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Introduced by Representatives Poirier of Barre City, Christie of Hartford,  
Donovan of Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lenes of  
Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford,  
McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Till of  
Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; tobacco license; compliance testing

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to clarify the law  
regarding compliance testing of tobacco licensees by the Department of Liquor  
Control.

An act relating to compliance testing of tobacco licensees

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 1997 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

Sec. 13. COMPLIANCE TESTING; TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS

(a) The Department of Liquor Control shall conduct or contract for  
compliance tests of tobacco licensees as frequently and as comprehensively as  
necessary to ~~assure~~ ensure consistent statewide compliance with the  
prohibition on sales to minors of at least 90 percent, which means less than ten

1 percent actual commercial availability, for ~~17-year-old~~ 17-year-old buyers.  
2 The Department shall increase the frequency of compliance testing by at least  
3 five percent for the month following a month in which compliance is less than  
4 90 percent. An individual under ~~the age of 18~~ years of age participating in a  
5 compliance test shall not be in violation of 7 V.S.A. § 1005.

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7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.