
Identification of Enforcement Issues Regarding Youth Tobacco Legislation

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WHEREAS most youth-related tobacco legislation was developed in the early 1900's, rarely updated or enforced, and seriously in need of review;

WHEREAS municipal, provincial and federal legislation are generally consistent for up to sixteen years, but not up to eighteen years of age;

WHEREAS enforcement has been recognized to be a long—term problem due to cost and higher priority enforcement issues whether drug or other;

WHEREAS certain existing tobacco—related legislation is threatened by application of the Charter or Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS the search for effective, practical and inexpensive enforcement models continues world-wide;

WHEREAS youth-oriented tobacco-related legislation as a component of tobacco use reduction has been employed partially but not optimally;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA advocate to the Ministry of Health for the identification of effective enforcement actions for youth-oriented tobacco-related legislation, and recommendations for implementation.

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