

Prohibit Sales of Smartphones
to Minors Under the Age of 13



Colorado Citizen Proposed Ballot Initiative

for Colorado Statute

Question: Shall it be illegal to sell a smartphone or knowingly allow the purchase of a smartphone to be provided to a minor under the age of 13 years old?

Whereas: We the parents and concerned citizens of this most magnificent state through first hand experience and mounting scientific evidence have come to believe that smartphones are addictive, harmful, and dangerous in the hands of children.

Whereas: The manufactures and service providers of smartphones have continued unabated to promote their use in a reckless and wanton manner, with no concern for our children's health or safety.

Whereas: Our government bodies on all levels have failed to grasp the level of addiction, the severity of the harm, or the unmentionable stark depravity of the dangers.

Whereas: We as parents find this matter to be so widespread, so insidious and of the very highest priority. No half measures, ineffectual education campaigns, new applications, or promises from mega-corporations of improvement will suffice to cause the great change necessary to rescue this and generations of children to come from the careless and experimental introduction of similar technological devices and advancements by profit driven corporations.

Henceforth any business or entity involved in the distribution or sale of smartphones shall require valid identification of intended owner to verify the age of the intended owner, at time of purchase. If intended owner has not reached the age of 13 years old then the business or entity may not lawfully complete the transaction without facing stiff monetary penalties.

Definitions: A smartphone is any hand held device with internet connectivity, data connectivity or wifi connectivity.

Cellular phones with voice, text and GPS capabilities are not included in this initiative.

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