

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 640**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hall**

February 20, 2013

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An act to amend Section 22972 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to cigarettes and tobacco products.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 640, as introduced, Hall. Cigarettes and tobacco products: retailers: licenses.

The California Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003 requires a retailer to have and maintain a license from the State Board of Equalization to engage in the sale of cigarette and tobacco products in California.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 22972 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 22972. (a) Commencing June 30, 2004, a retailer shall have
- 4 in place and maintain a license to engage in the sale of cigarettes
- 5 or tobacco products. A retailer that owns or controls more than
- 6 one retail location shall obtain a separate license for each retail
- 7 location, but may submit a single application for those licenses.

1 (b) The retailer shall conspicuously display the license at each  
2 retail location in a manner *that is* visible to the public.

3 (c) A license is not assignable or transferable. A person who  
4 obtains a license as a retailer who ceases to do business as specified  
5 in the license, or who never commenced business, or whose license  
6 is suspended or revoked, shall immediately surrender the license  
7 to the board.

8 (d) A license shall be valid for a 12-month period, and shall be  
9 renewed annually.