
This summary is of a bill that was vetoed by the Governor and may be reconsidered by the General Assembly prior to final adjournment of the 2023–2024 legislative session. This summary is provided for the convenience of the public and members of the General Assembly; it provides a general summary of the bill and may not be exhaustive. This summary has been prepared by the staff of the Office of Legislative Counsel without input from members of the General Assembly and is not intended to aid in the interpretation of legislation or to serve as a source of legislative intent.

S.18 (Vetoed). Health; tobacco products; e-cigarettes; tobacco substitutes; flavored tobacco products; e-liquids

This bill would have made numerous changes to laws relating to tobacco products, tobacco substitutes (sometimes called e-cigarettes), e-liquids, and tobacco paraphernalia, including banning the retail sale of flavored tobacco substitutes, flavored e-liquids, and menthol-flavored tobacco products beginning on January 1, 2026; prohibiting the sale of discounted tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, e-liquids, and tobacco paraphernalia; allowing minors 12 years of age or older to consent to treatment for dependence on nicotine, tobacco products, and tobacco substitutes; directing the Health Equity Advisory Commission to include in its 2025 annual report a recommendation on whether the retail sale of menthol tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, should be banned in Vermont; requiring the Department of Health and others to prepare reports and to develop options for diversion to a tobacco cessation program for persons under 21 years of age as an alternative to civil penalties and fines; and creating a new investigator position at the Department of Liquor and Lottery to investigate and enforce laws on direct-to-consumer sales and delivery of alcohol and tobacco products.

Vetoed by the Governor: April 3, 2024

Effective Date: Not applicable