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Proposed changes to *The Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*

The following is a list of proposed changes that can be found in the draft bill.

1. An increase of the legal age to purchase tobacco and vapour products from 18 years to 19.

This amendment aligns the legal age to purchase tobacco and vapour products with that of cannabis and alcohol in Saskatchewan. Most other provinces and territories in Canada maintain a legal age of purchase at 19 or older.

2. Removal of customer sampling at age-restricted vapour product retailers.

Removal of this customer sampling provision aligns with the province's overall position that smoking and vaping is not permitted in enclosed public places to protect members of the public from exposure to second-hand smoke and vapour. Tobacco and cannabis products may not be sampled at respective retailers in Saskatchewan.

Proprietors and employees of vapour product retailers will continue to be permitted to sample products for the purpose of sale (when the facility is closed to the public) so that they are able to support their customers.

3. Clarify the terms 'promote' and 'advertise' such that tobacco and vapour products are not marketed to the public (in the presence of youth).

The definitions of promote and advertise have been updated to ensure that tobacco and vapour products are not marketed or advertised to youth. The proposed changes will restrict advertising in public view whether products are sold at the premises or not.