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to amend and supplement certain legislative acts

The Parliament adopts the present organic law.

Article I - Law No. 278-XVI of December 14, 2007, on tobacco and tobacco products (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2008, No. 47-48, art. 139), as amended, shall be supplemented as follows:

- 1. Article 15 shall be supplemented by paragraphs (4) and (5) to read as follows:
- "(4) Commercial establishments engaging in the retail sale of tobacco products shall:
- a) post notice in a conspicuous manner that states that the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age is prohibited;
- b) post notice on the fines imposed for violating the provisions prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age.
- (5) To ensure that the person who buys tobacco products has reached the age of 18 years, merchants (sellers) shall request purchaser to show an ID card or other official document with photograph of the person as proof of age. If the purchaser refuses to show an ID, merchant (seller) may not sell tobacco products to such person."
 - 2. After Article 16 insert Article 16¹ to read as follows:

"Article 16¹ Restrictions on smoking in private places

Smoking shall be prohibited in private rooms accessible to the public at large and in private vehicles in which minors are present."

Article II - Article 30 of Law No. 1100-XIV of June 30, 2000, on the manufacture and distribution of ethyl alcohol and alcohol production (republished in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2010, No. 98-99, art. 293), as amended, shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

point c), after the word "students" insert the words "and in their surrounding area as established by local government authorities,";

point j) shall read as follows:

"j) [for] persons who have not reached 18 years. To ensure that the person who buys alcoholic products has reached the age of 18 years, merchants (sellers) shall request purchaser to show an ID card or other official document with photograph of the person as proof of age. If the buyer refuses to show ID, merchant (seller) may not sell alcoholic products to such person. "

The article shall be supplemented with the points l) and m) to read as follows:

"I) in grocery stores and other retail establishments between the hours of 10pm- 8am; m) in grocery stores and other retail establishments in plastic containers smaller than 0.25 liters."

Article III - Contravention Code of the Republic of Moldova no. 218-XVI of October, 24, 2008, (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2009, No. 3-6, art. 15), as amended, shall be amended as follows:

- 1. Article 91, under penalty paragraph (2), the texts "from 60 to 100" and "from100 to 200" is replaced by texts "from 80 to 120" and "from 200 to 350", respectively.
- 2. Article 203, under penalty paragraph (3) the text "from 10 to 20" is replaced by the text "from 30 to 50."

Article IV – Within a three-month term, the Government shall:

- bring its normative acts in line with the present law;
- submit proposals to the Parliament to bring the legislation in force in line with the present law.

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