

# US federal bill to raise tobacco age to 21

A new bill to raise the minimum age for tobacco purchases to 21 has been introduced to the US senate by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. The bill replaces an earlier proposal that drew criticism for making concessions to the tobacco industry. The new bill will include e-cigarettes in the legislation following concerns about rising e-cigarette use among young people in the US. Prior to this legislation, 14 US states had already raised the minimum age of tobacco purchase to 21 in a range of changes referred to by anti-smoking groups as T21 legislation.

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