

**REGULATION OF THE DISPLAY AND SALE TO MINORS OF DRUG-USE
INFORMATION AND PARAPHERNALIA INCLUDING CIGARETTE PAPERS**

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- WHEREAS,** Certain places of business openly display and sell to minors drug paraphernalia including cigarette papers and printed and graphic materials describing in detail how to cultivate and prepare marijuana and other drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** Minors, in increasing numbers, have been purchasing such printed and graphic materials and paraphernalia including cigarette papers; and
- WHEREAS,** Parents, educators and community leaders are concerned about adverse effects of drug abuse on society; and
- WHEREAS,** Several California cities have enacted ordinances to require drug paraphernalia including cigarette papers to be displayed in a separate room and that minors be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to purchase such items; and
- WHEREAS,** The unrestricted display and sale of drug paraphernalia including cigarette papers and devices is contrary to the best interests of our youth; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its unit, councils and districts to become aware of and educate its membership and community regarding drug-related instructions and paraphernalia including cigarette papers being displayed and sold where young people congregate; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA encourage its units, councils and districts to seek the passage of city ordinances to ban the display and sale of drug and narcotic paraphernalia including cigarette papers to minors; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge the California Legislature to enact legislation regulating the display and sale to minors of printed and graphic materials and paraphernalia including cigarette papers conducive to the use of drugs and narcotics.

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The sale of drug paraphernalia, such as water pipes, long glass pipes known as “steamboats,” roach clips and other items, is not regulated in most areas and these items are openly displayed in such establishments as record stores and novelty shops. Also on display in certain book stores and other places of business where books and magazines are sold are pamphlets and magazines on the cultivation and preparation of marijuana and other drugs. The PTA Object “To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth” encourages PTA concern for this problem. During recent years, both the National PTA and the California State PTA have adopted resolutions and position statements relative to this concern, the latest being the National PTA convention resolution entitled “Paraphernalia” in 1976.