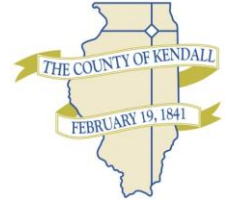




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Kendall County Sheriff's Office Reminds of New Tobacco Law

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public of the new law that took effect on July 01, 2019. The new law prohibits the sale or furnishing of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or alternative nicotine products to a person under 21 years of age. The law also prohibits the purchase of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or alternative nicotine products by a person under 21 years of age. The law made changes regarding definitions, age verification, penalties, possession, and other matters.

In addition to prohibiting the sale and sample distribution of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products to individuals under age 21, the law:

- Requires tobacco and e-cigarette retailers to update all posted signage required by Illinois law with the minimum sales age of 21 for tobacco products, tobacco accessories, alternative nicotine products, e-cigarettes, and e-liquids and solutions, regardless of whether they contain nicotine.
- Requires tobacco and e-cigarette retailers to update age verification training programs for employees.
- Specifies age verification requirements for retailers, requiring a person who appears to be under the age of 30 to show government-issued photo identification.
- Clarifies penalties against retailers for violation of sales provisions - in a 24-month period, 1st offense - \$200; 2nd offense - \$400; 3rd offense - \$600; 4th or subsequent offense - \$800.

National data indicates about 95% of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21. According to a study from the National Academy of Medicine, Tobacco 21 policies could reduce

overall smoking by 12% by the time today's teenagers become adults. The biggest decrease in tobacco use could be among youth ages 15-17 (25%) and 18-20 (15%)ⁱ.

Smoking-related health care costs in the U.S. are estimated at almost \$5.5 billion annually, with another \$5.3 billion lost due to smoking-related losses in productivityⁱⁱ.

For more information please click on the link below:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1962>

We request and recommend businesses read the full statute provided on the link <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/101/101-0002.htm>, so they are in compliance with the law that took in effect on July 1st, 2019.

ⁱ National Academy of Medicine,

<http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2015/TobaccoMinimumAgeReport.aspx>.

ⁱⁱ Illinois Department of Public Health, <http://dph.illinois.gov/news/age-buy-tobacco-now-21>.