The Senate Committee on Regulated Industries and Utilities offered the following substitute to SB 375:

# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1 To amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and 2 offenses, so as to increase the age of individuals to which the sale or distribution of 3 cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine products, and vapor 4 products is prohibited; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for an additional 5 offense of using vapor products in a school safety zone; to provide for and revise certain 6 fines and penalties; to provide for seizure and forfeiture; to provide for related matters; to 7 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

### 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

#### **SECTION 1.**

10 Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is
11 amended by revising Article 7 of Chapter 12, relating to sale or distribution to, or possession
12 by, minors of cigarettes and tobacco related objects, as follows:

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#### "ARTICLE 7

14 16-12-170.

15 As used in this article, the term:

(1) 'Alternative nicotine product' means any noncombustible product containing nicotine
that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or
ingested by any other means. <u>Such term</u> The term 'alternative nicotine product' shall not
include any tobacco product, vapor product, or <del>any</del> product regulated as a drug or device
by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug,
and Cosmetic Act.
(2) 'Cigar wraps' means individual cigar wrappers, known as wraps, blunt wraps, or roll

your own cigar wraps, that consist in whole or in part of reconstituted tobacco leaf orflavored tobacco leaf.

25 (3) 'Cigarette' means roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco when the cover

26 of the roll is paper or any substance other than tobacco.

27 (4) 'Community service' means a public service which a minor <u>an individual under the</u>

age of 21 years might appropriately be required to perform, as determined by the court,
as punishment for certain offenses provided for in this article.

30 (5) 'Minor' means any person who is under the age of 18 years.

31 (6)(5) 'Person' means any natural person or any firm, partnership, company, corporation,
 32 or other entity.

(7)(6) 'Proper identification' means any document issued by a governmental agency
containing a description of the person individual, such person's individual's photograph,
or both, and giving such person's individual's date of birth and includes, without being
limited to, a passport, military identification card, driver's license, or an identification
card authorized under Code Sections 40-5-100 through 40-5-104. Proper identification
shall not include a birth certificate.

39 (8)(7) 'Tobacco product' means any cigars, little cigars, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; snuff or snuff powder; cavendish; plug and 40 41 twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobaccos; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, 42 cuttings, and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco, prepared in 43 such a manner as to be suitable for chewing or smoking in a pipe or otherwise, or both 44 for chewing and smoking. Such term The term 'tobacco product' shall not include any 45 alternative nicotine product, vapor product, or product regulated as a drug or device by 46 the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and 47 Cosmetic Act.

48 (9)(8) 'Tobacco related objects' means any papers, wrappers, or other products, devices,
 49 or substances, including cigar wraps, which are used for the purpose of making cigarettes

50 or tobacco products in any form whatsoever.

51 (10)(9) 'Vapor product' means any noncombustible product containing nicotine that 52 employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, 53 or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor or 54 aerosol from nicotine or other substances in a solution or other form. Such term The term 'vapor product' shall include, but shall not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, 55 electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any 56 57 vapor or aerosol cartridge or other container of nicotine or other substance in a solution 58 or other form, including, but not limited to, a device component, part, or accessory of the 59 device, that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, 60 electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. Such term The term 61 'vapor product' shall not include any product regulated as a drug or device by the United

- 62 States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic63 Act.
- 64 16-12-171.

(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to:

(A) Sell or barter, directly or indirectly, any cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco
related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to a minor any
<u>individual under the age of 21 years;</u>

(B) Purchase any cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative
nicotine products, or vapor products for any minor unless the minor for whom the
purchase is made is the child of the purchaser individual under the age of 21 years; or
(C) Advise, counsel, or compel any minor individual under the age of 21 years to
smoke, inhale, chew, or use cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects,
alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

(2)(A) The prohibition contained in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply
with respect to sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative
nicotine products, or vapor products by a person when such person has been furnished
with proper identification showing that the person individual to whom the cigarettes,
tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor
products are sold is 18 21 years of age or older.

81 (B) In any case where when a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in 82 doubt as to whether or not the person individual to whom cigarettes, tobacco products, 83 tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products are to be sold 84 or otherwise furnished is actually 18 21 years of age or older, it shall be the duty of the 85 person selling or otherwise furnishing such cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related 86 objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to request to see and to be 87 furnished with proper identification as provided for in subsection (b) of this Code 88 section in order to verify the age of such person individual. The failure to make such 89 request and verification in any case where the person when the individual to whom the 90 cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine products, or 91 vapor products are sold or otherwise furnished is less than  $\frac{18}{21}$  years of age may be 92 considered by the trier of fact in determining whether the person selling or otherwise 93 furnishing such cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative 94 nicotine products, or vapor products did so knowingly.

95 (3) Any person who that violates this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

96 (b)(1) It shall be unlawful for any minor individual under the age of 21 years to:

(A) Purchase, attempt to purchase, or possess for personal use any cigarettes, tobacco
products, tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products. This
subparagraph shall not apply to possession of cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco
related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products by a minor when a
parent or guardian of such minor gives the cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related
objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to the minor and possession is
in the home of the parent or guardian and such parent or guardian is present; or

(B) Misrepresent such minor's <u>his or her</u> identity or age or use any false identification
 for the purpose of purchasing or procuring any cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco
 related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

107 (2) <u>An individual under the age of 21 years A minor who commits an offense provided</u>
108 for in paragraph (1) of this subsection may or paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Code
109 <u>section shall</u> be punished as follows:

(A) By requiring the performance of community service not exceeding 20 hours that
 may be related to the awareness of the health hazards of smoking and vaping or tobacco
 and vapor product use;

(B) By requiring attendance at a publicly or privately sponsored lecture or discussion
on the health hazards of smoking <u>and vaping</u> or tobacco <u>and vapor product</u> use,
provided <u>that</u> such lecture or discussion is offered without charge to the minor
individual under the age of 21 years;

117 (C) When an individual under the age of 21 years fails to comply with such imposed

118 <u>community service, or for a third or subsequent violation within the same calendar year</u>

119 <u>as the first violation, by requiring the Department of Driver Services to withhold</u>

120 issuance of or to suspend the driver's license or driving privilege of such individual for

121 <u>a period of 45 consecutive days;</u> or

122 (C)(D) By a combination of the punishments described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)
 123 through (C) of this paragraph.

124 (c)(1) It shall be unlawful for any individual to knowingly use a vapor product within a

125 school safety zone. As used in this subsection the term 'school safety zone' shall have the

126 <u>same meaning as provided in Code Section 16-11-127.1.</u>

127 (2) Any individual who is 21 years of age or older who commits the offense provided for

128 <u>in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however,</u>

129 that for a conviction of a first offense, such individual shall be punished by a fine of

130 <u>\$25.00 and for a conviction of a second offense, such individual shall be punished by a</u>

131 fine of \$50.00. The provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 17 and any other provision of law

132 to the contrary notwithstanding, the costs of any prosecution for such first or second

- 133 offense shall not be taxed nor shall any additional penalty, fee, or surcharge to a fine for
- 134 <u>such offense be assessed against an individual for conviction thereof.</u>
- 135 (3) Any vapor product used in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection is declared
- 136 to be contraband, and no person shall have a property right in it. In addition to persons
- 137 <u>authorized to seize property pursuant to Code Section 9-16-6, property which is subject</u>
- 138 to forfeiture under this subsection may be seized by any special agent or enforcement
- 139 officer of the state revenue commissioner. Any property which is subject to forfeiture
- 140 <u>under this subsection shall be forfeited in accordance with the procedures set forth in</u>
- 141 <u>Chapter 16 of Title 9.</u>

142 16-12-172.

(a) Any person owning or operating a place of business in which cigarettes, tobacco
products, or tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products are
sold or offered for sale shall post in a conspicuous place a sign which shall contain the
following statement:

147 'SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, TOBACCO
148 RELATED OBJECTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR
149 PRODUCTS TO PERSONS INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 21 YEARS OF AGE IS
150 PROHIBITED BY LAW.'

151 Such sign shall be printed in letters of at least one-half inch in height.

152 (b) Any person who that fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this

- 153 Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 154 16-12-173.

(a)(1) Any person who that maintains in such person's place of business a vending
machine which dispenses cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative
nicotine products, or vapor products shall place or cause to be placed in a conspicuous
place on such vending machine a sign containing the following statement:

159 THE PURCHASE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, TOBACCO
160 RELATED OBJECTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR
161 PRODUCTS FROM THIS VENDING MACHINE BY ANY PERSON INDIVIDUAL

162 UNDER 18 21 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.'

(2) Any person who that maintains in such person's place of business a vending machine
which dispenses cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative nicotine
products, or vapor products shall not dispense any other type of product, other than
matches, in such vending machine.

- 167 (b) Any person who that fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that for a first offense, 168 169 the sentence shall be a fine not to exceed \$300.00. 170 (c) It shall be a violation of subsection (a) of Code Section 16-12-171 for any person knowingly to allow a minor an individual under the age of 21 years to operate a vending 171 172 machine which dispenses cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative 173 nicotine products, or vapor products. 174 (d) The offenses provided for by paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 175 16-12-171 shall apply to the operation by a minor an individual under the age of 21 years of a vending machine which dispenses cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, 176 177 alternative nicotine products, or vapor products. 178 (e)(1) The sale or offering for sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related 179 objects, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products from vending machines shall not 180 be permitted except: 181 (A) In locations which are not readily accessible to minors individuals under the age 182 of 21 years, including, but not limited to: 183 (i) Factories, businesses, offices, and other places which are not open to the general 184 public; 185 (ii) Places open to the general public which do not admit minors individuals under 186 the age of 21 years; and 187 (iii) Places where alcoholic beverages are offered for sale; 188 (B) In areas which are in the immediate vicinity, in plain view, and under the 189 continuous supervision of the proprietor of the establishment or an employee who will 190 observe the purchase of cigarettes, tobacco products, tobacco related objects, alternative 191 nicotine products, and vapor products from the vending machine; and 192 (C) In rest areas adjacent to roads and highways of the state. 193 (2) Violation of this subsection shall be punished as provided in subsection (b) of this 194 Code section for violation of subsection (a) of this Code section.
- 195 16-12-174.
- 196 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'tobacco product sample' means a cigarette,
- 197 tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product distributed to members of
- 198 the general public at no cost for purposes of promoting the product.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute any tobacco product sample to any
- 200 person individual under the age of  $\frac{18}{21}$  years.

- 201 (c) A person distributing tobacco product samples shall require proof of age from a
- 202 prospective recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that

such prospective recipient may be under the age of  $\frac{18}{21}$  years.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person <u>individual</u> who has not attained the age of <del>18</del> <u>21</u>
years to receive or attempt to receive any tobacco product sample.

206 (e) No person shall distribute tobacco product samples on any public street, sidewalk, or

- park within 500 feet of any school or playground when those facilities are being used
  primarily by persons individuals under the age of 18 21 years.
- 209 (f) <u>A violation of subsection (b), (c), or (e)</u> <del>Violation</del> of this Code section shall be punished
- 210 as a misdemeanor. <u>A violation of subsection (d) of this Code section shall be punished as</u>
- 211 provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-12-171.

212 16-12-175.

(a) The provisions of this article, inclusive, shall be enforced through actions brought in
any court of competent jurisdiction by the prosecuting attorney for the county in which the
alleged violation occurred as well as through administrative citations issued by special
agents or enforcement officers of the state revenue commissioner. Any fine collected for
a violation of said provision shall be paid to the clerk of the court of the jurisdiction in
which the violation occurred. Upon receipt of a fine for any violation of said provision, the
clerk shall promptly notify the state revenue commissioner of the violation.

220 (b) The state revenue commissioner, acting through special agents or enforcement officers, 221 shall annually conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where cigarettes, 222 tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products are sold or distributed 223 to ensure compliance with this article. <u>Individuals</u> Persons under the age of 18 21 years 224 may be enlisted to test compliance with this article; provided, however, that such persons 225 individuals may be used to test compliance with this article only if the testing is conducted 226 under the direct supervision of such special agents or enforcement officers and written 227 parental consent for any individual under the age of 18 years has been provided. Any other 228 use of persons individuals under the age of 18 21 years to test compliance with this article 229 or any other prohibition of like or similar import shall be unlawful, and the person or persons responsible for such use shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in this article. 230 231 The state revenue commissioner shall prepare annually for submission by the Governor to 232 the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services the report required by section 1926 of subpart I of part Section 1926 of Subpart I of Part B of Title 233 234 XIX of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300x-26.

235 16-12-176.

- 236 The state revenue commissioner shall administer and enforce this article and may make
- 237 reasonable rules and regulations for its administration and enforcement. The state revenue
- commissioner may designate employees of the Department of Revenue for the purpose of
- administering and enforcing this article and may delegate to employees of such department
- 240 any of the duties required of the state revenue commissioner pursuant to this article."
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### **SECTION 2.**

242 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law

243 without such approval.

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## **SECTION 3.**

245 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.