

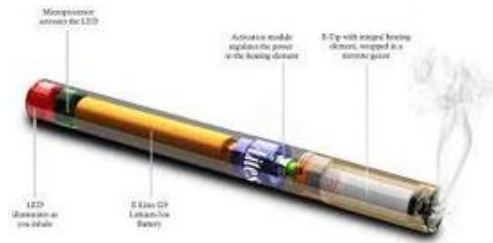


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(S.D.)-Senate Passes Measure To Ban Sale Of E-Cigarettes To Minors



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PIERRE, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - The South Dakota Senate has passed a measure that would ban the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that resemble traditional cigarettes. They heat a liquid solution, creating vapor that users inhale to get nicotine without the smoke of regular cigarettes.

The bill could classify e-cigarettes that contain nicotine as tobacco products that cannot be sold to or used by anyone younger than 18. Anyone selling e-cigarettes to minors could be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

The bill next goes to the House for further debate.

Supporters of e-cigarettes say they can help smokers quit tobacco, while some health advocates contend the inhalers can get young people hooked on nicotine.