

Municipal Tobacco Control Technical Assistance Program

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MANDATORY SUSPENSION LENGTH FOR A FIRST-TIME VIOLATOR WHO SOLD TO A PERSON UNDER 21 (PER 105 CMR 665.040(D))

These municipalities have made a decision on the suspension length mandated by state law for a first-time violator who sold to a minor.

Bedford – 3 days	Hudson - 3 days	Rochester – 1-3 days
Belchertown – 3 days	Ipswich – 3 days	Salem – 3 days
Boston – 3 days	Lawrence – 1 day	Shrewsbury – 3 days
Braintree – 5 days	Lee – 1 day	Somerville – 3 days
Chelsea – 3 days	Lenox – 1 day	Southborough – 3 days
Chicopee – 1 day	Leominster – 3 days	Stockbridge – 1 day
Concord – 3 days	Lowell - 3 days	Townsend – 3 days
East Longmeadow – 3 days	Ludlow – 1 day	Uxbridge – 3 days
Essex – 3 days	Marion – 3 days	Wakefield – 5 days
Everett – 3 days	Marlborough – 1 day	Ware – 7 days
Foxborough – 3 days	Medway – 1-3 days	West Bridgewater – 4 days
Franklin – 5 days	Melrose – 5 days	Westfield – 7 days
Gloucester – 3 days	New Bedford – 3 days	Williamstown – 1 day
Grafton – 3 days	Peabody – 3 days	Worcester – 5 days
Great Barrington – 5 days	Reading – 3 days	
Greenfield – 3 days	Revere – 3 days	

TOTAL: 46 municipalities (20 cities in bold) representing 31.1% of the state’s population (2,174,035).

105 CMR 665.040(D):

Sale of a tobacco product by a retail establishment to a person younger than 21 years old shall result in the retail establishment being prohibited from selling tobacco products for up to 30 consecutive business days, or for a longer term as enacted, adopted, or promulgated in a rule, regulation or other measure by the appropriate and legally designated health authority of the city, town, or other legally constituted governmental unit within the Commonwealth.

Benefits for deciding suspension duration:

- (1) Enforcement agents can be clear with retailers what the specific penalty is (\$1000 and X days).
- (2) Boards of Health have a set enforcement duration to ensure all retailers are treated equally.

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