

## 27TH DISTRICT

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## NEW YORK MOVES TOWARD FULL BAN ON FLAVORED E-CIGS

Bill to prohibit the sale and distribution of flavored e-cigarettes ( $\underline{S.0428}$ ) passed through committee today, 11 to 2

Hoylman: "It's time to rid the marketplace of kid-friendly e-cigs before more children are harmed."

ALBANY- Senator Brad Hoylman (D/WF-Manhattan) released the following statement in response to the passage of <u>S.0428</u> through the Senate Health Committee. The bill would prohibit the distribution and sale of all flavored e-liquid or e-cigarettes containing flavored e-liquid, other than tobacco or menthol flavors.

**Senator Hoylman said**: "E-cigarette flavors like fruit punch, gummy bear, and cotton candy are Big Tobacco's irresponsible, cynical ploy to hook a generation of young New Yorkers on nicotine. They are getting away with it. In December 2018, researchers sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse reported that in 2018, 1.3 million more high school students tried vaping than in 2017. That increase was so significant, it marked the largest-ever rise in the use of any substance recorded in the survey's 44 year history.

Vaping is this generation's public health crisis. It's time to rid the marketplace of kidfriendly e-cigs before more children are harmed. I'm grateful for the support of my

colleague in the Assembly, Linda Rosenthal, and look forward to bringing this bill to the floor for a full vote this session."

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