

**Act Prohibiting Smoking by Minors  
(Act No. 33 on March 7, 1900)**

Last Revision: Act No. 152 on December 12, 2001

**Article 1** A person not fully the age of twenty (20) years may not smoke tobacco.

**Article 2** Any person violating the preceding Article is subject to an administrative penalty through the confiscation of the tobacco and tobacco-related implements used for smoking in the violator's possession.

**Article 3** Any person having custody of a minor, who knows of but does not prevent smoking by the minor, shall be fined.

(2) Any person assuming charge of the minor instead of the person having custody of the minor shall also be judged in accordance with the preceding Article.

**Article 4** A person selling tobacco or tobacco-related implements shall adopt age verification and other measures necessary for preventing a person not fully the age of twenty (20) years from purchasing tobacco.

**Article 5** A person who knowingly sells tobacco or tobacco-related implements to a person not fully the age of twenty (20) years for personal or private use shall be fined 500,000 yen.

**Article 6** If any representative of a juridical person, or any agent, employee or other person engaged by a juridical person or individual commits any of the violations prescribed in the preceding Articles, the violator and the juridical person or individual shall be punished with the fine prescribed in the corresponding Article.

**Supplemental Provision**

This Act will come into effect on April 1, 1900

**Supplemental Provision (Act No. 223 on December 22, 1947) (Excerpt)**

**Article 29** This Act will come into effect starting January 1, 1948

**Supplemental Provision (Act No. 134 on December 1, 2000)**

This Act will come into effect thirty (30) days commencing from the date of publication.

**Supplemental Provision (Act No. 152 on December 12, 2001) (Excerpt)**

(Effective Date)

1. This Act will come into effect on the date of publication.