

Press Release:

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is aware of recent federal legislation that raised the federal minimum age for the sale of tobacco products. Effective immediately, it is illegal under federal law to sell any tobacco product to anyone under 21 years of age. Under federal law, tobacco products include but are not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery systems, vaporizers, vape pens, e-liquid containing nicotine, cigar tips and filters, or any other products made or derived from tobacco.

Due to the change in federal law, several state statutes and regulations will need to be amended. In the interim, Alabama tobacco permit holders are required to follow the new federal law with regards to the sale of tobacco products.

Questions regarding the enforcement of the federal law should be directed to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which will provide additional details as they become available. Additional questions may be directed to the ABC Board's Licensing and Compliance Division at 334-213-6308.