

Clerks & Retailers

A **CLERK** that sells cigarettes or tobacco products to an underage person **WILL BE CHARGED WITH A SIMPLE MISDEMEANOR AND WILL FACE THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:**

- 1st violation = \$100 fine
- 2nd violation = \$250 fine
- 3rd and subsequent violations = \$500 fine

A **CLERK MAY SEIZE A FALSE OR ALTERED DRIVER'S LICENSE OR NON-OPERATOR'S IDENTIFICATION CARD**, turn it over to law enforcement officials within 24 hours, and must issue a receipt to the license's owner.

A **RETAILER** that sells cigarettes or tobacco products to an underage person **WILL FACE THE FOLLOWING CIVIL PENALTIES:**

- 1st violation = \$300 civil penalty
- 2nd violation (within 2 years) = \$1,500 fine **or** 30-day suspension
- 3rd violation (within 3 years) = \$1,500 fine **and** 30-day suspension
- 4th violation (within 3 years) = \$1,500 fine **and** 60-day suspension
- 5th violation (within 4 years) = Revocation

Persons under Age 18

A **PERSON UNDER AGE 18** in possession or attempting to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products **WILL FACE THE FOLLOWING CIVIL PENALTIES:**

- 1st offense = \$50 **and** 8 hours of community service
- 2nd offense = \$100 **and** 12 hours of community service
- 3rd and subsequent offenses = \$250 **and** 16 hours of community service

AN UNDERAGE PERSON that uses a false or altered driver's license or non-operator's identification card to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products **WILL ALSO BE CHARGED WITH A SIMPLE MISDEMEANOR AND A \$100 FINE.**



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