



AAO-HNS State Issue Sheet: E-cigarette Regulations

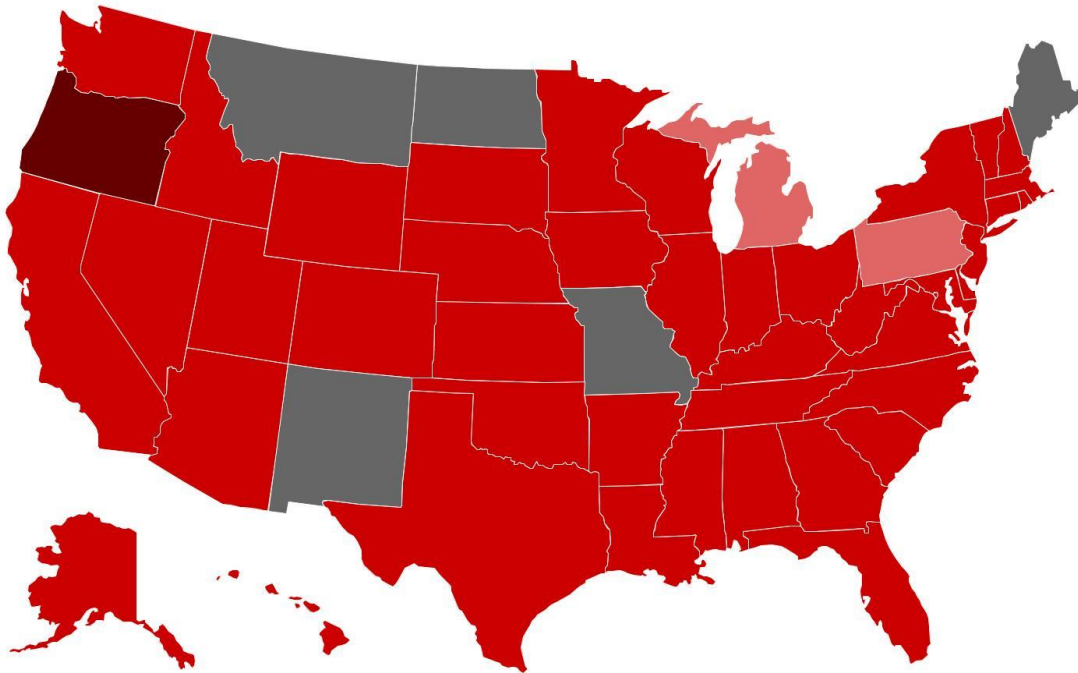
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With the recent rise in popularity of e-cigarettes, the federal and state governments are wrestling with how to effectively regulate this new product. In an effort to keep pace with this growing trend, the FDA proposed a rule in April 2014 that would extend the agency's tobacco authority to include e-cigarettes and other tobacco products. With the official comment period for the rule ending in August 2014, the majority of state sessions expired without any federal guidance.

As a result of this leadership void, in early 2014, states began the process of regulating this new industry in many different ways. The majority of states took action by passing legislation restricting the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Some states went further to define e-cigarettes as a tobacco product for taxation and distribution purposes.

The AAO-HNS continues to monitor federal and state efforts to regulate e-cigarettes and encourages its members to help educate lawmakers in their states.

- State has an age restriction on who may purchase e-cigarettes.
- State has legislation pending to restrict e-cigarette sales to minors.
- State has a ban on all e-cigarette sales until FDA makes a rule.
- States have no restrictions on sales to minors.



*For more information on legislation regulating e-cigarettes and other tobacco/nicotine products,
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