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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WILDBERGER (Sponsor),
MEADOWS AND ROORDA (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to novelty lighters.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 407, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 407.922, to read as follows:

**407.922. 1. No supplier of novelty lighters in this state, including a manufacturer,
2 distributor, importer, retailer, or anyone giving away novelty lighters as prizes or
3 promotions shall sell or give away operable novelty lighters. This subsection shall not
4 apply to the transportation of novelty lighters through this state or the storage of novelty
5 lighters in a warehouse or distribution center in this state that is closed to the public for
6 purposes of retail sales.**

7 **2. This section shall not apply to novelty lighters that were made before January
8 1, 1980, or that are considered to be collectable items.**

9 **3. As used in this section, "novelty lighters" means a mechanical or electrical device
10 typically used for lighting cigarettes, cigars, or pipes that has entertaining audio or visual
11 effects, or that resembles in physical form or function articles commonly recognized as
12 appealing to or intended for use by children less than eighteen years of age. This includes,
13 but is not limited to, lighters that resemble cartoon characters, toys, guns, watches, musical
14 instruments, vehicles, toy animals, food or beverages, or that play musical notes or have
15 flashing lights or other entertaining features. Novelty lighters may operate on any fuel,
16 including butane or liquid fuel.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.