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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill decreases the penalty for the sale of tobacco to a minor from a gross misdemeanor to a misdemeanor.

Section

- 1 **Misdemeanor.** Decreases the penalty for the sale of tobacco to a person under the age of 18 from a gross misdemeanor to a misdemeanor, making the penalty for a sale the same as the penalty for furnishing tobacco to a person under the age of 18. Retains the affirmative defense contained in current law that applies if a seller relies in good-faith on apparently valid identification produced by a minor and moves this defense from the repealed subdivision to this subdivision.
- 2 **Repealer.** Repeals the subdivision that makes sale of tobacco to a minor a gross misdemeanor.
- 3 **Effective date.** The day following enactment for crimes committed on or after that date.