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When you take your car in for maintenance, would you want a transmission specialist who knows nothing about tires, to work on your tires? No, you want tire experts to work on your tires, and give you the best knowledge and experience regarding your tires. That's what this legislation is doing. You're putting eliquid and vaporizing systems in the hands of folks who specialize in alcohol and/or cannabis, simply on the notion that they are all age restricted products. That's like saying transmission specialists have to work on tires because of the simple notion that they are both car related. Pretty ignorant, right?

By doing this, you putting the sale and management of nicotine delivery systems in the hands of people who don't care. The entire goal of vaporizers, is to have a safe alternative to smoking. And now with this legislation, you have the added complexity or putting a safe smoking alternative inside of a liquor store where many folks who use vaporizers have quit drinking or smoking marijuana. So if a recovered or recovering addict wants to obtain supplies for their safer method or nicotine ingestion, they must stare down the very substance they are recovering from. It honestly makes no sense

As someone who managed a vape store for 2+ years, I can honestly say that a vape store is more diligent, cautious and principle than a liquor store, about ensuring individuals who come on site are of age. Not a single word gets spoken about product without first taking the steps to verify age and identity. Regardless of how old that individual looks. I personally carded folks who had a full head of grey hair. Safety first, always.

I urge the council to take a step back and really think of the short-sightedness this bill holds and understand the risks of putting recovered alcoholics at risk. As well as actually making it easier for nicotine systems to get in the hands of minors.