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Short Title

*Counties Prohibit Underage
Nicotine Possession*

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Status

This bill is currently pending before the House Local Government Committee. This research note reflects the introduced version of the bill.

Summary

The bill allows counties to enact an ordinance or resolution prohibiting people under the age of 18 from possessing cigarettes or tobacco products, as is currently allowed for municipalities. Counties are also allowed to restrict possession of nicotine products by minors.

Background

Nicotine requirements. The Colorado "Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Act" prohibits the possession of a cigarette or tobacco product by a person who is under eighteen years of age. Under current law, statutory and home rule municipalities may enact an ordinance similar or more stringent to state law regarding tobacco use by minors.

Colorado counties. Colorado is divided into 64 counties. Counties are political subdivisions of state government, and may only exercise those powers specifically provided in state law.

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