

2016 Kansas Statutes

79-3322. Penalties. (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Kansas cigarette and tobacco products act, except as otherwise provided in this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. In addition thereto any person found liable for any license fee or tax imposed under the provisions of this act shall be personally liable for such license fee or tax plus a penalty in an amount equal to 100% thereof.

(b) (1) It is a class B person misdemeanor punishable by a minimum fine of \$200 for any person to: (A) Sell, give or furnish any cigarettes or tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age; or (B) buy any cigarettes or tobacco products for any person under 18 years of age.

(2) It shall be a defense to a prosecution under this subsection if: (A) The defendant is a licensed retail dealer, or employee thereof, or a person authorized by law to distribute samples; (B) the defendant sold, furnished or distributed the cigarettes or tobacco products to the person under 18 years of age with reasonable cause to believe the person was of legal age to purchase or receive cigarettes or tobacco products; and (C) to purchase or receive the cigarettes or tobacco products, the person under 18 years of age exhibited to the defendant a driver's license, Kansas nondriver's identification card or other official or apparently official document containing a photograph of the person and purporting to establish that the person was of legal age to purchase or receive cigarettes or tobacco products.

(3) It shall be a defense to a prosecution under this subsection if: (A) The defendant engages in the lawful sale, furnishing or distribution of cigarettes or tobacco products by mail; and (B) the defendant sold, furnished or distributed the cigarettes or tobacco products to the person by mail only after the person had provided to the defendant an unsworn declaration, conforming to K.S.A. 53-601, and amendments thereto, that the person was 18 or more years of age.

(4) For purposes of this subsection the person who violates this subsection shall be the individual directly selling, furnishing or distributing the cigarettes or tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age or the retail dealer who has actual knowledge of such selling, furnishing or distributing by such individual or both.

(c) Violation of subsection (m) or (n) of K.S.A. 79-3321, and amendments thereto, is a cigarette or tobacco infraction for which the fine is \$25. In addition, the judge may require the juvenile to appear in court with a parent or legal guardian.

(d) Any agent, employees or others who aid, abet or otherwise participate in any way in the violation of the Kansas cigarette and tobacco products act or in any of the offenses hereunder punishable shall be guilty and punished as principals to the same extent as any person violating this act.

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