GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 903

| Short Title: No Cigarette Sales to Minors. | (Public) |
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| Sponsors: Representatives Kerr; Smith and Warner. | |
| Referred to: Judiciary III. | |

April 18, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF CIGARETTES TO ANY PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF LAWS TO AVOID THEIR CONFLICTING INTERPRETATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-313 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-313. Selling cigarettes to minors.

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If any person shall sell, give away or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, cigarettes, or tobacco in the form of cigarettes, or cut tobacco in any form or shape which may be used or intended to be used as a substitute for cigarettes, to any minor under the age of 17–18 years, or if any person shall aid, assist or abet any other person in selling such articles to such minor, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment for not more than six months, or both."

- Sec. 2. This act shall supersede and prohibit the enactment of any other local laws, rules, and regulations of State and local agencies and local ordinances that are more restrictive than this act.
- Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.