

3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S08RS**

5 **SGR No. 18**

6 **BY: SENATORS GAMMON, SELLERS, BLANCO AND FOLEY**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 **IN OPPOSITION OF LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILL NO. 240,**  
10 **WHICH WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO FROM AGE**  
11 **EIGHTEEN (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, IT IS NOT THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO  
21 INTERFERE WITH SOCIAL ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE LEFT UP TO  
22 THE DISCRETION OF PARENTS; AND

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24 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, RAISING THE AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO  
25 WOULD MOST LIKELY CONTRIBUTE TO AN INCREASE IN THE  
26 NUMBER OF UNDERAGE USERS, BASED ON TRENDS FROM THE  
27 POPULARITY OF UNDERAGE DRINKING; AND

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29 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, RAISING THE AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO  
30 WOULD DECREASE SALES, AND THEREFORE, DECREASE REVENUE  
31 GAINED FROM SIN TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

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33 **PARAGRAPH 5:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT  
34 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
35 AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OPPOSES  
36 LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 240,  
37 WHICH WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS  
38 TOBACCO FROM AGE EIGHTEEN (18) TO AGE TWENTY-ONE (21);  
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41 **PARAGRAPH 6:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS  
42 RESOLUTON BE SENT TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL,  
43 REPRESENTATIVE WALKER HINES, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE,  
44 REPRESENTATIVE JIM TUCKER, GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL, AND  
45 ALSO REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH AND SENATOR YVONNE  
46 DORSEY, WHO REPRESENT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
47 REPECTFULLY.