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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: HB 2269 – Legal age for purchasing and possessing cigarettes and tobacco products.

House Bill No. 2269 (HB 2269) would raise the statutory age to be able to purchase and possess cigarettes and tobacco products from 18 to 21. Currently, state law requires individuals be at least 18 to purchase such products. Some local jurisdictions have increased the age restriction to 21. HB 2269 would make 21 the uniform age restriction for cigarettes and tobacco products across the state. The bill also would bring state law into conformity with federal law with respect to age restrictions on these products.

If enacted, HB 2269 would become effective on July 1, 2023.