

SS SCS SB 841 -- ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE OR VAPOR PRODUCTS

(Vetoed by the Governor--  
Overridden by the General Assembly)

This bill specifies that an individual or entity selling or distributing alternative nicotine products or vapor products is subject to the provisions regarding the sale or distribution of tobacco products including the prohibition of selling, providing, or distributing these products to an individual under 18 years of age. The bill requires alternative nicotine products or vapor products to be subject to local and state sales tax but not to be otherwise taxed or regulated as tobacco products.

Currently, a person may not sell cigarettes or tobacco products unless he or she has a retail sales tax license. The bill requires a seller of any alternative nicotine product or vapor product to have a license. On or before July 1 of each year, the Department of Revenue must make available a list of every establishment that sells these products to the Division of Liquor Control within the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Mental Health. The division must have the authority to inspect all stores for compliance with all laws related to access to these products by minors. The bill revises the provisions regarding the division supervisor's use of minors in an investigation to check for compliance to include alternative nicotine products or vapor products.