
SENATE BILL NO. 177—SENATORS SETTELMEYER, HARDY;
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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits a minor from committing certain acts relating to the possession and use of tobacco products. (BDR 5-689)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to tobacco; prohibiting a minor from committing certain acts relating to the possession and use of tobacco products; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 10** of this bill prohibits a minor from purchasing or attempting to
2 purchase tobacco products, possessing or attempting to possess tobacco products,
3 using tobacco products or falsely representing his or her age to purchase, possess or
4 obtain tobacco products. **Section 4** of this bill provides that a child may be issued a
5 citation for violating the provisions of **section 10**, while **section 3** of this bill
6 provides that a probation officer may act as a master of the juvenile court if the
7 proceeding involves such a citation.

8 **Section 5** of this bill sets forth the possible punishment for a violation of
9 **section 10**, which includes a \$25 fine for a first offense, a \$50 fine for a second
10 offense, a \$75 fine for a third offense, and a \$75 fine plus the requirement to attend
11 a tobacco awareness and cessation program for a fourth or subsequent offense.
12 Fines collected under **section 5** are required to be deposited in the Account for
13 Health Education for Minors.

14 **Section 8** of this bill provides that if a child who is ordered to attend and
15 complete a tobacco awareness and cessation program pursuant to **section 5**
16 successfully completes that program, the juvenile court is required to enter an order
17 sealing all records pertaining to any offense related to tobacco that was committed



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18 by the child before the date on which the court ordered the child to attend and
19 complete the program.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 62A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *“Offense related to tobacco” means a violation of section 10 of*
4 *this act.*

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 62A.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 62A.010 As used in this title, unless the context otherwise
7 requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 62A.020 to 62A.350,
8 inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to
9 them in those sections.

10 **Sec. 3.** NRS 62B.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 62B.020 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
12 juvenile court or the chief judge of the judicial district may appoint
13 any person to act as a master of the juvenile court if the person is
14 qualified by previous experience, training and demonstrated interest
15 in the welfare of children to act as a master of the juvenile court.

16 2. A probation officer shall not act as a master of the juvenile
17 court unless the proceeding concerns:

18 (a) A minor traffic offense; ~~or~~

19 (b) *An offense related to tobacco; or*

20 (c) A child who is alleged to be a habitual truant.

21 3. If a person is appointed to act as a master of the juvenile
22 court, the person shall attend instruction at the National College of
23 Juvenile and Family Law in Reno, Nevada, in a course designed for
24 the training of new judges of the juvenile court on the first occasion
25 when such instruction is offered after the person is appointed.

26 4. If, for any reason, a master of the juvenile court is unable to
27 act, the juvenile court or the chief judge of the judicial district may
28 appoint another qualified person to act temporarily as a master of
29 the juvenile court during the period that the master who is regularly
30 appointed is unable to act.

31 5. The compensation of a master of the juvenile court:

32 (a) May not be taxed against the parties.

33 (b) Must be paid out of appropriations made for the expenses of
34 the district court, if the compensation is fixed by the juvenile court.

35 **Sec. 4.** Chapter 62C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
36 thereto a new section to read as follows:

37 1. *If a child is stopped or otherwise detained by a peace*
38 *officer for an offense related to tobacco, the peace officer may*



1 *prepare and issue a citation in the same manner in which a traffic*
2 *citation is prepared and issued pursuant to NRS 62C.070.*

3 *2. If a child who is issued a citation for an offense related to*
4 *tobacco executes a written promise to appear in court by signing*
5 *the citation, the peace officer:*

6 *(a) Shall deliver a copy of the citation to the child; and*

7 *(b) Shall not take the child into physical custody for the*
8 *violation.*

9 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 62E of NRS is hereby amended by adding
10 thereto a new section to read as follows:

11 *1. If a child is found to have committed an offense related to*
12 *tobacco, the juvenile court may:*

13 *(a) For the first offense, order the child to pay a fine of \$25.*

14 *(b) For the second offense, order the child to pay a fine of \$50.*

15 *(c) For the third offense, order the child to pay a fine of \$75.*

16 *(d) For the fourth offense or any subsequent offense, order the*
17 *child:*

18 *(1) To pay a fine of \$75; and*

19 *(2) To attend and complete a tobacco awareness and*
20 *cessation program. The juvenile court may order the child or the*
21 *parent or guardian of the child, or both, to pay the reasonable cost*
22 *for the child to attend the program.*

23 *2. If the juvenile court imposes a fine pursuant to this*
24 *section, the juvenile court shall order the child to pay an*
25 *administrative assessment pursuant to NRS 62E.270.*

26 *3. If, because of financial hardship, the child is unable to pay*
27 *a fine imposed pursuant to this section, the juvenile court may*
28 *order the child to perform community service.*

29 *4. The money collected from any fine imposed pursuant to*
30 *this section must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit*
31 *to the Account for Health Education for Minors created pursuant*
32 *to NRS 202.24925.*

33 **Sec. 6.** NRS 62E.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 62E.270 1. If the juvenile court imposes a fine against:

35 (a) A delinquent child pursuant to NRS 62E.730;

36 (b) A child who has committed a minor traffic offense, except
37 an offense related to metered parking, pursuant to NRS 62E.700; or

38 (c) A child in need of supervision, or the parent or guardian
39 of the child, because the child is a habitual truant pursuant to
40 NRS 62E.430,

41 ➔ the juvenile court shall order the child or the parent or guardian
42 of the child to pay an administrative assessment of \$10 in addition
43 to the fine.

44 *2. If, pursuant to section 5 of this act, the juvenile court*
45 *imposes a fine against a child who has committed an offense*



1 *related to tobacco, the juvenile court shall order the child to pay*
2 *an administrative assessment of \$10 in addition to the fine.*

3 3. The juvenile court shall state separately on its docket the
4 amount of money that the juvenile court collects for the
5 administrative assessment.

6 ~~3-~~ 4. If the child is found not to have committed the alleged
7 act or the charges are dropped, the juvenile court shall return to the
8 child or the parent or guardian of the child any money deposited
9 with the juvenile court for the administrative assessment.

10 ~~4-~~ 5. On or before the fifth day of each month for the
11 preceding month, the clerk of the court shall pay to the county
12 treasurer the money the juvenile court collects for administrative
13 assessments.

14 ~~5-~~ 6. On or before the 15th day of each month, the county
15 treasurer shall deposit the money in the county general fund for
16 credit to a special account for the use of the county's juvenile court
17 or for services to delinquent children.

18 **Sec. 7.** NRS 62E.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 62E.500 1. The provisions of NRS 62E.500 to 62E.730,
20 inclusive ~~H~~, *and section 5 of this act:*

21 (a) Apply to the disposition of a case involving a child who is
22 adjudicated delinquent.

23 (b) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 62E.700 and 62E.705,
24 do not apply to the disposition of a case involving a child who is
25 found to have committed a minor traffic offense.

26 *(c) Except as otherwise provided in section 5 of this act, do not*
27 *apply to the disposition of a case involving a child who is found to*
28 *have committed an offense related to tobacco.*

29 2. If a child is adjudicated delinquent:

30 (a) The juvenile court may issue any orders or take any actions
31 set forth in NRS 62E.500 to 62E.730, inclusive, that the juvenile
32 court deems proper for the disposition of the case; and

33 (b) If required by a specific statute, the juvenile court shall issue
34 the appropriate orders or take the appropriate actions set forth in the
35 statute.

36 **Sec. 8.** Chapter 62H of NRS is hereby amended by adding
37 thereto a new section to read as follows:

38 *If a child who is ordered to attend and complete a tobacco*
39 *awareness and cessation program pursuant to section 5 of this act*
40 *successfully completes that program, the juvenile court shall enter*
41 *an order sealing all records pertaining to any offense related to*
42 *tobacco that was committed by the child before the date on which*
43 *the court ordered the child to attend and complete the program.*



1 **Sec. 9.** NRS 62H.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 62H.100 1. As used in NRS 62H.100 to 62H.170, inclusive,
3 *and section 8 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires,
4 “records” means any records relating to a child who is within the
5 purview of this title and who:

6 (a) Is taken into custody by a peace officer or a probation officer
7 or is otherwise taken before a probation officer; or

8 (b) Appears before the juvenile court or any other court pursuant
9 to the provisions of this title.

10 2. The term includes records of arrest.

11 **Sec. 10.** Chapter 202 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
12 thereto a new section to read as follows:

13 *1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a child who is*
14 *under the age of 18 years shall not:*

15 (a) *Purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products;*

16 (b) *Possess or attempt to possess tobacco products;*

17 (c) *Use tobacco products; or*

18 (d) *Falsely represent that he or she is 18 years of age or older*
19 *to purchase, possess or obtain tobacco products.*

20 2. *A child who is under the age of 18 years and who violates*
21 *the provisions of this section commits an offense related to tobacco*
22 *and is subject to the provisions of section 5 of this act.*

23 3. *The provisions of this section do not apply to a child who is*
24 *under the age of 18 years and who is:*

25 (a) *Assisting in an inspection pursuant to NRS 202.2496;*

26 (b) *Handling or transporting tobacco products in the course of*
27 *his or her lawful employment; or*

28 (c) *Handling or transporting tobacco products in the presence*
29 *of his or her parent, spouse or legal guardian who is 18 years of*
30 *age or older.*

31 4. *As used in this section, “tobacco products” means*
32 *cigarettes, cigarette paper, tobacco of any description or products*
33 *made from tobacco.*

34 **Sec. 11.** NRS 202.2485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 202.2485 As used in NRS 202.2485 to 202.2497, inclusive ~~†~~,
36 *and section 10 of this act:*

37 1. “Distribute” includes furnishing, giving away or providing
38 products made from tobacco or samples thereof at no cost to
39 promote the product, whether or not in combination with a sale.

40 2. “Health authority” means the district health officer in a
41 district, or his or her designee, or, if none, the State Health Officer,
42 or his or her designee.



