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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Juveniles in the Enforcement of the Laws Governing the Sale of Tobacco

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, GLYNN of South Portland,
HEIDRICH of Oxford, JOY of Crystal, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, VAUGHAN of Durham,
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

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

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

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

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill precludes the State's using juveniles in any
26 tobacco enforcement action. It directs the Commissioner of Human
28 Services, the Commissioner of Behavioral and Developmental
30 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.