

Law of Georgia

on Making Amendments to the Law of Georgia on Tobacco Control

Article 1. The following amendments shall be made to the Law of Georgia on Tobacco Control (Legislative Herald of Georgia, №76, 29.12.2010, Art. 500):

1. In Article 3:

a) Sub-Paragraph “v” shall be worded as follows:

“v) Public transit – any vehicle, including buses, trams, trolleybuses, vans, taxis, trains, aircrafts, subways, cable cars, boats, or other vessels, used for transporting people in exchange for payment or/and for commercial gain;”

b) After Sub-Paragraph “w” Sub-Paragraph “x” shall be added with the following text:

“x) Brand Expansion – Association of a tobacco product brand, trade mark, emblem, trade mark, logo or any other distinctive mark (including different color combinations) with another product or service in which the tobacco product and other product or service are identified with each other.”

2. Sub-Paragraph “h” shall be added to Paragraph 3 of Article 5 with the following text:

“h) Brand Expansion, as well as the placement of a marking, image, special lighting, digital material or text on the inside or outside of a tobacco device/item in a retail store and designing this device/item in a way that will or may catch the customer's attention or will or may cause the customer to associate this item with the product contained inside, with tobacco products or tobacco manufacturer.”

3. In Article 10:

a) in Paragraph 1:

a.a) Sub-Paragraph “b” shall be worded as follows:

“b) In public transit (except in the open space of a boat or other vessel);”

a.b) After Sub-Paragraph “b” Sub-Paragraph “b¹” the following text shall be added:

“b¹) If a minor is riding in a vehicle (Automobile);”

b) Sub-Paragraph “b” of Paragraph 8 shall be worded as follows:

“b) Shall not allow the presence of smoke, aerosols, cigarette butts and ashes, resulting from the use of tobacco as well as the presence of ashtray on the grounds of the facility where it conducts its business, as defined in Paragraph 1 of this Article.”

4. Paragraph 5 of Article 12¹ shall be worded as follows:

“5. Until January 1, 2025, a medical warning may be placed without a respective pictograph on each package of a new tobacco product referenced in subparagraph “a.g.” of Article 3 as well as on a heated tobacco packaging referenced in Paragraph “a.i.” of the same Article. Additionally, for heated tobacco, as per sub-paragraph “a.i.” of article 3 of this Law, it is allowed that a medical warning not occupy less than 30 percent of the total area of the side of the packaging, including the boundary lines.”

Article 2. This Law shall become effective from January 1, 2022.

President of Georgia

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