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An Act to Prohibit the Use of Juveniles in a Tobacco Enforcement Action.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton. Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SKOGLUND of St. George, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1556-A, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

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4. Certain enforcement actions prohibited. The State may not use juveniles in conducting any enforcement actions under this chapter.

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Sec. 2. Tobacco enforcement options; alternative plan. The 10 Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the 12 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General shall, working jointly, develop and implement alternative tobacco 14 enforcement strategies, consistent with the intent of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 262-A and related federal 16 regulations, that would maintain a strong enforcement presence exclusive of using juveniles in specific enforcement actions. 18 The commissioners and the Attorney General shall seek input from those joint standing committees of the Legislature having 20 jurisdiction over tobacco enforcement issues.

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SUMMARY

This bill precludes the State from using juveniles in any tobacco enforcement action. It directs the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Attorney General to jointly develop and implement alternative tobacco enforcement strategies, exclusive of using juveniles for enforcement actions.