

Holbrook raises tobacco age to 21

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HOLBROOK

Holbrook has joined the growing list of Massachusetts communities to raise the legal age to buy tobacco to 21.

The Holbrook Board of Health approved the change June 22.

The board's goal is to help keep tobacco out of the hands of young people in high school and junior high, according to the town's health agent, Arthur Boyle.

The number of cities and towns adopting the rule has snowballed over the last three years, long after the town of Needham made the first move in 2005.

Dozens have taken effect this year alone, but one local health board, in Plymouth, voted it down this month.

The latest roster from the Massachusetts Municipal Association lists 125 cities and towns with a tobacco age of 21, not including Holbrook, out of the state's 351 cities and towns.

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