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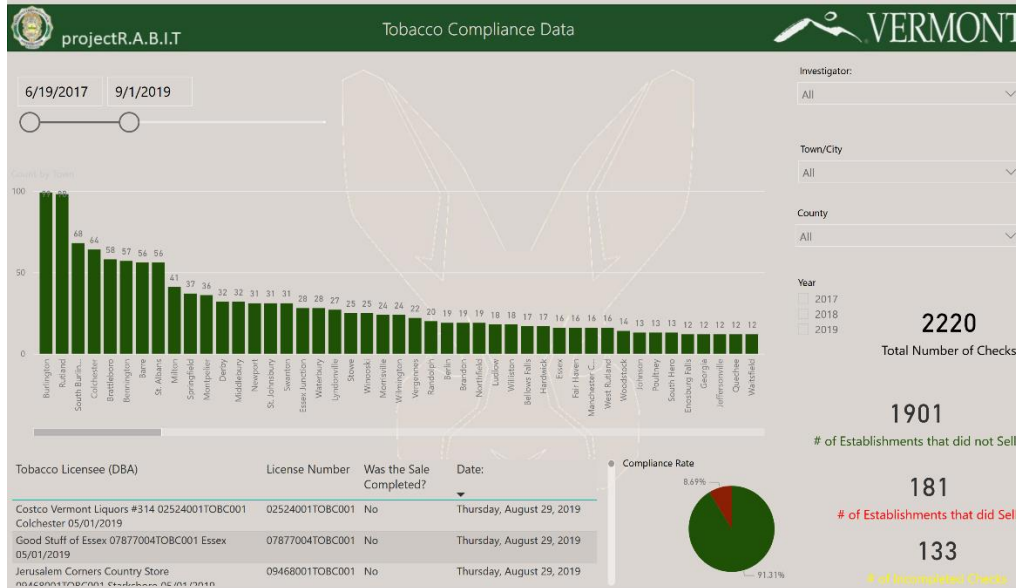
Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

As requested, please see attached a data brief of the information provided via testimony in your committee on January 10th, 2023.

Act 27 (Tobacco 21):

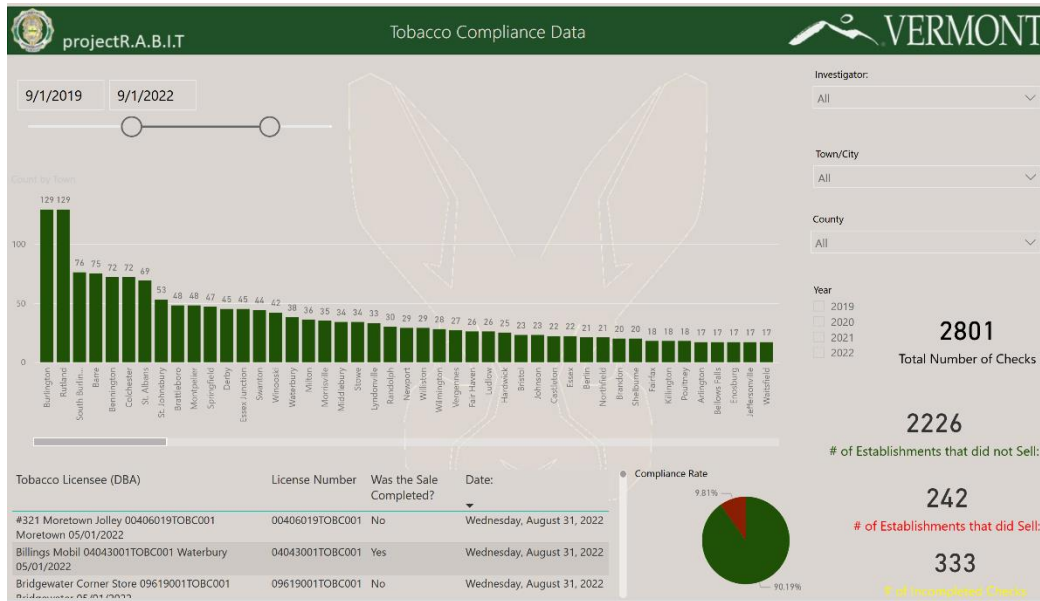
The 3 years prior to enactment of Act 27, the compliance rate derived from the youth access minor compliance checks attempted yearly at all licensed establishments as required under 7 V.S.A. § 1007 was 91.31%

(Data obtained from the Department’s projectR.A.B.I.T found on our website here: <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/enforcement>)



The 3 years post enactment of Act 27, the compliance rate derived from the youth access minor compliance checks attempted yearly at all licensed establishments as required under 7 V.S.A. § 1007 was 90.19%





Globally since passage of Act 27, the compliance rate derived from the youth access minor compliance checks attempted yearly at all licensed establishments as required under 7 V.S.A. § 1007 is 90.2%

In the 3 years prior to the passage of Act 27, 284 Vermont Civil Violation Complaints of possession of tobacco products by minors, prohibited by 7 V.S.A. § 1005 were issued statewide to individuals under the age of 18.

(Data obtained from the Valcour CAD/RMS law enforcement records management system)

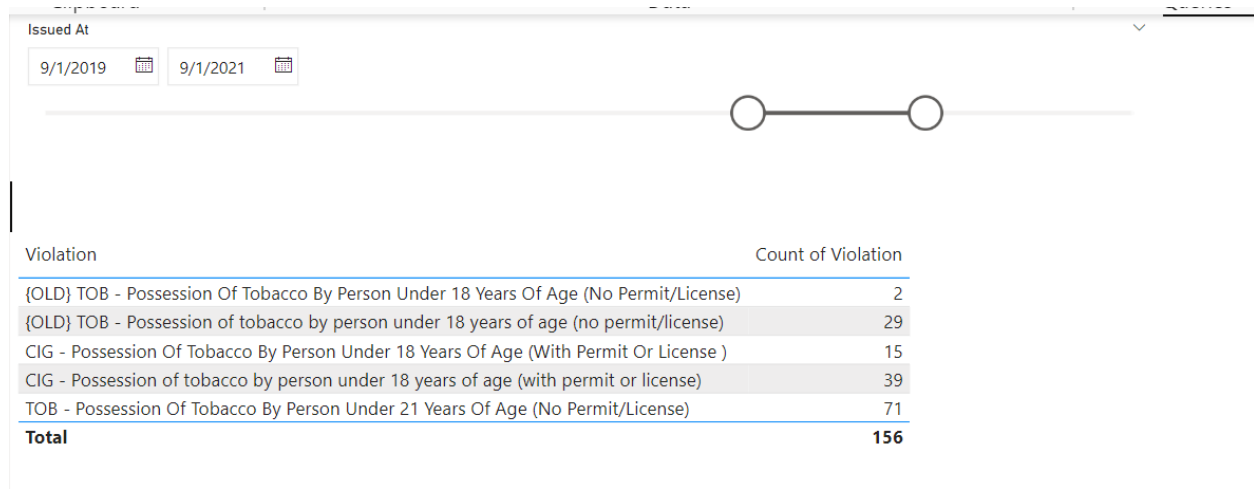
Issued At: 9/1/2017 to 9/1/2019

Violation	Count of Violation
{OLD} TOB - Possession Of Tobacco By Person Under 18 Years Of Age (No Permit/License)	9
{OLD} TOB - Possession of tobacco by person under 18 years of age (no permit/license)	172
CIG - Possession Of Tobacco By Person Under 18 Years Of Age (With Permit Or License)	4
CIG - Possession of tobacco by person under 18 years of age (with permit or license)	99
Total	284





In the 3 years post passage, 156 Vermont Civil Violation Complaints of possession of tobacco products by minors, prohibited by 7 V.S.A. § 1005 were issued statewide to individuals under the age of 21.



Act 22 (addition of substitutes to the delivery sales ban)

The Department of Liquor and Lottery does engage in some limited enforcement around the delivery sales ban, in partnership with the AGs office. Since the passage of Act 22, 383 successful attempts to purchase tobacco products online have been made and 221 sales resulted in the delivery of tobacco products into the State of Vermont. The compliance rate for this work is therefore 42.3%

(Data obtained from the Department’s internal online compliance program)

Was Sale Completed?	Count
No	162
Yes	221
Grand Total	383

Cost of Online Compliance

While the department doesn’t have immediate financial data on the cost per check of online tobacco compliance, it does have figures related to online alcohol compliance. During a recent pilot program collecting data on the online shipment of beverage alcohol into the state, the Department spent an average of \$141.22 per attempted purchase in global costs associated with that activity. More analysis would need to be conducted to determined how applicable this figure is for online compliance of tobacco products.





In closing, the Department stands ready to assist this committee with any other requests for information it might have.

Best Regards,

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