

RAISE THE TOBACCO AGE

P.A. 19-13 (HB7200)- AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE TWENTY-ONE raises, from 18 to 21, the legal age to purchase cigarettes, other tobacco products, and e-cigarettes.

- The bill requires dealers who sell e-cigarettes and ship them directly to consumers obtain the signature of a person aged 21 or older at the shipping address prior to delivery and require the signer to show proof of age.
- Increases certain penalties for cigarette, tobacco product, and e-cigarette sales and purchases involving individuals under the legal age.
- Requires DMHAS to conduct unannounced compliance checks on e-cigarette dealers and refer noncompliant dealers to the Department of Revenue Services commissioner who may impose civil penalties.
- Allows e-cigarette dealers to give promotional samples in connection with the promotion or advertisement of a product in a similar manner as current law allows for cigarettes and tobacco products;
- Bans smoking and e-cigarettes on the grounds of child-care centers and schools.
- It increases, from \$50 to \$200, the annual license fee for cigarette dealers and increases, from \$400 to \$800, the annual registration fee for ecigarette dealers and retains the \$400 fee for dealers with multiple registrations while reducing, from \$400 to \$200, the annual registration fee for e-cigarette manufacturers who hold multiple registrations.