
Commerce & Gaming Committee

HB 2038

Brief Description: Clarifying the applicability of RCW 70.345.080 to only vapor products.

Sponsors: Representatives Jenkin, Ryu, McBride, Condotta, Vick, Sawyer and Harris.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminates the statutory prohibition against retailers offering tobacco products for sale in open, unsecured displays.
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Hearing Date: 2/13/17

Staff: Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

Background:

Definition of Vapor Product.

"Vapor product" is defined to mean any noncombustible product that may contain nicotine and that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor or aerosol from a solution or other substance. "Vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device.

Vapor products are subject to a regulatory scheme that is wholly separate from the regulatory scheme applicable to tobacco products and are not defined as a form of tobacco product for the purposes of state regulation.

Tobacco Products.

The Access to Minors Act (Act) contains the statutory scheme for the regulation of tobacco products. Under the Act, "tobacco products" are defined as products that contain tobacco and are intended for human use, except for specified exceptions. The Act does not prohibit retailers from offering tobacco products for sale in open, unsecured displays.

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Summary of Bill:

The bill eliminates the statutory prohibition against retailers offering tobacco products for sale in open, unsecured displays.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.