

Review of recent smoking-related legislation enacted in Vermont

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Act 22 of 2019: An act relating to restricting retail and Internet sales of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine, and tobacco paraphernalia in Vermont

- Prohibits anyone from causing “tobacco substitutes” (e-cigarettes), substances containing nicotine or otherwise intended for use with e-cigarettes, or tobacco paraphernalia that is ordered or bought by mail, by phone, or over the Internet to be shipped to anyone in Vermont other than a licensed wholesale dealer or retailer
- Also prohibits anyone from selling these products unless the person is a wholesaler or purchased the items from a wholesaler
- Effective on July 1, 2019

Act 27 of 2019: An act relating to increasing the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age

- Increased legal age for possessing and purchasing cigarettes, tobacco substitutes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age
- Effective on September 1, 2019

Act 28 of 2019: An act relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes

- Amended definition of “other tobacco products” in tax statutes to include tobacco substitutes and liquids or delivery devices sold separately for use with tobacco substitutes, subjecting them to the 92% wholesale tax imposed on other tobacco products (effective on July 1, 2019)
- Amended definition of “tobacco substitute” to include products designed to deliver substances into the body through the inhalation of vapor, regardless of whether they contain nicotine (effective on May 23, 2019)