

Legislative Analysis



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House Bills 6108 and 6109 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Tommy Brann

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

Before December 20, 2019, the minimum age to purchase and use tobacco products, set by the federal government, was 18 years old. Since that date, the age threshold has been 21 years old. House Bills 6108 and 6109 would each amend sections of state law relating to the age threshold to purchase and use tobacco products.

Specifically, House Bill 6108 would amend the Youth Tobacco Act to update definitions and other provisions to reflect that an individual must now be at least 21 years of age to purchase tobacco products in Michigan and to update posted signage requirements relating to the age limit for retailers. House Bill 6109 would amend the Public Health Code to update the age an individual must be to enter a cigar bar or a tobacco specialty products store.

The bills are tie-barred to one another and to Senate Bills 576, 577, and 720. A bill can take effect only if each of the bills it is tie-barred to is enacted into law.

MCL 722.641 and 722.644 (HB 6108) and MCL 333.12606a (HB 6109)

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6108 may have modest cost implications for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) if any legally required signs or related training or outreach activities or materials for wholesalers or retailers must be modified. Signs and training materials are currently made available through a DHHS publications clearinghouse as downloadable pdfs.

House Bill 6109 would have no cost implications for DHHS or local health departments.

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