

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL  
5 TRANSACTIONS WITH CHILDREN; PROHIBITING GIVING OR SELLING TO CHILDREN TOBACCO  
6 PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR VAPOR PRODUCTS; AMENDING SECTION 45-5-  
7 623, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 45-5-623, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"45-5-623. Unlawful transactions with children.** (1) Except as provided for in 16-6-305, a person  
13 commits the offense of unlawful transactions with children if the person knowingly:

14 (a) sells or gives explosives to a child ~~under the age of majority~~ except as authorized under  
15 appropriate city ordinances;

16 (b) sells or gives intoxicating substances other than alcoholic beverages to a child ~~under the age of~~  
17 ~~majority~~;

18 (c) sells or gives an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age;

19 (d) sells or gives to a child a tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product, as  
20 defined in 16-11-302;

21 ~~(d)(e)~~ being a junk dealer, pawnbroker, or secondhand dealer, receives or purchases goods from a  
22 child ~~under the age of majority~~ without authorization of the parent or guardian; or

23 ~~(e)(f)~~ tattoos or provides a body piercing on a child ~~under the age of majority~~ without the explicit in-  
24 person consent of the child's parent or guardian. For purposes of this subsection (1)(f), "tattoo" and "body  
25 piercing" have the meaning provided in 50-48-102. Failure to adequately verify the identity of a parent or  
26 guardian is not an excuse for violation of this subsection (1)(f).

27 (2) A person convicted of the offense of unlawful transactions with children shall be fined an amount  
28 not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both. A person

1 convicted of a second offense of unlawful transactions with children shall be fined an amount not to exceed  
2 \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for any term not to exceed 6 months, or both. (See compiler's  
3 comments for contingent termination of certain text.)"

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to offenses committed on or after [the  
8 effective date of this act].

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