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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TOBACCO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit any
2 minor under the age of eighteen from possessing or smoking
3 tobacco products.

4 SECTION 2. Section 709-908, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending subsection (3) to read as follows:

6 "(3) It shall be unlawful for a minor under eighteen years
7 of age to purchase, possess, or smoke any tobacco product, as
8 described under subsection (1). This provision does not apply
9 if a person under the age of eighteen, with parental
10 authorization, is participating in a controlled purchase as part
11 of a law enforcement activity or a study authorized by the
12 department of health under the supervision of law enforcement to
13 determine the level of incidence of tobacco sales to minors."

14 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
15 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
16 begun before its effective date.

17 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

Tobacco; Tobacco Products; Minors

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