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Online Tobacco Seller Update on 2021 Tobacco Laws

During the 2021 Legislative Session there were changes made to the laws governing the sale of tobacco products. Some of these changes are summarized below, but please review the full text of Assembly Bill 59.

The legal sales age for cigarettes, products containing, made or derived from tobacco, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or products containing, made or derived from nicotine has changed. Consistent with Federal law, <u>as of May 27, 2021, it is a violation of</u> <u>Nevada law to sell any of these products to someone under the age of 21</u>.

If you sell cigarettes, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or products containing nicotine or tobacco through a computer, telephonic, or other electronic network, to an ultimate consumer in Nevada, you have additional requirements to comply with.

You must ensure the packaging or wrapping of these products is properly labeled and you must obtain the full name, date of birth, and residential address of the purchaser. You must also perform an age verification through a third-party age verification service.

You are required to file an annual certification with the Nevada Attorney General's Office certifying that you are using a third-party age verification service. This certification form can be found at <u>https://ag.nv.gov/Hot\_Topics/Issue/Tobacco/</u>. This must be submitted before sales are made to consumers in Nevada.

Failure to comply with the laws related to selling through a computer, telephonic, or other electronic network will result in civil penalties and potential license suspension or revocation. A violation of this law can also be considered a deceptive trade practice.

If you have further questions, please contact <u>tobaccoenforcement@ag.nv.gov</u>.