



Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No 2): Approval for Introduction

Portfolio Health

On 29 August 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No 2) (the Bill) holds a category 2 priority (must be passed by the end of 2024) on the 2024 Legislation Programme;
- 2 **noted** that the Bill will:
 - 2.1 ban disposable vaping products;
 - 2.2 introduce significant increased penalties for the sale of regulated products to minors;
 - 2.3 introduce restrictions on the retail display of vaping products, to reduce their appeal to minors;
 - 2.4 introduce licensed early childhood education centres in proximity requirements for new specialist vape retailer applications;
 - 2.5 shift existing proximity requirements regarding schools and marae into the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990;
 - 2.6 introduce new offences and penalties to support these requirements to ensure compliance and reduce youth vaping;
- 3 **approved** the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Amendment Bill (No 2) [PCO 26259/5.2] for introduction, subject to the final approval of the government caucus and sufficient support in the House of Representatives;
- 4 **agreed** that the Bill be introduced in the sitting week of 10 September 2024;
- 5 **agreed** that the Government propose that the Bill be:
 - 5.1 referred to the Health Committee for consideration;
 - 5.2 enacted before the end of 2024.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Attendance: (See over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Scott Simpson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Prime Minister's Office

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