

The National Federation of Retail Newsagents (NFRN) is delighted to respond to the call for evidence from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee following The Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill. Please see our response below;

Part 1 – Regulation of sale of nicotine products and tobacco

Clause 1: *Prohibition of sale of nicotine products to persons under the age of 18*

The NFRN strongly supports age regulation of sale of nicotine products to persons under the age of 18, including the use of e-cigarettes and other vapour products. In addition, the NFRN support the addition of an offence of obtaining nicotine / nicotine products through proxy purchasing, further preventing minors obtaining nicotine products.

Clause 2: *Prohibition of sale of nicotine products from vending machines*

The NFRN supports the prohibition of the sale of nicotine and nicotine related products from vending machines.

Clause 3: *Amendments consequential on section 1 and 2*

Clause 4: *Amendment of the Order of 1991*

The NFRN supports these amendments.

Clause 5: *Interpretation of Part 1*

The NFRN supports this clause which expands the definition in the inclusion of e-cigarettes and other nicotine related vapour products.

The NFRN does not wish to comment on any other clauses.