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S.B. No. 91

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to point-of-sale health warnings for tobacco products.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 161.084, Health and Safety Code, is  
5 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) The sign must include the statement:

8 PURCHASING OR ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY A  
9 MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. SALE OR PROVISION  
10 OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED  
11 BY LAW. UPON CONVICTION, A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR, INCLUDING A FINE OF  
12 UP TO \$500, MAY BE IMPOSED. VIOLATIONS MAY BE REPORTED TO THE TEXAS  
13 COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE BY CALLING (insert toll-free telephone  
14 number). PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT SMOKE. SMOKERS ARE MORE LIKELY  
15 TO HAVE BABIES WHO ARE BORN PREMATURE OR WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT.

16 (f) The comptroller may accept gifts or grants from any  
17 public or private source to perform the comptroller's duties under  
18 this section.

19 SECTION 2. The comptroller of public accounts shall adopt  
20 rules as necessary to implement Section 161.084, Health and Safety  
21 Code, as amended by this Act, not later than the 90th day after the  
22 effective date of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.