

MASSACHUSETTS

Local Bill by State

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APPROVED

MA95-3236

SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

WORKPLACE - PRIVATE BUSINESS

WORKPLACE - GOVERNMENT

RESTAURANTS

COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

PUBLICLY-OWNED BUILDINGS

OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

BUILDING/VENTILATION CODES

SAMPLING/ADVERTISING

SAMPLING BAN

SALES RESTRICTIONS

VENDING MACHINE SALES

TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSE

SEALED PACKAGE

SELF-SERVICE DISPLAY BAN/RESTRICTION

SPONSOR :
COMMITTEE : BOARD OF HEALTH

Adopted--Would prohibit smoking in city-owned buildings and vehicles. Would ban smoking in public places, including public transit and its facilities, retail stores, commercial establishments, libraries, convention halls, public meetings, health care facilities, common areas of apartment/condomiums, etc. Would restrict smoking to designated areas in bingo halls, museums, auditoriums, indoor sporting arenas, hotel/motel lobbies, and theaters. Would restrict smoking in restaurants accordingly; ban in 50% of seating in non-enclosed areas, including bar seating, that provides adequate ventilation in compliance with state laws and current ASHRAE standards; separate room of up to 50% of seating, same ventilation; or ban in 75% of non-enclosed area with ventilation that meets state law and requirements. Upon request, employers may designate immediate work areas as smoking, as well as provide designated areas if comparable nonsmoking areas are available, if it will "not expose nonsmoking employees or the public to any significant amount of smoke." Would prohibit smoking in common areas of workplaces. Would exempt bars, pool halls, and facilities used for private functions. Would comply with state law on sales to minors and requirements for posting state law. Would also require the posting of sign at each cash register on requirement for ID to purchase tobacco products. Would require all sales to be controlled by an employee; would prohibit self-service displays. By definition, displays attached to or on the counter would be allowed. Would require tobacco products to be in original manufacturer's packaging. Would restrict

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distribution of samples to retail tobacco stores. Would ban vending machines. Would require retail tobacco license.

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Board of Health public hearing held.

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Board of Health meeting held, regulations adopted.

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