

SB 5048.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that tobacco samples contribute to children's access to tobacco products by providing a no-cost initiation that encourages minors to experiment with nicotine at early ages. Sampling activity often occurs in venues frequented by minors, and tobacco samples are distributed along with other promotional items that contain tobacco brand logos, thus increasing the appeal of the tobacco products as well as the chances that children will obtain them.

Declares an intent to protect minors from the influence of tobacco sampling by eliminating the distribution of samples in this state.

Repeals RCW 70.155.060 and 82.24.270.

Prescribes penalties for violations of the act.