

OPPOSE

TOBACCO 21
HB 4297 HB 3208 SB 2332

WRONG FOR YOUNG ADULTS, RETAILERS, ILLINOIS TAXPAYERS

DOES **NOTHING** TO PREVENT UNDERAGE TOBACCO USE

These bills undermine the purported health benefits of a higher minimum age by prohibiting purchase, but allowing anyone under 21 to continue to use tobacco products.

The bills would **DE-CRIMINALIZE** underage use of tobacco and create an **UNDERGROUND MARKET** where youth will get their tobacco products, instead of responsible retailers monitoring and preventing underage purchases.

UNDERAGE USAGE IN ILLINOIS IS **DECLINING**

The rate of Illinois cigarette smoking among 12-17 year olds is down:



53 PERCENT

12.9 percent

2007-2008

6.04 percent

2015-2016

Statewide, retailers are working harder to prevent underage sales:



RETAILER COMPLIANCE WITH UNDERAGE SALES LAWS

84 PERCENT

2014

56.5 PERCENT

1997

ILLINOISANS ARE ADULTS AT **18** UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

MILITARY SERVICE

MARRYING

MEDICAL TREATMENT

VOTING

SIGNING CONTRACTS

PRIVACY LAWS

PAYING TAXES

PROPERTY RIGHTS

LEGAL MATTERS

FEDERAL REVIEW SHOULD GUIDE ILLINOIS

A national study from the Institute of Medicine, at the request of the FDA, has been forwarded to Congress. It makes no recommendation for or against raising the minimum age.

A national policy should determine the appropriate minimum age, not a patchwork of inconsistent state and local laws.

NO MORE TRIALS OF ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS

Smokers who want to quit but aren't sure alternative nicotine or vapor products will work for them would no longer be able to sample products from Illinois retailers.

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HURTING STATES IN THE POCKETBOOK

Only five states have Tobacco 21 laws, yet 30 states have considered them in recent years. Many of those states have decided against Tobacco 21 because of the serious projected revenue hit it would take out of their state budgets and critical programs:

VERMONT

\$1 million loss in revenue for healthcare, education and the general state budget for every year the tobacco purchase age is increased

TEXAS

\$40 million hit to the general state budget, another \$40 million hit to the Property Tax Relief Fund (both over two years)

MARYLAND

\$12 million to \$18 million loss each year from Tobacco 21 in state tax revenue, plus "potential meaningful" impact on small businesses

OTHER STATES

Nebraska	\$4.75 million hit to state revenues
New Jersey	\$5.5 million to \$15-16 million hit to state revenues annually
Maine	\$3.5 million loss in revenue from Tobacco 21, growing to nearly \$5 million annually in Year 2

ANOTHER BLACK EYE FOR ILLINOIS BUSINESSES

The only proven impact Tobacco 21 will have on Illinois is once again hurting small businesses and putting people out of work. These organizations are united to prevent Tobacco 21 from adding to Illinois' economic struggles:

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS

ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ILLINOIS LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION

ILLINOIS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

ILLINOIS PETROLEUM MARKETERS ASSOCIATION

ILLINOIS RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

SMOKE FREE ALTERNATIVES COALITION OF ILLINOIS