

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

NO. 81
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7 H.P. 78 House of Representatives, January 26, 1987
8 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
10 Presented by Representative Racine of Biddeford.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT Relating to Selling Cigarettes to
18 Persons under a Certain Age.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 22 MRSA §1579, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 239, is
23 amended to read:

24 §1579. Free distribution of cigarettes to children
25 under the age of 18 years

26 1. Prohibition. No person may knowingly sell,
27 furnish, give away or offer to sell, furnish or give
28 away cigarettes or tobacco to any child under the age
29 of 18 years. No person in the business of selling or
30 otherwise distributing cigarettes or other tobacco
31 products for profit, or an employee or agent of such
32 a person, may, in the course of his business, dis-

1 tribute any cigarette or other tobacco product free
2 to any children under the age of 18 years in any
3 place, including, but not limited to, a public way or
4 sidewalk, public park or playground, public school
5 or other public building, or an entranceway, lobby,
6 hall or other common area of a private building,
7 shopping center or mall.

8 2. Penalty. Violation of this section shall re-
9 sult in a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$50
10 for each violation.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this bill is to clarify the law
13 regarding the sale of cigarettes to children. This
14 bill removes the reference to the sale of cigarettes
15 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section
16 1579, leaving the sale of cigarettes to a child under
17 the age of 16 as a Class D crime under the Maine Re-
18 vised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 554.

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