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1 AN ACT Relating to tobacco products; adding new sections to chapter
2 26.28 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is unlawful for a person under the
5 age of eighteen to purchase a tobacco product. After January 1, 1992,
6 a person under eighteen years of age who purchases or attempts to
7 purchase a tobacco product is guilty of a misdemeanor under RCW
8 9A.20.021.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) It is unlawful for a person under
10 the age of eighteen to possess or use a tobacco product. It is a class
11 4 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW for a person under eighteen
12 years of age to possess or use a tobacco product.

13 (2) A law enforcement officer may confiscate tobacco products found
14 in the possession of a person under eighteen years of age and issue a

1 warning. After January 1, 1992, a law enforcement officer may
2 confiscate products found in the possession of a person under eighteen
3 years of age and issue a notice of infraction. Tobacco products
4 confiscated under this section shall be destroyed by the law
5 enforcement agency involved in the confiscation. For purposes of this
6 section, "law enforcement officer" means city, county, or state law
7 enforcement personnel.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each
9 added to chapter 26.28 RCW.