

Chronological List of States with Laws Banning the Sale and/or Distribution of Novelty and Toylike Lighters

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Maine

Governor John E. Baldacci signed Legislative Document 2081, which prohibits the retail sale and distribution of novelty lighters, into law on March 24, 2008. Maine is the first state to enact legislation banning novelty lighters.

Tennessee

Governor Phil Bredesen signed House Bill 3107, which limits the sale and distribution of novelty lighters, into law on April 23, 2008.

Oregon

Governor Ted Kulongoski signed House Bill 2365, a bill banning the manufacture, sale and distribution of toylike (novelty) lighters, into law on March 4, 2009.

Arkansas

Governor Mike Beebe signed Senate Bill 154, which bans the sale and distribution of novelty lighters, into law on March 10, 2009.

Virginia

Governor Tim Kaine signed House Bill 2578, which prohibits the sale of novelty lighters to juveniles, into law on March 30, 2009.

Washington

Governor Christine Gregoire signed Senate Bill 5011, which prohibits the sale or distribution of certain novelty lighters, into law on April 29, 2009.

Nevada

Assembly Bill 266, which prohibits the sale or distribution as a promotion of novelty lighters and was sponsored by John Ocegüera, became law on May 29, 2009. This means that the bill was passed by the Nevada Legislature without Governor Jim Gibbons approving or vetoing it within the allowed period.

Louisiana

Governor Bobby Jindal signed House Bill 199, which prohibits the sale and distribution of certain novelty lighters, into law on June 19, 2009.

North Carolina

Governor Beverly Perdue signed Senate Bill 652, which prohibits the retail sale and distribution of novelty lighters, into law on June 30, 2009.

New Jersey

Governor Jon Corzine signed Assembly Bill 3207, which prohibits the sale of novelty lighters, into law on Nov. 20, 2009.

Mississippi

Governor Haley Barbour signed House Bill 232, which bans the sale and distribution of novelty lighters, into law on March 15, 2010.

Utah

Governor Gary R. Herbert signed House Bill 201, which prohibits the sale, manufacture, distribution or possession of novelty lighters, into law on March 30, 2010.

Illinois

Governor Pat Quinn signed House Bill 5139, which bans the sale and distribution of novelty and toy lighters, into law on July 28, 2010.

Massachusetts

Governor Deval Quinn signed House Bill 4369, which bans the manufacture, sale, giving away, storing or transport of novelty lighters, into law on Aug. 9, 2010.

Hawaii

Senate Bill 173, which calls for a ban on the sale of novelty lighters, became law without the signature of Governor Neil Abercrombie on July 12, 2011.

New York

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed Assembly Bill 1011, which bans the manufacture, import, sale and distribution of novelty lighters, on Sept. 27, 2013.

Nebraska

Governor Dave Heineman signed Legislative Bill 403, which prohibits the sale of novelty lighters without child-proof safety features on Feb. 13, 2014.