

A09299 Summary:
BILL NO A09299D

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Amd SS1399-aa & 1399-cc, Pub Health L; amd S17-706, NYC Ad Cd; add S399-gg, Gen
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Prohibits the sale of liquid nicotine to minors under the age of eighteen
across the state and under the age of twenty-one in the city of New York;
requires containers of electronic liquid to be child resistant.Go to top

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04/08/2014 referred to health
05/05/2014 amend (t) and recommit to health
05/05/2014 print number 9299a
05/13/2014 reported referred to codes
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05/30/2014 advanced to third reading cal.853
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06/16/2014 amended on third reading (t) 9299d
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06/19/2014 REFERRED TO RULES
06/20/2014 SUBSTITUTED FOR S7027C
06/20/2014 3RD READING CAL.565
06/20/2014 PASSED SENATE
06/20/2014 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY
12/17/2014 delivered to governor
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A09299 Memo:
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TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the public health law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the sale of liquid nicotine to minors; and to amend the general business law, in relation to the packaging of electronic liquid

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

This bill would prohibit the sale of liquid nicotine to minors.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

Section one and two amends subdivision 13 of section 1399-aa, as amended by chapter 448 of the laws of 2012, and subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 7 of section 1399-cc, as amended by chapter 448 of the laws of 2012.

Section three amends Section 17-706 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 94 of the city of New York.

Section four adds a new section 399-gg to general business law.

Section five sets forth the effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

This bill would ban the sale of liquid nicotine to minors. Electronic cigarettes, also known as e-cigarettes, are electronic devices that deliver nicotine, flavor and other vaporized chemicals to the user. They are currently marketed as a smoking cessation device or as a healthier alternative to smoking traditional tobacco products. Despite their widespread use, little is known about the risks associated with smoking electronic cigarettes.

This legislation is needed to protect children from the dangers of smoking, particularly given that they are unregulated and have not been proven to be safe for use at any age.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

none.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately.
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STATE OF NEW YORK

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Cal. No. 853

IN ASSEMBLY

April 8, 2014

Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, WEPRIN, GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- reported from committee, advanced to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading -- again amended on third reading, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading -- again amended on third reading, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the sale of liquid nicotine to minors; and to amend the general business law, in relation to the packaging of electronic liquid

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 13 of section 1399-aa of the public health
2 law, as added by chapter 448 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 13. "Electronic cigarette" or "e-cigarette" means [a battery-operated
5 device that contains cartridges filled with a combination of nicotine,
6 flavor and chemicals that are turned into vapor which is inhaled by the
7 user] AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT DELIVERS VAPOR WHICH IS INHALED BY AN
8 INDIVIDUAL USER, AND SHALL INCLUDE ANY REFILL, CARTRIDGE AND ANY OTHER
9 COMPONENT OF SUCH A DEVICE.

10 S 2. Section 1399-cc of the public health law, as amended by chapter
11 131 of the laws of 2011, subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 7 as amended by chap-
12 ter 448 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

13 S 1399-cc. Sale of tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICO-
14 TINE, shisha, rolling papers or smoking paraphernalia to minors prohib-
15 ited. 1. As used in this section:

16 (a) "A device capable of deciphering any electronically readable
17 format" or "device" shall mean any commercial device or combination of
18 devices used at a point of sale or entry that is capable of reading the
19 information encoded on the bar code or magnetic strip of a driver's

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 license or non-driver identification card issued by the state commis-
2 sioner of motor vehicles;

3 (b) "Card holder" means any person presenting a driver's license or
4 non-driver identification card to a licensee, or to the agent or employ-
5 ee of such licensee under this chapter;

6 (c) "Smoking paraphernalia" means any pipe, water pipe, hookah, roll-
7 ing papers, vaporizer or any other device, equipment or apparatus
8 designed for the inhalation of tobacco; [and]

9 (d) "Transaction scan" means the process involving an automated bar
10 code reader by which a licensee, or agent or employee of a licensee
11 under this chapter reviews a driver's license or non-driver identifica-
12 tion card presented as a precondition for the purchase of a tobacco
13 product or herbal cigarettes pursuant to subdivision three of this
14 section; AND

15 (E) "LIQUID NICOTINE", "ELECTRONIC LIQUID" OR "E-LIQUID" MEANS A
16 LIQUID COMPOSED OF NICOTINE AND OTHER CHEMICALS, AND WHICH IS SOLD AS A
17 PRODUCT THAT MAY BE USED IN AN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE.

18 2. Any person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products,
19 herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE, shisha or electronic cigarettes, are
20 sold or offered for sale is prohibited from selling such products,
21 herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE, shisha, electronic cigarettes or
22 smoking paraphernalia to individuals under eighteen years of age, and
23 shall post in a conspicuous place a sign upon which there shall be
24 imprinted the following statement, "SALE OF CIGARETTES, CIGARS, CHEWING
25 TOBACCO, POWDERED TOBACCO, SHISHA OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, HERBAL
26 CIGARETTES, LIQUID NICOTINE, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, ROLLING PAPERS OR
27 SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA, TO PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIB-
28 ITED BY LAW." Such sign shall be printed on a white card in red letters
29 at least one-half inch in height.

30 3. Sale of tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE,

31 shisha or electronic cigarettes in such places, other than by a vending
32 machine, shall be made only to an individual who demonstrates, through
33 (a) a valid driver's license or non-driver's identification card issued
34 by the commissioner of motor vehicles, the federal government, any
35 United States territory, commonwealth or possession, the District of
36 Columbia, a state government within the United States or a provincial
37 government of the dominion of Canada, or (b) a valid passport issued by
38 the United States government or any other country, or (c) an identifica-
39 tion card issued by the armed forces of the United States, indicating
40 that the individual is at least eighteen years of age. Such identifica-
41 tion need not be required of any individual who reasonably appears to be
42 at least twenty-five years of age, provided, however, that such appear-
43 ance shall not constitute a defense in any proceeding alleging the sale
44 of a tobacco product, herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE, shisha or
45 electronic cigarettes to an individual under eighteen years of age.

46 4. (a) Any person operating a place of business wherein tobacco
47 products, herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE, shisha or electronic ciga-
48 rettes are sold or offered for sale may perform a transaction scan as a
49 precondition for such purchases.

50 (b) In any instance where the information deciphered by the trans-
51 action scan fails to match the information printed on the driver's
52 license or non-driver identification card, or if the transaction scan
53 indicates that the information is false or fraudulent, the attempted
54 transaction shall be denied.

55 (c) In any proceeding pursuant to section thirteen hundred ninety-
56 nine-ee of this article, it shall be an affirmative defense that such

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1 person had produced a driver's license or non-driver identification card
2 apparently issued by a governmental entity, successfully completed that
3 transaction scan, and that the tobacco product [or], herbal cigarettes
4 OR LIQUID NICOTINE had been sold, delivered or given to such person in
5 reasonable reliance upon such identification and transaction scan. In
6 evaluating the applicability of such affirmative defense the commission-
7 er shall take into consideration any written policy adopted and imple-
8 mented by the seller to effectuate the provisions of this chapter. Use
9 of a transaction scan shall not excuse any person operating a place of
10 business wherein tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE,
11 shisha or electronic cigarettes are sold, or the agent or employee of
12 such person, from the exercise of reasonable diligence otherwise
13 required by this chapter. Notwithstanding the above provisions, any such
14 affirmative defense shall not be applicable in any civil or criminal
15 proceeding, or in any other forum.

16 5. A licensee or agent or employee of such licensee shall only use a
17 device capable of deciphering any electronically readable format, and
18 shall only use the information recorded and maintained through the use

19 of such devices, for the purposes contained in subdivision four of this
20 section. No licensee or agent or employee of a licensee shall resell or
21 disseminate the information recorded during such a scan to any third
22 person. Such prohibited resale or dissemination includes but is not
23 limited to any advertising, marketing or promotional activities.
24 Notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by this subdivision, such
25 records may be released pursuant to a court ordered subpoena or pursuant
26 to any other statute that specifically authorizes the release of such
27 information. Each violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by a
28 civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars.

29 6. A licensee or agent or employee of such a licensee may electron-
30 ically or mechanically record and maintain only the information from a
31 transaction scan necessary to effectuate this section. Such information
32 shall be limited to the following: (a) name, (b) date of birth, (c)
33 driver's license or non-driver identification number, and (d) expiration
34 date. The commissioner and state commissioner of motor vehicles shall
35 jointly promulgate any regulations necessary to govern the recording and
36 maintenance of these records by a licensee under this chapter. The
37 commissioner and the state liquor authority shall jointly promulgate any
38 regulation necessary to ensure quality control in the use of the trans-
39 action scan devices under this chapter and article five of the alcoholic
40 beverage control law.

41 7. No person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products,
42 herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICOTINE, shisha or electronic cigarettes are
43 sold or offered for sale shall sell, permit to be sold, offer for sale
44 or display for sale any tobacco product, herbal cigarettes, LIQUID NICO-
45 TINE, shisha or electronic cigarettes in any manner, unless such
46 products and cigarettes are stored for sale (a) behind a counter in an
47 area accessible only to the personnel of such business, or (b) in a
48 locked container; provided, however, such restriction shall not apply to
49 tobacco businesses, as defined in subdivision eight of section thirteen
50 hundred ninety-nine-aa of this article, and to places to which admission
51 is restricted to persons eighteen years of age or older.

52 S 3. Section 17-706 of the administrative code of the city of New
53 York, as amended by local law number 94 of the city of New York for the
54 year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

55 S 17-706 Sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, LIQUID NICOTINE, or
56 electronic cigarettes to minors and young adults prohibited.

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1 a. Any person operating a place of business wherein cigarettes, tobac-
2 co products, LIQUID NICOTINE, or electronic cigarettes are sold or
3 offered for sale is prohibited from selling such cigarettes, tobacco
4 products, LIQUID NICOTINE, or electronic cigarettes to individuals under
5 twenty-one years of age. Sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, LIQUID
6 NICOTINE, or electronic cigarettes in such places shall be made only to

7 an individual who demonstrates, through a driver's license or other
8 photographic identification card issued by a government entity or educa-
9 tional institution, that the individual is at least twenty-one years of
10 age. Such identification need not be required of any individual who
11 reasonably appears to be at least thirty years of age, provided, howev-
12 er, that such appearance shall not constitute a defense in any proceed-
13 ing alleging the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, LIQUID NICOTINE
14 or electronic cigarettes to an individual under twenty-one years of age.

15 b. Any person operating a place of business wherein non-tobacco
16 shisha, pipes, or rolling papers are sold or offered for sale is prohib-
17 ited from selling such non-tobacco shisha, pipes, or rolling papers to
18 individuals under eighteen years of age. Sale of non-tobacco shisha,
19 pipes, or rolling papers in such places shall be made only to an indi-
20 vidual who demonstrates, through a driver's license or other photograph-
21 ic identification card issued by a government entity or educational
22 institution, that the individual is at least eighteen years of age. Such
23 identification need not be required of any individual who reasonably
24 appears to be at least twenty-five years of age, provided, however, that
25 such appearance shall not constitute a defense in any proceeding alleg-
26 ing the sale of non-tobacco shisha, pipes, or rolling papers to an indi-
27 vidual under eighteen years of age.

28 c. Any person operating a place of business wherein cigarettes, tobac-
29 co products, LIQUID NICOTINE, electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes,
30 non-tobacco shisha, pipes, or rolling papers are sold or offered for
31 sale shall post in a conspicuous place a sign, in accordance with the
32 rules of the department, advising persons about the minimum age require-
33 ments for the purchase of such items.

34 S 4. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-
35 gg to read as follows:

36 S 399-GG. PACKAGING OF ELECTRONIC LIQUID. 1. NO PERSON, FIRM OR
37 CORPORATION SHALL SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ANY ELECTRONIC LIQUID, AS
38 DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (E) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION THIRTEEN HUNDRED
39 NINETY-NINE-CC OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, UNLESS THE ELECTRONIC LIQUID IS
40 SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN A CHILD RESISTANT BOTTLE WHICH IS DESIGNED
41 TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE OF CHILDREN TO ELECTRONIC LIQUIDS.

42 2. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A CIVIL PENAL-
43 TY NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

44 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.