

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2066

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Suzanne M. Bump, Barbara Hildt, Marc D. Draisen and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to increase the penalty for the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of eighteen. Health Care.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF VENDING MACHINES FOR THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 6, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 6. The sale of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff or any  
5 tobacco product by means of vending machines shall be  
6 prohibited. Whoever gives or sells a cigarette, chewing tobacco,  
7 snuff or any tobacco in any of its forms to a person under the  
8 age of eighteen, excluding his parent or guardian, shall be  
9 punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars for the  
10 first offense, not less than three hundred dollars for the second  
11 offense and not less than five hundred dollars for the third and  
12 subsequent offense.

13 All fines that are collected from violations of this bill will be  
14 directed to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for  
15 the purpose of rehabilitating adolescent smokers.

