

## HB0324 Tobacco Age Requirements

Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason  
Senate floor sponsor: Senator Curt Bramble

Legal age to purchase or use tobacco:

July 2020 — 20 years  
July 2021 — 21 years

Military exemption

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- Tobacco kills over 480,000 people each year.
- The developing teenage brain is particularly vulnerable to the effects of nicotine.
- More than 95% of addicted smokers start before age 21.
- 350 youth become regular smokers each day in the U.S. 1 in 3 will die as a result.
- Early exposure to nicotine increases the risk of addiction and puts adolescents at a higher risk for depression, anxiety and substance abuse.
- Youth e-cigarette use is up 77% from last year.
- American kids try cigarettes for the first time on average at age 13.7.
- The primary source of tobacco products for underage smokers is their peers.
- Tobacco age is 21 in 6 states and 430 localities.



*Preventing Addiction in Teens*