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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2578**

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice  
on February 23, 2009)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Howell, A.T.)

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-371.4, relating to the sale of lighters to those under 12 years of age; penalty.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-371.4 as follows:**

*§ 18.2-371.4. Prohibiting the sale of lighters to juveniles under the age of 12.*

*Any individual who sells a lighter to a person he knows or has reason to know is under the age of 12 shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor punishable only by a fine not to exceed \$100.*

*This section may be enforced by the State Fire Marshal's Office; local fire marshals appointed pursuant to § 27-34.2 or 27-34.2:1; or law-enforcement officers.*

**2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2010.**

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE**

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