Tobacco Issues

Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act

Due to the rapidly growing market for e-cigarettes, PMAA fully supports efforts by Senators Cornyn (R-TX) and Feinstein (D-CA) to amend the “Prevent all Cigarette Trafficking Act (PACT Act)” through the “Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act” (S.1253) to also include e-cigarettes in the definition that already includes cigarettes. The PACT Act was enacted in 2010 to reduce underage purchases of cigarettes online and to ensure that online retailers pay state and local taxes on their sales of cigarettes. Specifically, the PACT Act requires internet sellers of cigarettes to ensure that delivery agents check identification in person on the delivery of cigarettes.

The House passed companion legislation (H.R. 3942) in October and it is possible the Senate may consider the bill later this year.

“THE ASK” All lawmakers

- Urge your Senators to support and cosponsor the “Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act” (S.1253) to reduce underage purchases of e-cigarettes online and ensure that online retailers pay state and local taxes on their sales of e-cigarettes.

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