

A bill to set the age of buying Pepper Spray at 16 years old

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** 82% of assault cases are committed on those under the age of 18. Due to
3 the differences of purchasing ages across the nation, most teenagers do
4 not have access to pepper spray to protect themselves. Decreasing the
5 age limit will lead to an increase of protection for teenagers. Those within
6 the age range of 16-17 are not able to legally purchase pepper spray but
7 are four times more likely to be assaulted. Because of this, there is a need
8 to decrease the age of purchasing pepper spray in the nation from 18 to
9 16 years old.

10 **SECTION 2.** Pepper spray, equal to or below 2.5 ounces of active product will be en-
11 stated as a form of self-defense available for purchase to those 16 years
12 of age or older with some form of age identification.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce will oversee the implementation of this
14 bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect immediately.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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