

Sen. Peter Micciche

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Thank you Senator Micciche for promoting SB 209.

There was concern stated in the HSS public hearing that the Pioneer Homes should be exempted from the outdoor smoking areas with 50 feet from the doorways. Testimony gave the example of the unfortunate death of an Anchorage resident that went out to smoke. I want to point out that the woman might have left the facility for a myriad of reasons. The incident was investigated and a number of procedural issues were addressed including resident supervision. The issue was not that she was a smoker.

At the Pioneer Home that the gentleman from Sitka was representing has 2 smokers and 60+ nonsmokers where they have a smoking room within the facility. I do not want to, or have family members, go to a Pioneer Home where they allow Smoking in the facility. The residents are elderly with compromised health that are susceptible to respiratory illnesses, if they are not on oxygen already.

My recommendation to you is not to exempt the Pioneer Homes.

Allow the exemption for stand alone smoke shops and stand alone e-cig stores.

Sincerely,
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