

Title XVII Chapter 133 Offenses Against Public Health and Safety

170.133.20 Use of Tobacco by Minors

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to smoke cigarettes or cigars or to use tobacco in any form whatever. Any minor so charged with the violation of this section may be free from prosecution when the minor shall have furnished evidence for the conviction of the person or persons selling or giving him or her the cigarettes, cigars, or tobacco.

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to possess any tobacco products; provided that the possession by a person under the age of 18 years under the supervision of the parent or guardian of such person in the privacy of the parent's or guardian's home, or when required in the performance of a person's duty as an employee, shall not be prohibited.

For purposes of this section, tobacco products shall be defined to mean any substance containing tobacco leaf, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, or dipping tobacco.

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