

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2519

To increase the legal age of smoking from 18 to 21.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tobacco-Free Youth
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN LEGAL AGE OF SMOKING.**

7 Section 1926 of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 300x–26) is amended by striking “under the age
9 of 18” each place it occurs and inserting “under the age
10 of 21”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect
3 with respect to the first fiscal year beginning after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, except that in the case
5 of a State the legislature of which does not convene a regu-
6 lar session in such fiscal year or the next fiscal year, such
7 amendments shall take effect with respect to the third fis-
8 cal year beginning after such date.

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