

SB234 INTRODUCED



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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Existing law restricts the sale of certain
6 products to customers 21 years of age or older. These
7 laws generally require proof of age by checking a valid
8 identification card of the customer at the point of
9 sale.

10 This bill would require retailers of alcoholic
11 beverages, tobacco or vape products, or consumable hemp
12 products, after a violation for failure to verify a
13 customer's age, to use a digital system or card swipe
14 technology to verify the age of the customer at the
15 point of sale.

16 This bill would authorize any retailer selling
17 an age-restricted product to use these age-verification
18 technologies.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT

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Relating to age identification laws; to require
retailers of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or vape products, or
consumable hemp products to use certain digital or card swipe
technology to verify a customer's age in certain



29 circumstances.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. A retailer regulated under Title 28, Code of
32 Alabama 1975, that is found in violation of failing to verify
33 the age of a customer or selling a product to a customer under
34 21 years of age, shall use one of the following technologies
35 at the point of sale to verify that a customer purchasing an
36 age-restricted product is at least 21 years of age:

37 (1) A secure digital system that may be voluntarily
38 installed on a customer's mobile device which uses a minimal
39 set of data points from the customer's driver license; or

40 (2) A card swipe device that reads the magnetic strip
41 or barcode of a driver license or other state issued
42 identification card.

43 Section 2. Any retailer in the state that sells
44 age-restricted products may use either of the technologies
45 described in Section 1 to verify the age of its customers.

46 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
47 1, 2026.