



To Whom It May Concern:

On December 20, 2019, President Trump signed into law a spending bill that raised the legal sales age for all tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old nationwide. The age change took effect immediately, and it is now a violation of federal law for any retailer to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21. There are no exemptions – including for military personnel.

Enforcement of legal tobacco product sales age requirements will continue to be handled by Pennsylvania Department of Health, and in conjunction with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Under the law, the FDA is required to update regulations and release them by June 17, 2020. In an effort to provide support to tobacco retailers in complying with this new law, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is partnering with the Pennsylvania Alliance to Control Tobacco to offer guidance until updated materials are developed by the FDA.

This packet contains the following resources available to retailers across the commonwealth:

- Information on the new Tobacco 21 law
- Information on impacts to retailers
- Details on tobacco products covered
- Decals for public display
- Signage for public display

At a time when youth e-cigarette use has reached epidemic levels, as a retailer, you play an important role in protecting the health of children and adolescents by complying with the law. If you would like to order additional materials, please contact the Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control at 717-783-6600 or visit <https://pactonline.org/tobacco-21-retailer-resources>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara Caboot'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Caboot, Director
Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control