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## A BILL

Го	amend sections 2151.87, 2927.02, 2927.021,	1
	2927.022, 5502.01, and 5502.13 and to enact	2
	section 2927.28 of the Revised Code regarding	3
	the sale of liquid nicotine.	4

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2151.87, 2927.02, 2927.021,	5
2927.022, 5502.01, and 5502.13 be amended and section 2927.28 of	6
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	7
Sec. 2151.87. (A) As used in this section:	8
(1) "Alternative nicotine product," "cigarette," and	9
"tobacco product $_{\scriptscriptstyle L}$ " $_{\scriptscriptstyle and}$ "liquid nicotine" have the same meanings	10
as in section 2927.02 of the Revised Code.	11
(2) "Youth smoking education program" means a private or	12
public agency program that is related to tobacco or nicotine	13
use, prevention, and cessation, that is carried out or funded by	14
the department of health pursuant to section 3701.84 of the	15

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research protocol.

(E)(1) It is not a violation of division (B)(4) of this	44
section for a child to accept or receive cigarettes, other	45
tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	46
<pre>nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes if the child is</pre>	47
required to do so in the performance of the child's duties as an	48
employee of that child's employer and the child's acceptance or	49
receipt of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative	50
nicotine products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used to roll	51
cigarettes occurs exclusively within the scope of the child's	52
employment.	53
(2) It is not a violation of division (B)(1), (2), (3), or	54
(4) of this section if the child possesses, purchases or	55
attempts to purchase, orders, pays for, shares the cost of, or	56
accepts or receives cigarettes, other tobacco products,	57
alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used	58
to roll cigarettes while participating in an inspection or	59
compliance check conducted by a federal, state, local, or	60
corporate entity at a location at which cigarettes, other	61
tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	62
nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes are sold or	63
distributed.	64
(3) It is not a violation of division (B)(1) or (4) of	65
this section for a child to accept, receive, use, consume, or	66
possess cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine	67
products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used to roll cigarettes	68
while participating in a research protocol if all of the	69
following apply:	70
(a) The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child	71
has consented in writing to the child participating in the	72

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the Revised Code.

(1) "Age verification" means a service provided by an	101
independent third party (other than a manufacturer, producer,	102
distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other	103
tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	104
<pre>nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes) that compares</pre>	105
information available from a commercially available database, or	106
aggregate of databases, that regularly are used by government	107
and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification	108
to personal information provided during an internet sale or	109
other remote method of sale to establish that the purchaser is	110
eighteen years of age or older.	111
(2)(a) "Alternative nicotine product" means, subject to	112
division (A)(2)(b) of this section, an electronic cigarette or	113
any other product or device that consists of or contains	114
nicotine that can be ingested into the body by any means,	115
including, but not limited to, chewing, smoking, absorbing,	116
dissolving, or inhaling.	117
(b) "Alternative nicotine product" does not include any of	118
the following:	119
(i) Any cigarette or other tobacco product;	120
(ii) Any product that is a "drug" as that term is defined	121
in 21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1);	122
(iii) Any product that is a "device" as that term is	123
defined in 21 U.S.C. 321(h);	124
(iv) Any product that is a "combination product" as	125
described in 21 U.S.C. 353(g).	126
(3) "Child" has the same meaning as in section 2151.011 of	127

(10) "Vending machine" has the same meaning as "coin

machine" in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.	158
(B) No manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or	159
retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative	160
nicotine products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used to roll	161
cigarettes, no agent, employee, or representative of a	162
manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of	163
cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine	164
products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used to roll cigarettes,	165
and no other person shall do any of the following:	166
(1) Give, sell, or otherwise distribute cigarettes, other	167
tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	168
<pre>nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes to any child;</pre>	169
(2) Give away, sell, or distribute cigarettes, other	170
tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	171
nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes in any place that	172
does not have posted in a conspicuous place a sign stating that	173
giving, selling, or otherwise distributing cigarettes, other	174
tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	175
<pre>nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes to a person under</pre>	176
eighteen years of age is prohibited by law;	177
(3) Knowingly furnish any false information regarding the	178
name, age, or other identification of any child with purpose to	179
obtain cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine	180
products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used to roll cigarettes for	181
that child;	182
(4) Manufacture, sell, or distribute in this state any	183
pack or other container of cigarettes containing fewer than	184
twenty cigarettes or any package of roll-your-own tobacco	185
containing loss than six-tonths of one cures of tohacco.	196

(5) Sell cigarettes or alternative nicotine products in a	187
smaller quantity than that placed in the pack or other container	188
by the manufacturer;	189
(6) Give, sell, or otherwise distribute alternative	190
nicotine products, papers used to roll cigarettes, <u>liquid</u>	191
nicotine, or tobacco products other than cigarettes over the	192
internet or through another remote method without age	193
verification.	194
(C) No person shall sell or offer to sell cigarettes,	195
other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products, or	196
<u>liquid nicotine</u> by or from a vending machine, except in the	197
following locations:	198
(1) An area within a factory, business, office, or other	199
place not open to the general public;	200
(2) An area to which children are not generally permitted	201
access;	202
(3) Any other place not identified in division (C)(1) or	203
(2) of this section, upon all of the following conditions:	204
(a) The vending machine is located within the immediate	205
vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who owns or	206
operates the place, or an employee of that person, so that all	207
cigarettes, other tobacco product, and alternative nicotine	208
product, and liquid nicotine purchases from the vending machine	209
will be readily observed by the person who owns or operates the	210
place or an employee of that person. For the purpose of this	211
section, a vending machine located in any unmonitored area,	212
including an unmonitored coatroom, restroom, hallway, or outer	213
waiting area, shall not be considered located within the	214
immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the person who	215

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owns or operates the place, or an employee of that person.	216
(b) The vending machine is inaccessible to the public when	217
the place is closed.	218
(D) The following are affirmative defenses to a charge	219
under division (B)(1) of this section:	220
(1) The child was accompanied by a parent, spouse who is	221
eighteen years of age or older, or legal guardian of the child.	222
(2) The person who gave, sold, or distributed cigarettes,	223
other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid</u>	224
nicotine, or papers used to roll cigarettes to a child under	225
division (B)(1) of this section is a parent, spouse who is	226
eighteen years of age or older, or legal guardian of the child.	227
(E) It is not a violation of division (B)(1) or (2) of	228
this section for a person to give or otherwise distribute to a	229
child cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine	230
products, <u>liquid nicotine</u> , or papers used to roll cigarettes	231
while the child is participating in a research protocol if all	232
of the following apply:	233
(1) The parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child	234
has consented in writing to the child participating in the	235
research protocol.	236
(2) An institutional human subjects protection review	237
board, or an equivalent entity, has approved the research	238
protocol.	239
(3) The child is participating in the research protocol at	240
the facility or location specified in the research protocol.	241
(F)(1) Whoever violates division (B)(1), (2), (4), (5), or	242
(6) or (C) of this section is guilty of illegal distribution of	243

cigarettes, other tobacco products, <del>or</del> alternative nicotine	244
products, or liquid nicotine. Except as otherwise provided in	245
this division, illegal distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco	246
products, <del>or </del> alternative nicotine products <u>, or liquid nicotine</u>	247
is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender	248
previously has been convicted of a violation of division (B)(1),	249
(2), (4), (5), or (6) or (C) of this section, illegal	250
distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, <del>or</del>	251
alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine is a	252
misdemeanor of the third degree.	253

- (2) Whoever violates division (B)(3) of this section is 254 quilty of permitting children to use cigarettes, other tobacco 255 products, or alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine. 256 Except as otherwise provided in this division, permitting 257 children to use cigarettes, other tobacco products, or 258 alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine is a 259 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If the offender previously has 260 been convicted of a violation of division (B)(3) of this 261 section, permitting children to use cigarettes, other tobacco 262 products, or alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine 263 264 is a misdemeanor of the third degree.
- 265 (G) Any cigarettes, other tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, <u>liquid nicotine</u>, or papers used to roll 266 cigarettes that are given, sold, or otherwise distributed to a 267 child in violation of this section and that are used, possessed, 268 purchased, or received by a child in violation of section 269 2151.87 of the Revised Code are subject to seizure and 270 forfeiture as contraband under Chapter 2981. of the Revised 271 Code. 272
  - Sec. 2927.021. (A) As used in this section and section

#### 2927.022 of the Revised Code:

- (1) "Card holder" means any person who presents a driver's

  or commercial driver's license or an identification card to a

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  seller, or an agent or employee of a seller, to purchase or

  receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative

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  nicotine products, or liquid nicotine from the seller, agent, or

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- (2) "Identification card" means an identification card
  issued under sections 4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code.
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- (3) "Seller" means a seller of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine and includes any person whose gift of or other distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine is subject to the prohibitions of section 2927.02 of the Revised Code.
- (4) "Transaction scan" means the process by which a seller or an agent or employee of a seller checks, by means of a transaction scan device, the validity of a driver's or commercial driver's license or an identification card that is presented as a condition for purchasing or receiving cigarettes, other tobacco products, or—alternative nicotine products, or—liquid nicotine.
- (5) "Transaction scan device" means any commercial device or combination of devices used at a point of sale that is capable of deciphering in an electronically readable format the information encoded on the magnetic strip or bar code of a driver's or commercial driver's license or an identification card.
  - (B)(1) A seller or an agent or employee of a seller may

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perform a transaction scan by means of a transaction scan device	303
to check the validity of a driver's or commercial driver's	304
license or identification card presented by a card holder as a	305
condition for selling, giving away, or otherwise distributing to	306
the card holder cigarettes, other tobacco products, <del>or</del>	307
alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine.	308

- (2) If the information deciphered by the transaction scan 309 performed under division (B)(1) of this section fails to match 310 the information printed on the driver's or commercial driver's 311 license or identification card presented by the card holder, or 312 if the transaction scan indicates that the information so 313 printed is false or fraudulent, neither the seller nor any agent 314 or employee of the seller shall sell, give away, or otherwise 315 distribute any cigarettes, other tobacco products, or-316 alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine to the card 317 holder. 318
- (3) Division (B)(1) of this section does not preclude a 319 seller or an agent or employee of a seller from using a 320 transaction scan device to check the validity of a document 321 other than a driver's or commercial driver's license or an 322 identification card, if the document includes a bar code or 323 magnetic strip that may be scanned by the device, as a condition 324 for selling, giving away, or otherwise distributing cigarettes, 325 other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products, or 326 liquid nicotine to the person presenting the document. 327
- (C) Rules adopted by the registrar of motor vehicles under division (C) of section 4301.61 of the Revised Code apply to the use of transaction scan devices for purposes of this section and section 2927.022 of the Revised Code.
  - (D) (1) No seller or agent or employee of a seller shall

seller of any responsibility to comply with any other applicable

state or federal laws or rules governing the sale, giving away,

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scan.

or other distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or-	362
alternative nicotine products, or liquid nicotine.	363
(F) Whoever violates division (B)(2) or (D) of this	364
section is guilty of engaging in an illegal tobacco product or	365
alternative nicotine product transaction scan, and the court may	366
impose upon the offender a civil penalty of up to one thousand	367
dollars for each violation. The clerk of the court shall pay	368
each collected civil penalty to the county treasurer for deposit	369
into the county treasury.	370
Sec. 2927.022. (A) A seller or an agent or employee of a	371
seller may not be found guilty of a charge of a violation of	372
section 2927.02 of the Revised Code in which the age of the	373
purchaser or other recipient of cigarettes, other tobacco	374
products, or liquid nicotine	375
is an element of the alleged violation, if the seller, agent, or	376
employee raises and proves as an affirmative defense that all of	377
the following occurred:	378
(1) A card holder attempting to purchase or receive	379
cigarettes, other tobacco products, <del>or</del> alternative nicotine	380
products, or liquid nicotine presented a driver's or commercial	381
driver's license or an identification card.	382
(2) A transaction scan of the driver's or commercial	383
driver's license or identification card that the card holder	384
presented indicated that the license or card was valid.	385
(3) The cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative	386
nicotine products, or liquid nicotine were sold, given away, or	387
otherwise distributed to the card holder in reasonable reliance	388
upon the identification presented and the completed transaction	389

(B) In determining whether a seller or an agent or

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employee of a seller has proven the affirmative defense provided	392
by division (A) of this section, the trier of fact in the action	393
for the alleged violation of section 2927.02 of the Revised Code	394
shall consider any written policy that the seller has adopted	395
and implemented and that is intended to prevent violations of	396
section 2927.02 of the Revised Code. For purposes of division	397
(A)(3) of this section, the trier of fact shall consider that	398
reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the	399
completed transaction scan may require a seller or an agent or	400
employee of a seller to exercise reasonable diligence to	401
determine, and that the use of a transaction scan device does	402
not excuse a seller or an agent or employee of a seller from	403
exercising reasonable diligence to determine, the following:	404
(1) Whether a person to whom the seller or agent or	405
employee of a seller sells, gives away, or otherwise distributes	406
cigarettes, other tobacco products, <del>or</del> alternative nicotine	407
products, or liquid nicotine is eighteen years of age or older;	408
(2) Whether the description and picture appearing on the	409
driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card	410
presented by a card holder is that of the card holder.	411
(C) In any criminal action in which the affirmative	412
defense provided by division (A) of this section is raised, the	413
registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar who issued an	414
identification card under sections 4507.50 to 4507.52 of the	415
Revised Code shall be permitted to submit certified copies of	416
the records of that issuance in lieu of the testimony of the	417
personnel of or contractors with the bureau of motor vehicles in	418
the action.	419

Sec. 2927.28. (A) As used in this section:

establishing child-resistant packaging standards for liquid

nicotine containers. The rules shall be adopted in accordance

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(D) The department shall administer the laws governing the	478
state emergency management agency and shall enforce all	479
additional duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the	480
Revised Code related to emergency management services.	481
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(E) The department shall conduct investigations pursuant	482
to Chapter 5101. of the Revised Code in support of the duty of	483
the department of job and family services to administer the	484
supplemental nutrition assistance program throughout this state.	485
The department of public safety shall conduct investigations	486
necessary to protect the state's property rights and interests	487
in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.	488
(F) The department of public safety shall enforce	489
compliance with orders and rules of the public utilities	490
commission and applicable laws in accordance with Chapters	491
4905., 4921., and 4923. of the Revised Code regarding commercial	492
motor vehicle transportation safety, economic, and hazardous	493
materials requirements.	494
(G) Notwithstanding Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the	495
department of public safety may establish requirements for its	496
enforcement personnel, including its enforcement agents	497
described in section 5502.14 of the Revised Code, that include	498
standards of conduct, work rules and procedures, and criteria	499
for eligibility as law enforcement personnel.	500
(H) The department shall administer, maintain, and operate	501
the Ohio criminal justice network. The Ohio criminal justice	502
network shall be a computer network that supports state and	503
local criminal justice activities. The network shall be an	504
electronic repository for various data, which may include arrest	505
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warrants, notices of persons wanted by law enforcement agencies,

criminal records, prison inmate records, stolen vehicle records,

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