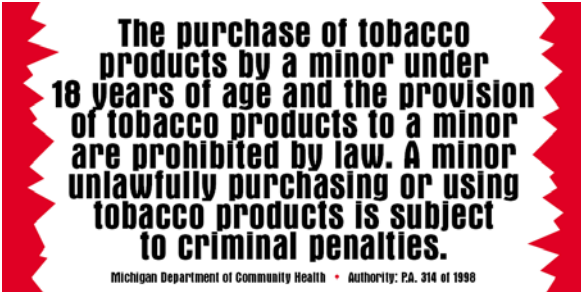


# Summary of Michigan State Law Regarding Tobacco Sales and Minors

<b>Minimum Age</b>	Customers must be 18 years or older to purchase tobacco products.
<b>Restricted Products</b>	Cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff, or tobacco in any other form.
<b>Acceptable Forms of Identification</b>	An official Michigan operator's or chauffeur's license, an official Michigan personal identification card, or any other bona fide picture identification which establishes the identity and age of the person.
<b>Fine / Penalty Schedule for Selling to Minors</b>	In addition to court costs and attorney fees, violators will be fined up to \$50 per offense and are guilty of a misdemeanor.  If your store also sells alcohol, violations of the Youth Tobacco Act can lead to notification of the Liquor Control Commission with additional fines and possible loss of your liquor license.
<b>Sign Requirement</b>	<p style="color: red;">Retailers are required to post a sign near the point of sale, that is conspicuous to employees and customers, which states:</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: white; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;">  <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">If the sign is posted within six feet of point of sale and is conspicuous to both employees and customers, it must be 2 x 4 inches with 20-point boldface type.</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">If the sign is posted more than six feet from point of sale, it must be 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 inches with 36-point boldface type.</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: x-small;">Copies of the signs are available from the MI Department of Public Health.</p> </div>
<b>Compliance Checks</b>	As a condition of receiving federal substance abuse block grant funds, federal law requires the State of Michigan to conduct random, unannounced inspections of tobacco outlets to determine compliance rates. The MI Department of Public Health coordinates the inspections.
<b>Visual Characteristics of a State-Issued License</b>	Newer minor license is vertical. "Under 18 Until 00-00-0000" & "Under 21 Until 00-00-0000" in red block above the photo. Date of birth overlaps the ghosted image.

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signs, like the one displayed below, do not meet state sign requirements and cannot be used as a substitute for state law mandated signs!



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