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This is an example of the notice that can be posted in retailer stores following recent changes.

NOTICE

On December 20, 2019, federal legislation was signed into law that raises the legal age to purchase any kind of tobacco product to 21. This change also applies to identification checks from age 27 to 30. This new law amends the Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic Act.

The US FDA has released the following statement:

On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 — 21 years. It is now illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco product —including cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes – to anyone under 21. FDA will provide additional details on this issue as they become available.

This new legal age of purchase law went into effect on **December 20, 2019**. The Food and Drug Admin has 180 days to release a regulation on the change and 90 days to make changes. The PCA will provide updates as they become available from the FDA on technical changes and enforcement guidance. The legal purchase age applies to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, pipe tobacco, e-cigarettes, vapor products, etc. This change in federal law does not include a military exemption. Please also consult your local and state laws.