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Thread: [California Raises Smoking Age to 21](#)

thales - May 5, 2016, 4:25 pm

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/05/health/california-smoking-age-21/>

Text ([Click to View](#))Quote:California has passed legislation raising its smoking age from 18 to 21 for most of its citizens.

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a series of bills Wednesday, which also place new restrictions on where people can smoke and the sale of electronic cigarettes.

"[These laws] will save countless lives, reduce astronomical costs to the health care system, and cost very little because it uses existing enforcement mechanisms," said Senator Ed Hernandez, who authored the bill to raise the age of tobacco products. "Today was an enormous victory for not only this generation, but also for many generations to come who will not suffer the deadly impacts of tobacco." e-cigarettes look like a traditional tobacco cigarette, with a light at the end that glows when the user draws on it. The battery-powered device heat; containing nicotine, which is released in aerosol form.

The initial bill made it illegal for everyone under the age of 21 to buy tobacco products, but some argued if 18-year-olds can be drafted or volunteer to fight and die for their country, they should be allowed to buy tobacco products.

A stipulation was later added to exempt active duty military personnel 18 and over.

Hawaii became the first state in the nation to raise their smoking age on January 1, following the lead of more than 100 cities, including San Francisco, Boston and New York.

The new laws also ban the sale of electronic cigarettes to anyone under 21 and restricts where they can be used in public places.

That stipulation was swiftly condemned by the Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association, which called the limitations to vapor products, some of which contain no tobacco, "counterproductive to public health."

"California took a step backwards today by reclassifying vapor products as tobacco," it said. "Our industry, which was built by former smokers that morphed into small- and mid-sized businesses, has always supported sensible legislation, such as prohibitions on selling to minors, reasonable licensing requirements and child-resistant packaging."

The American Academy of Pediatrics issued a statement in October strongly urging states to raise the smoking age to 21 and more heavily regulate e-cigarettes.

A study from the Institute of Medicine estimates that setting the minimum age at 21 nationwide, would result in nearly a quarter-million fewer premature deaths and 50,000 fewer deaths from lung cancer among people born between 2000 and 2019.

THE NORTH FACE - May 5, 2016, 4:26 pm

Looks like kids wont get lung cancer for a few extra years. Good idea imo

Frukt - May 5, 2016, 4:26 pm

I don't see a problem, that's actually great. Why would you want to smoke?

R?gicide - May 5, 2016, 4:27 pm

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Ahri????? - May 5, 2016, 4:27 pm

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R?gicide - May 5, 2016, 4:29 pm

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thales - May 5, 2016, 4:30 pm

(May 5, 2016 04:29 PM)R?gicide Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah. As the user above me stated - cigarettes should be banned in general. I'd rather it be replaced with marijuana (And I don't even support marijuana).Same with alcohol imo. Or if they're making smoking and alcohol legal they should make Marijuana legal with specific laws like smoking and drinking.

Jeff_F - May 5, 2016, 4:32 pm

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Judicious? - May 5, 2016, 4:33 pm

That's a good thing. Maybe some other states will follow suit.

@j0ey - May 5, 2016, 4:37 pm

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Rich Uncle Pennybags - May 5, 2016, 4:37 pm

They should just ban cigarettes completely, they have no human value.. just a huge source of tax money

thales - May 5, 2016, 4:39 pm

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Jeff_F - May 5, 2016, 4:44 pm

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They would go to illegal sources just like they did during prohibition. It's funny how things work. The moment you ban something the more people want it.,

LionHeart~ - May 5, 2016, 5:10 pm

Then the adults will sell it to people for even more money..

I still support vaping though. I quit cigarettes 4 months ago, I was smoking half a pack a day, now I don't even touch it. Now that I started vaping my health is starting to get better.

?Syria - May 6, 2016, 7:48 pm

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thales - May 6, 2016, 9:11 pm

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Dowls - May 6, 2016, 9:14 pm

I've never and never will touch a cig in my life, grew up with my mum smoking and that's put me reyt off. Disgusting habit.

I do however know at least around here they're super obtainable no matter what age you are, probably like that in most other places.

grady - May 6, 2016, 9:14 pm

That's honestly great news to be hearing from this country.

God knows that we need it.

Moon Rock - May 7, 2016, 12:39 am

I am very disappointed in California. I don't smoke tobacco, however I do cannabis and other herbs. So now we can't buy pipes in person and who knows how this will effect the other small businesses that wanted to sell water pipes online. I hope it doesn't effect the online shops as it will be another step you will have to take for every sale. I do also vape, however I may be unclear but you have to be 21 to buy the juice that contains nicotine. Am I right?

?????s??? - May 7, 2016, 12:40 am

(May 5, 2016 04:26 PM)THE NORTH FACE Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks like kids wont get lung cancer for a few extra years. Good idea imo

The realism from this hurts.

Kevin Runner - May 7, 2016, 2:18 am

(May 5, 2016 04:39 PM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I believe they have exceptions for people in the service. No, we don't get exemptions to alcohol/tobacco use. Even in service alcohol = 21, tobacco = 18. Now that's not saying depending where you are at and what you're doing, others may look away/not care. ?

CordCutter - May 7, 2016, 2:40 am

Thats a good step as Smoking is cause of many diseases. Thanks

sick24033 - May 7, 2016, 4:13 am

oh no, now kids have like NO ACESS TO SMOKES?!?!

GunVein - May 7, 2016, 6:07 am

Might be great especially for kids so they don't smoke in the young age, maybe few years later xD

thanks for informing !

carcossa - May 7, 2016, 6:08 am

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?Syria - May 7, 2016, 7:23 am

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You get a provisional license which has restrictions like you can't drive between the hours of 11PM-5AM and you can't have passengers under the age of 19 unless an adult is with you the age of 25 I believe. Then once you turn 18 the restrictions drop.

NurSpec - May 7, 2016, 11:22 am

(May 5, 2016 04:35 PM)Game Freak Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good thing, but still has 0 effect. This.

Won't change an awful lot.

Wolverine - May 7, 2016, 11:59 am

This won't change a thing, lol.

Reefer - May 7, 2016, 1:14 pm

(May 6, 2016 09:11 PM)thales Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Tell that to the millions of Americans that smoke that are 21+.

A big portion of them started at a younger age then 21 though...

Shit, i tried my first cigarette at 10 and marijuana at 12. I've never bought my own pack of cigs though, i learned young the better choice is bud.

A NEW ERA... - May 7, 2016, 1:36 pm

Cigarettes should be taken out overall, what do they do that benefits you?

n31ght0 - May 7, 2016, 5:47 pm

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you should think about employee of the cigarettes company/fabric when it's banned. also it's give much money to the country

Oliver Sykes - May 7, 2016, 5:58 pm

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In my state: 15 for permit, 16 for restricted (Curfew on license), 17 for unrestricted (Full license, pretty much), 18 to get "Unrestricted" off of your license.

old42 - May 9, 2016, 6:37 pm

Here in Quebec you have to 18. Well at that age you can join the Army, drink also. I personally think

it is a good idea. Should do that here to.

Nate - May 9, 2016, 7:08 pm

I only dont like it because now i cant buy my Backwoods or dutches to roll my dro with i gotta be 21 now

\$esh - May 9, 2016, 7:12 pm

Welp Im fucked. Whos gonna go drive to get my newports now?

Sectoral - May 9, 2016, 7:35 pm

Its a good thing so 18 year olds would stop coming into my smoke shop and asking me for shit now I can tell them to fuck off

AncientWolf - May 9, 2016, 7:36 pm

Cigs should be illegal , it's straight up cancer

Squadie - May 9, 2016, 7:49 pm

I agree they should just stop making cigarettes

Sashimi - May 9, 2016, 7:58 pm

I'm sure it helps a lot more than making the legal age 16. Kids will find a way to get it regardless.