

3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S08RS**

5 **SGR No. 17**

6 **BY: SENATORS PRESTRIDGE, EASON AND CANSECO**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 **IN SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILL No. 240, WHICH**  
10 **WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO FROM AGE EIGHTEEN**  
11 **(18) TO AGE TWENTY-ONE (21).**  
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14 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THIS PROPOSED BILL WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM  
15 AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO FROM AGE EIGHTEEN (18) TO  
16 AGE TWENTY-ONE (21), BUT RETAINS THE EXCEPTION IF THE  
17 PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) IS WITH A PARENT OR LEGAL  
18 GAURDIAN; AND  
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20 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, RAISING THE LEGAL AGE TO TWENTY-ONE (21)  
21 REDUCES THE YEARS PEOPLE ARE ELGIBLE TO OBTAIN TOBACCO  
22 PRODUCTS, WHICH REDUCES THE RISKS OF NUMEROUS HEALTH  
23 ISSUES THAT WORSEN AS A PERSON CONTINUES TO USE TOBACCO  
24 PRODUCTS, AND  
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26 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, TOBACCO CONTAINS CARCINOGENS AND CHEMICALS  
27 THAT CAUSE USERS TO BECOME ADDICTED, AND THE LONGER A  
28 PERSON AVOIDS USING SUCH PRODUCTS, THE GREATER THE  
29 CHANCE THAT THEIR CONTINUED USE OF THE PRODUCTS IN  
30 THEIR ADULT YEARS WILL BE REDUCED; AND  
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32 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, RAISING THE AGE WILL HOPEFULLY CAUSE A  
33 DECREASE IN PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM TOBACCO-RELATED  
34 ILLNESSES, COUNTERACT THE REGRESSION OF REVENUE FROM SIN  
35 TAX ON TABACCO PRODUCTS, AND ALSO REDUCE HEALTH CARE  
36 COSTS IN THE FUTURE FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.  
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38 **PARAGRAPH 5:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT  
39 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
40 AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE SUPPORTS  
41 LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL No. 240,  
42 WHICH WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS  
43 TOBACCO FROM AGE EIGHTEEN (18) TO AGE TWENTY-ONE (21);  
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46 **PARAGRAPH 6:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS  
47 RESOLUTON BE SENT TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL,  
48 REPRESENTATIVE WALKER HINES, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE,  
49 REPRESENTATIVE JIM TUCKER, GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL, AND  
50 ALSO REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH AND SENATOR YVONNE  
51 DORSEY, WHO REPRESENT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
52 REPECTFULLY.