

**24-35-503. Sale of cigarettes or tobacco products to minors or in vending machines prohibited - warning sign - small quantity sales prohibited.**

(1) No retailer shall sell or permit the sale of cigarettes or tobacco products to a minor; except that it shall not be a violation if the retailer establishes that the person selling the cigarette or tobacco product was presented with and reasonably relied upon a photographic identification that identified the person purchasing the cigarette or tobacco product as being eighteen years of age or older.

(2) No retailer shall sell or offer to sell any cigarettes or tobacco products by use of a vending machine or other coin-operated machine; except that cigarettes may be sold at retail through vending machines only in:

(a) Factories, businesses, offices, or other places not open to the general public;

(b) Places to which minors are not permitted access; or

(c) Establishments where the vending machine dispenses cigarettes through the operation of a device that enables an adult employee of the establishment to prevent the dispensing of cigarettes to minors.

(3) Any person who sells or offers to sell any cigarettes or tobacco products shall display a warning sign, as specified in this subsection (3). The warning sign shall be displayed in a prominent place in the building and on any vending or coin-operated machine at all times, shall have a minimum height of three inches and a width of six inches, and shall read as follows:

**WARNING**

**IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANY PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND, UPON CONVICTION, A \$100.00 FINE MAY BE IMPOSED.**

(4) No retailer shall sell or offer to sell individual cigarettes, or any pack or container of cigarettes containing fewer than twenty cigarettes, or roll-your-own tobacco in any package containing less than 0.60 ounces of tobacco.

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