bill would amend the Youth Tobacco Act to increase penalties for selling or furnishing tobacco to a minor. It establishes separate, higher penalties for sales at a distance.

The current misdemeanor fine is \$50 per violation. The bill would increase the fines to:

- \$100 for a first violation; \$250 for a second violation; and \$500 for a third or subsequent violation.
- If the violation is an Internet, mail order, or telephone sale of a tobacco product to a person under 18: \$500 for a first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation; and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

To the extent that the bill increased collections of penal fine revenues, it could benefit local libraries, which are the constitutionally-designated recipients of such revenues.

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