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SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1986 the "Rhode Island Workplace Smoking Pollution Control Act" became effective; and

WHEREAS, this Act found smoking in the workplace to be dangerous to both smokers and nonsmokers alike, contaminating the air and creating an intrusion of the right of nonsmokers to enjoy a smoke-free, unpolluted environment; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires all employers to establish a smoking policy governing smoking in a workplace that makes reasonable accommodations for the preferences of both nonsmoking and smoking employees; and

WHEREAS, the Act is not intended to impair or alter an employer's prerogative to prohibit smoking in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Act does not require an employer to make any expenditures or structural changes to accommodate the preferences of employees; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has determined that environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is potentially carcinogenic to occupationally exposed workers; and

WHEREAS, NIOSH recommends that exposures to ETS be reduced to the lowest feasible concentration, and that employers should minimize occupational exposure to ETS by using all available preventive measures; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that I, BRUCE SUNDLUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations order the following to be the Policy of the State of Rhode Island regarding smoking in all State facilities:

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1. There shall be no smoking in all State facilities or those areas of buildings occupied by the State of Rhode Island except where specifically designated,

2. There shall be no smoking at meetings or conferences sponsored by the State of Rhode Island.

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3. Designated smoking areas shall be determined by the Department Director or the appointing authority in each State agency, and shall be conspicuously marked with signs.

4. The Department Director or appointing authority in each State agency shall have the prerogative to create a smoke-free work environment by entirely prohibiting smoking in the workplace.

5. All directors and appointing authorities shall establish a smoking policy governing smoking in the workplace and shall post such policy conspicuously within their respective State workplaces.

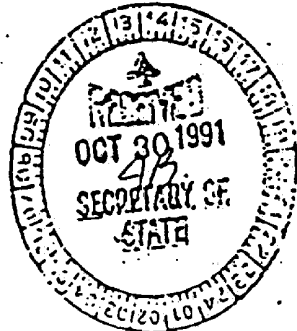
6. The Department of Health shall provide information on smoking cessation programs and policies to interested State agencies and shall make available nonsmoking guidelines.

This Executive Order shall take effect on October 28, 1991 and shall repeal Executive Order No. 86-17, dated September 26, 1986.

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