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RESOLUTION NO.

[Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 38 (Hill) - Flavored Tobacco Products]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 38, authored by Senator Jerry Hill and co-authored by Senators Steve Glazer, Mike McGuire, and Anthony Portantino, to restrict sales of flavored e-cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products to combat use by youths.

WHEREAS, Existing law, the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act, prohibits a person from selling or otherwise furnishing tobacco products, as defined, to a person under 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Despite the progress reducing smoking, tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing more than 480,000 people each year in many forms of cancer, heart disease and respiratory diseases, among other health disorders which are more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined; and

WHEREAS, Electronic cigarettes (or "e-cigarettes") entered the marketplace around 2007, and since 2014, they have been the most commonly used tobacco product among youth in the United States; and

WHEREAS, E-cigarettes are frequently marketed in a variety of flavors with obvious appeal to youth, such as fruit, gummy bear, cotton candy, chocolate, vanilla, honey, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint, wintergreen, herb, or spice; and

WHEREAS, A 2016 study found that 78.2% of middle and high school students - 20.5 million youth - had been exposed to e-cigarette advertisements from at least one source, an increase from 68.9% only two years before, in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of middle and high school students who reported being current users of tobacco products increased 36% - from 3.6 million to 4.9 million students - between 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Flavored tobacco products are commonly sold by California tobacco retailers; for example: 97.4% of stores that sell cigarettes sell menthol cigarettes; 94.5% of stores that sell little cigars sell them in flavored varieties; 84.2% of stores that sell electronic smoking devices sell flavored varieties; and 83.8% of stores that sell chew or snus sell flavored varieties; and

WHEREAS, Each day, about 2,500 children in the United States try their first cigarette; and another 400 children under 18 years of age become new regular, daily smokers; 81% of youth who have ever used a tobacco product report that the first tobacco product they used was flavored; and

WHEREAS, Flavored tobacco products promote youth initiation of tobacco use and help young occasional smokers to become daily smokers by reducing or masking the natural harshness and taste of tobacco smoke and thereby increasing the appeal of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, As tobacco companies well know, menthol, in particular, cools and numbs the throat to reduce throat irritation and make the smoke feel smoother, making menthol cigarettes an appealing option for youth who are initiating tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore unsurprising that young people are much more likely to use menthol-, candy- and fruit-flavored tobacco products, including not just cigarettes but also ecigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, and hookah tobacco, than adults; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain impacting learning, memory, attention and increasing the addition to other drugs; and

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Supervisor Walton BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, In addition to nicotine, the aerosol that users inhale and exhale from ecigarettes can potentially expose both themselves and bystanders to other harmful substances, including heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deeply into the lungs; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, to address the appeal of flavored tobacco products to youth, the City enacted Ordinance No. 140-17, prohibiting tobacco retail establishments from selling flavored tobacco products and as a result of the referendum process, the ordinance was placed before the voters, who approved the ordinance in June 2018 (Proposition E) by a majority of 68.39%; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 38 will expand these efforts to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products statewide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support and pass California State Senate Bill No. 38; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the California State Assembly, the California State Senate, and California Senator Jerry Hill.

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AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 17, 2019

SENATE BILL

No. 38

Introduced by Senators Hill, Glazer, McGuire, and Portantino (Principal coauthors: Assembly Members McCarty and Wood) (Coauthors: Senators Allen, Beall, Leyva, Skinner, and Wiener) (Coauthors: Assembly Members Berman, Bloom, Cristina Garcia, Muratsuchi, O'Donnell, Mark Stone, and Ting)

December 3, 2018

An act to add Division 8.7 (commencing with Section 22995) to the Business and Professions Code, relating to tobacco products.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 38, as amended, Hill. Flavored tobacco products.

Existing law, the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Act, prohibits a person from selling or otherwise furnishing tobacco products, as defined, to a person under 21 years of age. Existing law authorizes specified enforcing agencies to assess civil penalties for violations of the STAKE Act.

This bill would prohibit a tobacco retailer from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product, as defined. *The bill would exclude from its provisions a product that has a patent issued prior to January 1, 2000, and is not a menthol flavored product, and tobacco products designed for a nonelectronic hookah.* The bill would authorize an enforcing agency to assess civil penalties under the STAKE Act for a violation of this prohibition. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that these provisions not be construed to preempt or prohibit the adoption and implementation of local ordinances related to the prohibition on the

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sale of flavored tobacco products. The bill would state that its provisions are severable.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Division 8.7 (commencing with Section 22995) is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

DIVISION 8.7. PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS

22995. For purposes of this division, the following definitions apply:

9 (a) "Characterizing flavor" means-a any distinguishable taste 10 or aroma, or both, other than the taste or aroma of tobacco, 11 imparted by a tobacco product or any byproduct produced by the 12 tobacco product. Characterizing flavors include, but are not limited 13 to, tastes or aromas relating to any fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, 14 candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint, wintergreen, herb, or spice. A tobacco product shall not be 15 16 determined to have a characterizing flavor solely because of the 17 use of additives or flavorings or the provision of ingredient 18 information. Rather, it is the presence of a distinguishable taste or 19 aroma, or both, as described in the first sentence of this definition, 20 that constitutes a characterizing flavor.

(b) "Constituent" means any ingredient, substance, chemical,
or compound, other than tobacco, water, or reconstituted tobacco
sheet, that is added by the manufacturer to a tobacco product during
the processing, manufacture, or packing of the tobacco product.

(c) "Enforcing agency" means the State Department of Public
Health, another state agency, including, but not limited to, the
office of the Attorney General, or a local law enforcement agency,
including, but not limited to, a city attorney, district attorney, or
county counsel.

30 (d) "Flavored tobacco product" means any tobacco product that
 31 contains a constituent that imparts a characterizing flavor. flavor,
 32 except for tobacco products designed for a nonelectronic hookah.

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1 (e) "Labeling" means written, printed, pictorial, or graphic 2 matter upon a tobacco product or any of its packaging.

3 (f) "Packaging" means a pack, box, carton, or container of any 4 kind, or, if no other container, any wrapping, including cellophane, 5 in which a tobacco product is sold or offered for sale to a consumer. 6

(g) "Retail location" means both of the following:

(1) A building from which tobacco products are sold at retail.

(2) A vending machine.

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9 (h) "Sale" or "sold" means a sale as defined in Section 30006 10 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

11 (i) "Tobacco product" means a product that meets both of the 12 following requirements:

13 (1) The product either does not have a patent issued prior to 14 January 1, 2000, or is a menthol flavored product.

15 (2) The product is a tobacco product as defined in paragraph 8 16 of subdivision (a) of Section 104495 of the Health and Safety 17 Code, as that provision may be amended from time to time.

18 (j) "Tobacco retailer" means a person who engages in this state 19 in the sale of tobacco products directly to the public from a retail 20 location. "Tobacco retailer" includes a person who operates 21 vending machines from which tobacco products are sold in this 22 state.

23 22996. (a) A tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's 24 agents or employees, shall not sell, offer for sale, or possess with 25 the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product.

(b) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a tobacco 26 27 product is a flavored tobacco product if a manufacturer or any of 28 the manufacturer's agents or employees, in the course of his or 29 her their agency or employment, has made a statement or claim 30 directed to consumers or to the public that the tobacco product has 31 or produces a characterizing flavor, including, but not limited to, 32 text, color, images, or all, on the product's labeling or packaging 33 that are used to explicitly or implicitly communicate that the 34 tobacco product has a characterizing flavor.

35 22997. An enforcing agency may assess civil penalties in the amounts set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 22958 for a violation 36 37 of this division.

38 22998. This-section division does not preempt or otherwise 39 prohibit the adoption of a local standard that imposes greater 40 restrictions on the access to tobacco products than the restrictions

1 imposed by this section. To the extent that there is an inconsistency

2 between this section division and a local standard that imposes

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3 greater restrictions on the access to tobacco products, the greater

4 restriction on the access to tobacco products in the local standard

5 shall prevail.

6 SEC. 2. The provisions of this act are severable. If any

7 provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity

8 shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given

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9 effect without the invalid provision or application.

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