

This amendment will authorize the Attorney General to charge a fee to any manufacturer who is selling a vape product. The fee will be \$500 per product. This models the Tobacco Product Manufacturer Certification, or the cigarette registry. The tobacco manufacturers are on board with this and believe this is a best practice for enforcement. The fee will pay for the FTE that it will require to administer this registry and that person will also be assisting with the MSA enforcement. The Attorney General agrees to this as they have had BCI go undercover in the vape shops and have found some very troubling results of materials not being what they are advertised as.

This is a good step forward as the market is being flooded by vape products that are made in China and coming into this country as contraband to be sold illicitly. These are the common fruity flavors that you see that are being marketed to kids. Currently vape products are to be approved by the FDA to be sold, and unfortunately the feds are not regulating this. This amendment would allow for North Dakota to have it's own registry and provide an ability to enforce.

The retail stores will not be impacted by this. This is a fee purely at the manufacturer level and is a really good step towards stopping the flow of profits going to the Chinese Tobacco Monopoly.

State E-vapor and Alternative Nicotine Product Directory and Enforcement Laws (as of Oct. 31, 2024)

