House Bill 653 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Rogers of the 15th, Smith of the 13th, Post 2, Buckner of the 82nd, Rynders of the 137th, O`Neal of the 117th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 16-12-171 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited acts related to sale or distribution to or purchase by minors of cigarettes and tobacco related objects, so as to prohibit possession of cigarettes or tobacco related objects by minors; to provide for an exception; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 16-12-171 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited acts related to sale or distribution to or purchase by minors of cigarettes and tobacco related objects, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(b)(1) It shall be unlawful for any minor to:

(A) Purchase or possess for personal use any cigarettes or tobacco related objects. This subparagraph shall not apply to possession of cigarettes or tobacco related objects by a minor when a parent or guardian of such minor gives the cigarettes or tobacco related objects to the minor and possession is in the home of the parent or guardian and such parent or guardian is present; or

(B) Misrepresent such minor´s identity or age or use any false identification for the purpose of purchasing or procuring any cigarettes or tobacco related objects."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.