
(a) In general.

In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(b) Distribute.

“Distribute” means to:

(1) give away, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue;

(2) offer to give away, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue; or

(3) cause or hire any person to:

   (i) give away, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue; or

   (ii) offer to give away, sell, deliver, dispense, or issue.

(c) Tobacco product.

   (1) In general.

   “Tobacco product” means any substance that contains tobacco.

   (2) Inclusions.

   “Tobacco product” includes any:

      (i) cigarette;

      (ii) cigar;

      (iii) bidi;

      (iv) pipe or other smoking tobacco; or

      (v) chewing tobacco, spit tobacco, snuff, or other smokeless tobacco.
§ 12-502. Unlawful distribution.

(a) Persons in business.

A person engaged in the business of selling or otherwise distributing tobacco products for commercial purposes may not:

(1) distribute any tobacco product to a minor, unless the minor is acting solely as the agent of an employer engaged in the business of distributing tobacco products;

(2) distribute any cigarette rolling paper to a minor; or

(3) distribute to a minor any coupon redeemable for any tobacco product.

(b) Others.

A person not described in subsection (a) of this section may not:

(1) buy for or sell to a minor any tobacco product; or

(2) buy for or sell or deliver to a minor any cigarette rolling paper.

§ 12-503. Exceptions.

(a) Published coupon.

This subtitle does not apply to the distribution of a coupon that is:

(1) contained in a newspaper, magazine, or other type of publication in which the coupon is incidental to the primary purpose of the publication; or

(2) sent through the mail.

(b) Identification as adult.

A person has not violated this subtitle if:

(1) the person examined a buyer’s or recipient’s driver’s license or other identification issued by an employer, governmental entity, or institution of higher education; and

(2) the license or other identification identified the buyer or recipient as being at least 18 years old.
§§ 12-504 to 12-505. *(Reserved)*

§ 12-506. Enforcement by citation.

(a) *In general.*

In addition to any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement procedure, this subtitle may be enforced by issuance of:

(1) an environmental citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 40 {“Environmental Control Board”}; or

(2) a civil citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {“Civil Citations”}.

(b) *Process not exclusive.*

The issuance of a citation to enforce this subtitle does not preclude pursuing any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement action authorized by law.

§ 12-507. Penalties: $1,000.

Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 for each offense.