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Ask: Please support legislation restricting access to tobacco products

Why do we need these bills?

The Food and Drug Administration reported an alarming 78% increase in electronic-cigarette (e-cigarette) use by high schoolers and 48% increase among middle school students from 2017 to 2018. This dramatic increase could reverse years of progress in reducing youth tobacco use.

E-cigarettes are as harmful to the heart as smoking cigarettes. 95% of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21, and the likelihood of developing smoking-related cancers increases with the duration of smoking. Additionally, flavors play a key role in youth initiation and continued use of tobacco products. Nicotine exposure affects adolescents negatively, impacting learning, memory, attention, and risk for future addiction to other drugs.

Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019 (H.R.2339)

Sponsors: Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Rep. Donna Shalala (D-FL)

What Does The Bill Do?

- Raises the minimum age to purchase tobacco products to 21; prohibits online sales of tobacco products; bans all tobacco product flavors
- Requires the FDA to: finalize rulemaking to implement graphic health warnings for cigarette packages; hold all deemed tobacco products to the same advertising and sales requirements applied to combustible cigarettes; issue a final rule on the regulation of products containing synthetic nicotine; and collect user fees for electronic cigarettes
- Requires the Federal Trade Commission to issue an annual report to Congress on the domestic sales, advertising, and promotional activity of cigarette, cigar, smokeless tobacco, and e-cigarette manufacturers

Tobacco to 21 Act (H.R.2411/ S.1258)

House Sponsors: Diana DeGette (D-CO), Chris Stewart (R-UT);

Senate Sponsors: Brian Schatz (D-HI), Todd Young (R-IN)

What Does The Bill Do?

- Raises the minimum purchase age to 21 for all tobacco products

The Tobacco-Free Youth Act (S.1541)

Senate Sponsors: Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Tim Kaine (D-VA)

What Does The Bill Do?

- Raises the minimum purchase age to 21 for all tobacco products

See reverse for cosponsors

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