

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION

§ 50143. Inspections.

(a) *Undercover Operations.* The Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Public Health are authorized under this Chapter to secure the voluntary assistance of minors to conduct undercover investigations against persons or businesses engaged in selling, giving, or otherwise providing tobacco products to minors (persons under the age of 18), with the written consent of such minor's parent or legal guardian; provided that no minor may so assist or be requested to so assist law enforcement agencies as a condition of probation or in connection with a minor's disposition or sentencing in juvenile delinquency proceedings. A minor who assists in undercover operations is immune from prosecution under any part of this Chapter.

(b) *Department of Commerce Inspections.* The Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, shall have the right to conduct inspections of business establishments licensed to sell tobacco products, without prior notice during the business establishment's regular business hours. During such an inspection, the Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division representative shall have the right to visit every part of the premises to ensure compliance with this chapter.

Source: [PL 11-75](#), § 15, modified, (a) amended by [PL 20-46](#) § 2 (Mar. 16, 2018), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed "are" to "is" in (a) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#) and capitalized "chapter" pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(f\)](#).