

## SB234 INTRODUCED



1 SB234  
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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.

21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT

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



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circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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