

# ROLE PLAY SCRIPT

**Who:** Sponsor of the Bill (can be tour guide or student)

**What:**

- You explain the main points of the bill
- You give your reasons for sponsoring the bill

**Where:** Committee room

**Setting:** S.238 has come to committee after First Reading

## *EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL*

**1. After the committee chair introduces you, you say:**

**“Thank you for this opportunity to speak before the Health and Welfare Committee. I speak as the Sponsor of S.238, an Act to Increase the Age For Purchase And Use Of Tobacco To 21.”**

You explain that the bill:

- **Raises the purchase age for tobacco by only 3 years, from 18 to 21 years of age.**
- **Keeps the penalties the same for: an illegal user and/or a person using false identification as described in sections 1005(a) and (b); an illegal furnisher as described in section 1007.**

## *GIVE YOUR REASONS FOR SPONSORING THE BILL*

**2. You continue:**

**“I am sponsoring this bill because:**

- **smoking is harmful to a person’s health**
- **second hand smoke is harmful to other’s health**
- **smoking puts a burden on the health care system**
- **by raising the purchase age, teenagers won’t be as exposed to tobacco use**
- **lawmakers have a responsibility for everyone’s welfare, even if the legislation we are considering isn’t popular with the public**

**I am prepared to answer any questions the committee may have.”**

*THIS IS A TIME TO ASK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BILL. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HAPPENS AFTER THE WITNESSES TESTIFY.*

When you are done, thank the chairperson.