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Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 11:27 AM

Hello Shaun,

How is the Nicotine Free Generation amendments to tobacco licenses written. I did not receive verbiage this would remove nicotine product from the shelf as soon as now.

This was suppose to effect groups after 2005 from buying products. I would like a further description of the amendment to understand the context of how that applies to nicotine pouch products as of now.

Thank you,
Neel Patel

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Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 12:17 PM

Good afternoon Neel,

The tobacco lobbyists stated that they were going to meet with the retailers in town. They were going to bring you to the hearing to speak. The appeared at our board meeting several weeks before the hearing and appear to have done nothing else.

The hearing was properly posted and advertised. The papers wrote about the proposed regulation for weeks prior to the hearing.

The regulation does two things. It prevents the sale of any tobacco products to anyone born after January 1, 2005. Secondly, it restricts the sale of pouches, lozenges and mints of all kinds to adult only shops. As you are not an adult only tobacco shop, you were to cease the sale of pouches, etc. on July 1, 2025.

A study just released revealed that pouches, lozenges and mints were the largest source of poisonings among kids in the US. They are also the leading tobacco product consumed by the under 21 youth in Hopkinton. The regulation aims to prevent both issues.

I can send you a copy of the regulation. My apologies that the tobacco lobbyists failed to follow through. That said, they didn't even attend the hearing. There were over 30 residents and health professionals that supported both parts of the regulation.

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Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Shaun,

Can you send the entire regulations that are updated due to the amendment.

Also I noticed this does not effect adult only tobacco retailer. There was an adult only retail license available. Can you confirm the availability of such license.

Thank you,

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Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 1:10 PM

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Good afternoon Neel,

I've provided a definition of an "Adult Only Tobacco" establishment in Massachusetts.

In Massachusetts, the term "Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Store" is defined as an establishment that adheres to specific requirements, [according to Needham, MA \(.gov\)](#). It is also referred to as a "Retail Tobacco Store" in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 270.

The key characteristics that define an Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Store in Massachusetts are:

Primary Purpose: The establishment's main purpose is to sell or offer for sale tobacco products and tobacco paraphernalia, not for resale.

Incidental Sales: Any other product sales or services offered are considered merely incidental to the sale of tobacco products.

Age Restriction: The entry of individuals under the minimum legal sales age (21 in Massachusetts) is strictly prohibited at all times.

Permit: The establishment must hold a valid permit for the retail sale of tobacco products issued by the local Board of Health and applicable state licenses.

Food and Alcohol Sales: It is not allowed to possess a retail food permit or sell food, beverages, or alcohol on the premises, [says the City of Framingham, MA \(.gov\)](#).

Stand-alone Business: It must be a stand-alone business and not share space with any other businesses. It also cannot have a lottery license.

In short, Adult-Only Retail Tobacco Stores in Massachusetts are specifically tailored for the sale of tobacco products to individuals aged 21 and older, [according to Needham, MA \(.gov\)](#). They are designed to prevent access to tobacco

products by minors and are subject to strict regulations by both state and local authorities.

I should note that the State Legislature is contemplating a state wide ban of nicotine pouches, lozenges and mints.

I will forward you the regulation under a separate email.

Shaun McAuliffe

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