

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. 246

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Report of the Committee of Conference

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned, Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 246, entitled:

~~"An act prohibiting smoking in certain public places and workplaces; imposing duties upon the Department of Health; imposing penalties; preempting local regulations; and repealing a related provision of the Fire and Panic Act.~~

ESTABLISHING THE SMOKE FREE PENNSYLVANIA ACT; PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ENCLOSED AND SUBSTANTIALLY ENCLOSED AREAS; IMPOSING DUTIES UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; IMPOSING PENALTIES; AND MAKING A RELATED REPEAL,"

respectfully submit the following bill as our report:

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AN ACT

1 Regulating smoking in this Commonwealth; imposing powers and  
2 duties on the Department of Health and local boards of  
3 health; providing penalties; preempting local action; and  
4 making a related repeal.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Clean Indoor  
9 Air Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Cigar bar." Any of the following:

15 (1) An establishment which, on the effective date of  
16 this section, operates pursuant to an eating place retail  
17 dispenser's or restaurant liquor license under the act of  
18 April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, and  
19 is physically connected by a door, passageway or other  
20 opening and directly adjacent to a tobacco shop.

21 (2) An establishment which, at any time, operates  
22 pursuant to an eating place retail dispenser's license, malt  
23 or brewed beverage distributor's license or restaurant liquor  
24 license under the Liquor Code, and has total annual sales of  
25 tobacco products, including tobacco, accessories or cigar  
26 storage lockers or humidors of at least 15% of the combined  
27 gross sales of the establishment.

28 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

29 "Drinking establishment." Any of the following:

30 (1) An establishment which:

1 (i) operates pursuant to an eating place license,  
2 restaurant license or retail dispenser license under the  
3 act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the  
4 Liquor Code;

5 (ii) has total annual sales of food sold for on-  
6 premises consumption of less than or equal to 20% of the  
7 combined gross sales of the establishment; and

8 (iii) does not permit individuals under 18 years of  
9 age.

10 (2) An enclosed area within an establishment which, on  
11 the effective date of this section:

12 (i) operates pursuant to an eating place license,  
13 restaurant license or retail dispenser license under the  
14 Liquor Code;

15 (ii) is a physically connected or directly adjacent  
16 enclosed area which is separate from the eating area, has  
17 a separate air system and has a separate outside  
18 entrance;

19 (iii) has total annual sales of food sold for on-  
20 premises consumption of less than or equal to 20% of the  
21 combined gross sales within the permitted smoking area of  
22 the establishment; and

23 (iv) does not permit individuals under 18 years of  
24 age.

25 The term does not include a nightclub.

26 "Full service truck stop." An establishment catering to  
27 long-haul truck drivers that provides shower facilities for a  
28 fee.

29 "Gaming floor." Any portion of a licensed facility where  
30 slot machines have been installed for use or play as approved by

1 the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. The term does not include  
2 an area adjacent to the gaming floor, including any hallway,  
3 reception area, retail space, bar, nightclub, restaurant, hotel,  
4 entertainment venue or office space.

5 "Licensed facility." As defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103  
6 (relating to definitions).

7 "Night club." A public hall or hall for which admission is  
8 generally charged and which is primarily or predominantly  
9 devoted to dancing or to shows or cabarets as opposed to a  
10 facility that is primarily a bar, tavern or dining facility.

11 "Private club." An organization which is any of the  
12 following:

13 (1) A reputable group of individuals associated together  
14 as an organization for legitimate purposes of mutual benefit,  
15 entertainment, fellowship or lawful convenience which does  
16 all of the following:

17 (i) Regularly and exclusively occupies, as owner or  
18 lessee, a clubhouse or quarter for the use of its  
19 members.

20 (ii) Holds regular meetings; conducts its business  
21 through officers regularly elected; admits members by  
22 written application, investigation and ballot; and  
23 charges and collects dues from elected members.

24 (iii) Has been in continuous existence for a period  
25 of ten years as such an organization.

26 (2) A volunteer ambulance service.

27 (3) A volunteer fire company.

28 (4) A volunteer rescue company.

29 "Public meeting." A meeting open to the public. The term  
30 includes a meeting under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open

1 meetings).

2 "Public place." An enclosed area which serves as a  
3 workplace, commercial establishment or an area where the public  
4 is invited or permitted. The term includes:

5 (1) A facility which provides education, food or health  
6 care-related services.

7 (2) A vehicle used for mass transportation. This  
8 paragraph includes a train, subway, bus, including a  
9 chartered bus, plane, taxicab and limousine.

10 (3) A train station, subway station or bus station.

11 (4) A public facility. This paragraph includes a  
12 facility to which the public is invited or in which the  
13 public is permitted and a private home which provides child-  
14 care or adult day-care services.

15 (5) A sports or recreational facility, theater or  
16 performance establishment.

17 "Smoking." The carrying by a person of a lighted cigar,  
18 cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device.

19 "Tobacco shop." A business establishment whose sales of  
20 tobacco and tobacco related products, including cigars, pipe  
21 tobacco and smoking accessories, comprise of at least 50% of the  
22 gross annual sales. This term does not include a stand-alone  
23 kiosk or establishment comprised solely of cigarette vending  
24 machines.

25 "Volunteer ambulance service." As defined in section 102 of  
26 the act of July 31, 2003 (P.L.73, No.17), known as the Volunteer  
27 Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act.

28 "Volunteer fire company." As defined in section 102 of the  
29 act of July 31, 2003 (P.L.73, No.17), known as the Volunteer  
30 Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act.

1 "Volunteer rescue company." As defined in section 102 of the  
2 act of July 31, 2003 (P.L.73, No.17), known as the Volunteer  
3 Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Act.

4 "Workplace." An indoor area serving as a place of  
5 employment, occupation, business, trade, craft, professional or  
6 volunteer activity.

7 Section 3. Prohibition.

8 (a) General rule.--Except as set forth under subsection (b),  
9 an individual may not engage in smoking in a public place.

10 Nothing in this act shall preclude the owner of a public or  
11 private property from prohibiting smoking on the property.

12 (b) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to any of  
13 the following:

14 (1) A private home, private residence or private vehicle  
15 unless the private home, private residence or private vehicle  
16 is being used at the time for the provision of child-care  
17 services, adult day-care services or services related to the  
18 care of children and youth in State or county custody.

19 (2) Designated quarters:

20 (i) within a lodging establishment which are  
21 available for rent to guests accounting for no more than  
22 25% of the total number of lodging units within a single  
23 lodging establishment; or

24 (ii) within a full service truck stop.

25 (3) A tobacco shop.

26 (4) A workplace of a manufacturer, importer or  
27 wholesaler of tobacco products; a manufacturer of tobacco-  
28 related products, including lighters; a tobacco leaf dealer  
29 or processor; or a tobacco storage facility.

30 (5) Any of the following residential facilities:

1 (i) A long-term care facility regulated under 42 CFR  
2 483.15 (relating to quality of life). This subparagraph  
3 shall not apply if 42 CFR 483.15 is abrogated or expires.

4 (ii) A separate enclosed room or designated smoking  
5 room in a residential adult care facility, community  
6 mental health care facility, drug and alcohol facility or  
7 other residential health care facility not covered under  
8 subparagraph (i).

9 (iii) A designated smoking room in a facility which  
10 provides day treatment programs.

11 (6) Subject to subsection (c)(2), a private club, except  
12 where the club is:

13 (i) open to the public through general advertisement  
14 for a club-sponsored event; or

15 (ii) leased or used for a private event which is not  
16 club-sponsored.

17 (7) A place where a fundraiser is conducted by a  
18 nonprofit and charitable organization one time per year if  
19 all of the following apply:

20 (i) The place is separate from other public areas  
21 during the event.

22 (ii) Food and beverages are available to attendees.

23 (iii) Individuals under 18 years of age are not  
24 permitted to attend.

25 (iv) Cigars are sold, auctioned or given as gifts,  
26 and cigars are a feature of the event.

27 (8) An exhibition hall, conference room, catering hall  
28 or similar facility used exclusively for an event to which  
29 the public is invited for the primary purpose of promoting or  
30 sampling tobacco products, subject to the following:

1 (i) All of the following must be met:

2 (A) Service of food and drink is incidental.

3 (B) The sponsor or organizer gives notice in all  
4 advertisements and other promotional materials that  
5 smoking will not be restricted.

6 (C) At least 75% of all products displayed or  
7 distributed at the event are tobacco or tobacco-  
8 related products.

9 (D) Notice that smoking will not be restricted  
10 is prominently posted at the entrance to the  
11 facility.

12 (ii) A single retailer, manufacturer or distributor  
13 of tobacco may not conduct more than six days of a  
14 promotional event under this paragraph in any calendar  
15 year.

16 (9) A cigar bar.

17 (10) A drinking establishment.

18 (11) Unless otherwise increased under this paragraph,  
19 25% of the gaming floor at a licensed facility. No earlier  
20 than 90 days following the effective date of this section or  
21 the date of commencement of slot machine operations at a  
22 licensed facility, whichever is later, a licensed facility  
23 shall request a report from the Department of Revenue that  
24 analyzes the gross terminal revenue per slot machine unit in  
25 operation at the licensed facility within the 90-day period  
26 preceding the request. If the report shows that the average  
27 gross terminal revenue per slot machine unit in the  
28 designated smoking area equals or exceeds the average gross  
29 terminal revenue per slot machine unit in the designated  
30 nonsmoking area, the licensed facility may increase the

1 designated smoking area of the gaming floor in proportion to  
2 the percentage difference in revenue. A licensed facility may  
3 request this report from the Department of Revenue on a  
4 quarterly basis and may increase the designated smoking area  
5 of the gaming floor accordingly. At no time may the  
6 designated smoking area exceed 50% of the gaming floor. The  
7 board shall have jurisdiction to verify the gross terminal  
8 revenues included in the report to ensure compliance with the  
9 requirements under this paragraph. Movement of the licensed  
10 facility from a temporary facility to a permanent facility  
11 shall not require the licensed facility to revert to the  
12 minimum percentage set forth under this paragraph.

13 (12) A designated outdoor smoking area within the  
14 confines of a sports or recreational facility, theater or  
15 performance establishment.

16 (c) Conditions and qualifications for exceptions.--

17 (1) In order to be excepted under subsection (b), a  
18 drinking establishment, cigar bar or tobacco shop must submit  
19 a letter, accompanied by verifiable supporting documentation,  
20 to the department claiming an exception under subsection (b).  
21 Exception shall be based upon the establishment's books,  
22 accounts, revenues or receipts, including those reported to  
23 the Department of Revenue for sales tax purposes, from the  
24 previous year or stated projected annual revenues, which  
25 shall be verified within six months.

26 (2) In order to qualify for the exception under  
27 subsection (b)(6), a private club must take and record a vote  
28 of its officers under the bylaws to address smoking in the  
29 private club's facilities.

30 Section 4. Signage.

1 "Smoking" or "No Smoking" signs or the international "No  
2 Smoking" symbol, which consists of a pictorial representation of  
3 a burning cigarette in a circle with a bar across it, shall be  
4 prominently posted and properly maintained where smoking is  
5 regulated by this act, by the owner, operator, manager or other  
6 person having control of the area. A "Smoking Permitted" sign  
7 shall be prominently posted and maintained at every entrance to  
8 a public place where smoking is permitted under this act.

9 Section 5. Enforcement.

10 (a) Complaints.--A complaint regarding a possible violation  
11 of this act shall be made to the appropriate law enforcement  
12 agency or to the department. A complaint to the department shall  
13 be made in one of the following manners:

14 (1) In writing.

15 (2) By telephone call to the department's toll-free  
16 telephone number.

17 (3) By an electronic submission to the department's  
18 regularly maintained Internet website.

19 (b) Responsibilities.--

20 (1) Except as provided under paragraphs (2) and (3),  
21 upon receipt of a complaint by the department, the following  
22 apply:

23 (i) Except as set forth under subparagraph (ii), the  
24 department shall investigate the complaint and enforce  
25 this act.

26 (ii) If the public place is subject to licensure by  
27 the Commonwealth, in such case, the department shall  
28 refer the complaint to the appropriate licensing agency  
29 for investigation and enforcement of this act.

30 (2) If a complaint is made to the department regarding a

1 public place located in a county under subsection (c), the  
2 department shall notify the county board of health. The  
3 county board of health shall investigate the complaint and  
4 enforce this act.

5 (3) If the complaint is made to a law enforcement agency  
6 regarding a public place, the agency shall investigate the  
7 complaint and enforce this act.

8 (c) County election.--A county may elect to have its board  
9 of health enforce this act by providing written notification to  
10 the department. In such event, the county board of health shall  
11 provide the department with sufficient information regarding its  
12 enforcement actions for the department's annual report required  
13 under section 8.

14 (d) Access to records.--A drinking establishment, cigar bar  
15 and tobacco shop shall make available all books, accounts,  
16 revenues, receipts and other information to the department, the  
17 Department of Revenue, State licensing agency or county board of  
18 health as necessary to enforce this act. All information  
19 submitted to the Department of Health, county board or other  
20 Commonwealth agency with enforcement duties under this act,  
21 including information to verify the on-site food consumption of  
22 a drinking establishment, shall be confidential and shall not be  
23 subject to the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), referred  
24 to as the Right-to-Know Law.

25 Section 6. Violations, affirmative defenses and penalties.

26 (a) Violations.--It is a violation of this act to do any of  
27 the following:

28 (1) Fail to post a sign as required by section 4.

29 (2) Permit smoking in a public place where smoking is  
30 prohibited.

1 (3) Smoke in a public place where smoking is prohibited.

2 (b) Affirmative defenses.--Any of the following shall be an  
3 affirmative defense to a prosecution or imposition of an  
4 administrative penalty under this act:

5 (1) When the violation occurred, the actual control of  
6 the public place was not exercised by the owner, operator or  
7 manager but by a lessee.

8 (2) The owner, operator or manager made a good faith  
9 effort to prohibit smoking.

10 (3) The owner, operator or manager asserting the  
11 affirmative defense shall do so in the form of a sworn  
12 affidavit setting forth the relevant information mentioned  
13 under paragraphs (1) and (2).

14 (c) Commonwealth administrative penalties.--

15 (1) If the department or a State licensing agency or a  
16 county board of health determines that a person has violated  
17 subsection (a), the person shall be subject to a penalty not  
18 to exceed \$250.

19 (2) If the department or State licensing agency or a  
20 county board of health determines that a person has violated  
21 subsection (a) within one year of receiving a penalty under  
22 paragraph (1), the person shall be subject to a penalty not  
23 to exceed \$500.

24 (3) If the department or State licensing agency or a  
25 county board of health determines that a person violated  
26 subsection (a) within one year of receiving a penalty under  
27 paragraph (2), the person shall be subject to a penalty not  
28 to exceed \$1,000.

29 (4) This subsection is subject to 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to  
30 administrative law and procedure).

1           (5) The penalties collected under this subsection shall  
2 be retained by the department or State licensing agency  
3 initiating the enforcement action.

4       (d) Local administrative penalties.--

5           (1) If a county board of health determines that a person  
6 violated subsection (a), the person shall be subject to a  
7 penalty not to exceed \$250.

8           (2) If a county board of health determines that a person  
9 has violated subsection (a) within one year of receiving a  
10 penalty under paragraph (1), the person shall be subject to a  
11 penalty not to exceed \$500.

12           (3) If a county board of health determines that a person  
13 violated subsection (a) within one year of receiving a  
14 penalty under paragraph (2), the person shall be subject to a  
15 penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

16           (4) This subsection is subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch.  
17 B (relating to practice and procedure of local agencies) and  
18 Ch. 7 Subch. B (relating to judicial review of local agency  
19 action).

20           (5) The penalties collected under this subsection shall  
21 be retained by the county board of health initiating the  
22 enforcement action.

23       (e) Criminal penalties.--

24           (1) A person that violates this act commits a summary  
25 offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a  
26 fine of not more than \$250.

27           (2) A person that violates this act within one year of  
28 being sentenced under paragraph (1) commits a summary offense  
29 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not  
30 more than \$500.

1 (3) A person that violates this act within one year of  
2 being sentenced under paragraph (2) commits a summary offense  
3 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not  
4 more than \$1,000.

5 (4) The following apply to actions by law enforcement  
6 officers:

7 (i) Except as set forth in subparagraph (ii), the  
8 penalties collected under this subsection shall be  
9 retained by the municipality in which the law enforcement  
10 agency initiating the enforcement action is located.

11 (ii) If an enforcement action is initiated by the  
12 Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police  
13 shall retain the penalties collected under this  
14 subsection.

15 Section 7. Retaliation prohibited.

16 A person may not discharge an employee, refuse to hire an  
17 applicant for employment or retaliate against an employee  
18 because the individual exercises a right to a smoke-free  
19 environment required under this act.

20 Section 8. Annual reports.

21 (a) Requirement.--The department shall file an annual report  
22 by December 1 with the chairman and minority chairman of the  
23 Public Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the  
24 chairman and minority chairman of the Health and Human Services  
25 Committee of the House of Representatives.

26 (b) Contents.--The report shall include:

27 (1) The number of violations of this act by county as  
28 reported to the department.

29 (2) The number of enforcement actions initiated under  
30 this act by the department, by another State licensing agency

1 or by a county board of health.

2 (3) A description of the enforcement activities of the  
3 department. This paragraph includes the number of personnel  
4 assigned to enforce this act, enforcement strategies  
5 undertaken by the department or a licensing agency and other  
6 information relating to the administration and implementation  
7 of this act.

8 Section 9. Public education.

9 The department shall design and implement a program,  
10 including the establishment of an Internet website, to educate  
11 the public regarding the provisions of this act. The department  
12 shall inform persons who own or operate a public place of the  
13 requirements of this act.

14 Section 10. Administration.

15 (a) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate  
16 regulations to implement this act.

17 (b) Revision of forms.--The Department of Revenue may revise  
18 the form for reporting sales tax revenue to require separate  
19 reporting of sales of alcohol and tobacco for purposes of  
20 claiming exemptions under this act.

21 Section 11. Preemption of local ordinances.

22 (a) General rule.--Except as set forth in subsection (b),  
23 the following apply:

24 (1) This act shall supersede any ordinance, resolution  
25 or regulation adopted by a political subdivision concerning  
26 smoking in a public place.

27 (2) No political subdivision shall have the authority to  
28 adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation or resolution  
29 which is in conflict with this act.

30 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to a city of

1 the first class. A city of the first class may not change or  
2 amend its ordinance to conflict with any provision of this act.

3 Section 29. Repeal.

4 (a) Intent.--The General Assembly declares that the repeal  
5 under subsection (b) is necessary to effectuate this act.

6 (b) Provision.--Section 10.1 of the act of April 27, 1927  
7 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act, is  
8 repealed.

9 Section 30. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 90 days.