

**SENATE BILL NO. 63**

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Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking**  
2 **prohibition; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that nothing in this Act is  
7 intended to alter applicable law relating to liability of a manufacturer, dispenser, or other  
8 person for a cause of action that may arise from smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes, or other oral  
9 smoking devices in an enclosed area or to otherwise limit the state immunity from liability  
10 provided for in state law. In this section, "e-cigarette," "enclosed area," and "smoking" have  
11 the meanings given to those terms in AS 18.35.399.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 **Article 4. Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Places.**

14 **Sec. 18.35.301. Prohibition of smoking.** (a) Smoking is prohibited in an

1 enclosed area in a public place, including an enclosed area

2 (1) at an entertainment venue or a sports arena;

3 (2) on a bus, in a taxicab, on a ferry, or in another vehicle used for  
4 public transportation;

5 (3) at a public transit depot, bus shelter, airport terminal, or other  
6 public transportation facility;

7 (4) at a retail store or shopping center;

8 (5) at a place of government or public assembly located on property  
9 that is owned or operated by the state, a municipality, or a regional educational  
10 attendance area, or by an agent of the state, a municipality, or a regional educational  
11 attendance area.

12 (b) Smoking is prohibited in an enclosed area

13 (1) at an office building, office, hotel, motel, restaurant, bar, retail  
14 store, or common area in an apartment building or multiple-family dwelling;

15 (2) in a place of employment;

16 (3) in a building or residence that is used to provide paid child care,  
17 whether or not children are present in the building or residence;

18 (4) at a health care facility;

19 (5) in a vehicle that is a place of employment;

20 (6) at a public or private educational facility;

21 (7) in a building or residence that is the site of a business at which the  
22 care of adults is provided on a fee-for-service basis;

23 (8) at a residence in a health care facility, hotel, or motel;

24 (9) on a vessel operating as a shore-based fisheries business under  
25 AS 43.75.

26 (c) Smoking is prohibited outdoors

27 (1) at an area located at a public or private school or a state or  
28 municipal park area designated as a children's playground;

29 (2) in a seating area for an outdoor arena, stadium, or amphitheater;

30 (3) at a place of employment or health care facility that has declared  
31 the entire campus or outside grounds or property to be smoke-free;

- 1 (4) within
- 2 (A) 10 feet of an entrance to a bar or restaurant that serves
- 3 alcoholic beverages;
- 4 (B) 20 feet of an entrance, open window, or heating or
- 5 ventilation system air intake vent at an enclosed area at a place where smoking
- 6 is prohibited under this section; or
- 7 (C) a reasonable distance of an entrance, open window, or
- 8 heating or ventilation system air intake vent on a vessel covered by this section
- 9 as determined by the vessel owner or operator in charge.
- 10 (d) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, unless the owner or operator prohibits
- 11 it, smoking is allowed at a retail tobacco or e-cigarette store that
- 12 (1) is in a building that
- 13 (A) is freestanding; or
- 14 (B) if it is attached to another business,
- 15 (i) has a separate entrance;
- 16 (ii) has a ventilation system vented to an area where
- 17 smoking is not prohibited;
- 18 (iii) the other business does not serve as a residence,
- 19 child care facility, school, or health care facility; and
- 20 (iv) smoking is limited to the use of an e-cigarette;
- 21 (2) is not
- 22 (A) a business that is licensed under AS 04.11 to serve
- 23 alcoholic beverages at an outdoor location;
- 24 (B) a business that is licensed under AS 05.15 to sell pull-tabs;
- 25 or
- 26 (C) a retail store that is within an indoor public place or
- 27 workplace.
- 28 (e) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this section, smoking may be permitted in a
- 29 separate enclosed smoking area located in a terminal for international passengers who
- 30 are in transit in a state-owned and state-operated international airport and who are
- 31 restricted by federal law from leaving the airport, if the smoking area is vented directly

1 to an outdoor area that is not an area where smoking is prohibited under (c) of this  
2 section.

3 (f) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, unless the owner or operator prohibits  
4 it, smoking is allowed

5 (1) in a vehicle that is a place of employment when the vehicle is used  
6 exclusively by one person;

7 (2) on a vessel when the vessel is engaged in commercial fishing or  
8 sport charter fishing.

9 (g) Nothing in this section prohibits smoking

10 (1) at a private residence, except a private residence described in (b) of  
11 this section or while a health care provider is present;

12 (2) in a stand-alone shelter if the stand-alone shelter meets the  
13 following requirements:

14 (A) food or drink may not be sold or served in the stand-alone  
15 shelter; and

16 (B) the stand-alone shelter meets the minimum distance  
17 requirements of (c) of this section; or

18 (3) in an establishment licensed under AS 17.38 that is a freestanding  
19 building.

20 (h) In this section,

21 (1) "health care provider" has the meaning given in AS 09.65.300;

22 (2) "retail tobacco or e-cigarette store"

23 (A) means a store

24 (i) that primarily sells cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars,  
25 tobacco and products containing tobacco, and pipes and other smoking  
26 or e-cigarette accessories;

27 (ii) in which the sale of other products is incidental; and

28 (iii) that derives at least 90 percent of its gross revenue  
29 from the sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and products  
30 containing tobacco, and pipes and other smoking or e-cigarette  
31 accessories;

1 (B) does not include

2 (i) a tobacco or e-cigarette department or section of a  
3 business that does not meet the criteria in (A) of this paragraph; or

4 (ii) a business that is also a restaurant or grocery store.

5 **Sec. 18.35.306. Notice of prohibition.** (a) A person who is in charge of a place  
6 or vehicle where smoking is prohibited under AS 18.35.301 shall conspicuously  
7 display in the place or vehicle a sign that

8 (1) reads "Smoking Prohibited by Law--Fine \$50";

9 (2) includes the international symbol for no smoking; or

10 (3) includes the words "No Puffin" with a pictorial representation of a  
11 Horned Puffin or Tufted Puffin holding a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle  
12 crossed with a red bar.

13 (b) A person in charge of a building at which smoking is prohibited within a  
14 specific distance from the entrance of the building under AS 18.35.301(c)(4) shall  
15 conspicuously display a sign that reads "Smoking within (number of feet) Feet of  
16 Entrance Prohibited by Law--Fine \$50" visible from the outside of each entrance to  
17 the building.

18 (c) The department shall furnish signs required under this section to a person  
19 who requests them with the intention of displaying them.

20 **Sec. 18.35.311. Duty of employers and building managers.** (a) An employer  
21 may not permit an employee, customer, or other person to smoke inside an enclosed  
22 area at a place of employment.

23 (b) The owner, operator, manager, or other person who manages a building or  
24 other place where smoking is prohibited under AS 18.35.301 may not provide ashtrays  
25 or other smoking accessories for use in that building or place.

26 (c) An employer may not require an employee, customer, or other person to  
27 enter a stand-alone shelter as defined in AS 18.35.301(g) for a purpose other than  
28 smoking.

29 **Sec. 18.35.316. Powers and duties of the commissioner.** (a) The  
30 commissioner

31 (1) shall administer and enforce the requirements of AS 18.35.301 -

1 18.35.399;

2 (2) may adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure  
3 Act) necessary to carry out the duties under this section.

4 (b) In addition to other powers granted the commissioner under AS 18.35.301  
5 - 18.35.399, the commissioner may delegate to another agency the authority to  
6 implement and enforce one or more provisions of AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399.

7 **Sec. 18.35.321. Public education.** (a) The commissioner shall ensure that  
8 employers, property owners, property operators, and other members of the public are  
9 provided ongoing access to

10 (1) a program of education regarding the requirements in AS 18.35.301  
11 - 18.35.399;

12 (2) an electronically published printable brochure that summarizes the  
13 requirements in AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399.

14 (b) The program of education under (a) of this section may be provided in  
15 combination with the comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention, and  
16 tobacco control program established in AS 44.29.020(a)(14).

17 **Sec. 18.35.326. Nonretaliation.** (a) An employer may not discharge or in any  
18 other manner retaliate against an employee because the employee cooperates with or  
19 initiates enforcement of a requirement in AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399.

20 (b) The owner or operator of a vehicle or other place that is subject to a  
21 requirement in AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399 may not retaliate against a customer or other  
22 member of the public for cooperating with or initiating enforcement of a requirement  
23 in AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399.

24 **Sec. 18.35.331. Conflicts with local requirements.** Nothing in AS 18.35.301  
25 - 18.35.399 prohibits a municipality from adopting an ordinance imposing

26 (1) additional limitations on smoking; or

27 (2) additional duties on employers, owners, operators, and other  
28 persons who are subject to the requirements of AS 18.35.306 or 18.35.311 related to  
29 smoking.

30 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.35.340(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) The commissioner shall develop and maintain a procedure for processing

1 reports of violations of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, and 18.35.326  
 2 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, AND 18.35.330].

3 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.35.340(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) If, after investigating a report made under this section, the commissioner  
 5 determines that a violation has occurred, (1) the commissioner may file a civil  
 6 complaint in the district court to enforce the provisions of AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399  
 7 [AS 18.35.300 - 18.35.365]; or (2) an employee of the department designated by the  
 8 commissioner to enforce the provisions of AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399 [AS 18.35.300 -  
 9 18.35.365] may issue a citation under AS 18.35.341(b). If an employee of the  
 10 department issues a citation, the violation shall be processed and disposed of under  
 11 AS 18.35.341.

12 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 18.35.340(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) A person who violates AS 18.35.301 [AS 18.35.300 OR 18.35.305] and  
 14 against whom the commissioner has filed a civil complaint under this section is  
 15 punishable by a civil fine of [NOT LESS THAN \$10 NOR MORE THAN] \$50. A  
 16 person who violates AS 18.35.306 or 18.35.311 [AS 18.35.330] and against whom the  
 17 commissioner has filed a civil complaint under this section is punishable by a civil  
 18 fine of not less than \$50 [\$20] nor more than \$300. Each day a violation of  
 19 AS 18.35.306 or 18.35.311 [AS 18.35.330] continues after a civil complaint for the  
 20 violation has been filed and served on the defendant constitutes a separate violation. A  
 21 person who violates AS 18.35.326 and against whom the commissioner has filed a  
 22 civil complaint under this section is punishable by a civil fine of not more than  
 23 \$500.

24 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 18.35.341(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) A peace officer may issue a citation for a violation of AS 18.35.301,  
 26 18.35.311, or 18.35.326 [AS 18.35.300 OR 18.35.305] committed in the officer's  
 27 presence or for a violation of AS 18.35.306 [AS 18.35.330]. The provisions of  
 28 AS 12.25.175 - 12.25.230 apply to the issuance of a citation under this subsection.

29 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 18.35.341(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) An employee of the department designated by the commissioner to enforce  
 31 the provisions of AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399 [AS 18.35.300 - 18.35.365] may issue a

1 citation for a violation of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326  
 2 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, OR 18.35.330] regardless of whether the violation was  
 3 committed in the employee's presence. A citation issued under this subsection shall be  
 4 in the same form and shall be processed in the same manner as a citation issued by a  
 5 peace officer under (a) of this section. An employee of the department may not arrest a  
 6 person for a violation of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326  
 7 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, OR 18.35.330].

8 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 18.35.341(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) A person who violates AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326  
 10 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, OR 18.35.330] is guilty of a violation as defined in  
 11 AS 11.81.900(b) and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of [NOT LESS THAN  
 12 \$10 NOR MORE THAN] \$50 for a violation of AS 18.35.301, [AS 18.35.300 OR  
 13 18.35.305 AND] by a fine of not less than \$50 [\$20] nor more than \$300 for a  
 14 violation of AS 18.35.306 or 18.35.311, and by a fine of not more than \$500 for a  
 15 violation of AS 18.35.326 [AS 18.35.330]. Each day a violation of AS 18.35.306 and  
 16 18.35.311 [AS 18.35.330] continues after a citation for the violation has been issued  
 17 constitutes a separate violation.

18 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 18.35.341(d) is amended to read:

19 (d) The supreme court shall establish a schedule of bail amounts for violations  
 20 of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, and 18.35.326 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305,  
 21 AND 18.35.330], but in no event may the bail amount exceed the maximum fine that  
 22 may be imposed for the violation under (c) of this section. The bail amount for a  
 23 violation must appear on the citation.

24 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 18.35.342 is amended to read:

25 **Sec. 18.35.342. Multiple fines prohibited.** A person may not be fined more  
 26 than once for each violation of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326  
 27 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, OR 18.35.330].

28 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 18.35.343 is amended to read:

29 **Sec. 18.35.343. Injunctions.** The commissioner or any affected party may  
 30 institute an action in the superior court to enjoin repeated violations of AS 18.35.301,  
 31 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, or 18.35.330].

1 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 18.35.350 is amended to read:

2           **Sec. 18.35.350. Enforcement authority.** The commissioner or the  
3 commissioner's designee is responsible for enforcing the provisions of **AS 18.35.301 -**  
4 **18.35.399** [AS 18.35.300 - 18.35.365]. This section does not limit the authority of  
5 peace officers.

6 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 18.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7           **Sec. 18.35.399. Definitions.** In AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399,

8                   (1) "business" means a for-profit or nonprofit sole proprietorship,  
9 partnership, joint venture, corporation, professional corporation, private club, retail  
10 seller of goods or services, or other business entity;

11                   (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of health and social  
12 services or the commissioner's designee;

13                   (3) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;

14                   (4) "e-cigarette" means any product containing or delivering nicotine  
15 or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person  
16 through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product, of any size or shape, whether  
17 the product is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-  
18 pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, or any other product name or descriptor; "e-cigarette" does  
19 not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the United  
20 States Food and Drug Administration as those terms are defined in 21 U.S.C. 301 -  
21 392 (Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act), unless the use of those products simulate  
22 smoking or expose others to vapor or aerosol;

23                   (5) "employee" means a person who is employed by a business for  
24 compensation or works for a business as a volunteer without compensation;

25                   (6) "employer" means the state, a municipality, a regional educational  
26 attendance area, and a person or a business with one or more employees;

27                   (7) "enclosed area" means space between a floor and a ceiling that is  
28 bounded on two or more sides by a combination of walls, doorways, windows, or  
29 other physical barriers that may be open, partially open, closed, retractable, temporary,  
30 or permanent;

31                   (8) "health care facility" means an office or institution providing care

1 or treatment for physical, mental, emotional, or other medical, dental, physiological, or  
 2 psychological diseases or conditions; private, municipal, or state hospital; independent  
 3 diagnostic testing facility; primary care outpatient facility; skilled nursing facility;  
 4 kidney disease treatment center, including freestanding hemodialysis units;  
 5 intermediate care facility; ambulatory surgical facility; Alaska Pioneers' Home or  
 6 Alaska Veterans' Home administered by the department under AS 47.55; long-term  
 7 care facility; psychiatric hospital; residential psychiatric treatment center, as defined in  
 8 AS 18.07.111 or AS 47.32.900, and other facilities, places of employment, or offices  
 9 operated for use by doctors, nurses, surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists,  
 10 physicians, psychiatrists, or dentists or other professional health care providers to  
 11 provide health care;

12 (9) "place of employment" means work areas, private offices, hotel and  
 13 motel rooms, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, cafeterias,  
 14 hallways, vehicles, and other employee work areas that are under the control of an  
 15 employer;

16 (10) "public place" includes

17 (A) an area to which the public is invited or into which the  
 18 public is admitted;

19 (B) a place where services, goods, or facilities are offered to  
 20 the public;

21 (11) "smoking" means using an e-cigarette or other oral smoking  
 22 device or inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette,  
 23 pipe, or tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation.

24 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, 18.35.310, 18.35.320, 18.35.330, 18.35.355, and  
 25 18.35.365 are repealed.

26 \* **Sec. 15.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
 27 read:

28 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, 18.35.316, 18.35.321,  
 29 18.35.326, and 18.35.331, added by sec. 2 of this Act, AS 18.35.340(a) - (c), as amended by  
 30 secs. 3 - 5 of this Act, AS 18.35.341(a) - (d), as amended by secs. 6 - 9 of this Act,  
 31 AS 18.35.342, as amended by sec. 10 of this Act, AS 18.35.343, as amended by sec. 11 of this

1 Act, AS 18.35.350, as amended by sec. 12 of this Act, and AS 18.35.399, added by sec. 13 of  
2 this Act, apply to violations or failures to comply that occur on or after the effective date of  
3 secs. 2 - 13 of this Act.

4 \* **Sec. 16.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
5 read:

6 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and Social Services may  
7 adopt regulations necessary to implement AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, 18.35.316,  
8 18.35.321, 18.35.326, and 18.35.331, added by sec. 2 of this Act, AS 18.35.340(a) - (c), as  
9 amended by secs. 3 - 5 of this Act, AS 18.35.341(a) - (d), as amended by secs. 6 - 9 of this  
10 Act, AS 18.35.342, as amended by sec. 10 of this Act, AS 18.35.343, as amended by sec. 11  
11 of this Act, AS 18.35.350, as amended by sec. 12 of this Act, and AS 18.35.399, added by  
12 sec. 13 of this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure  
13 Act), but not before the effective date of the section being implemented.

14 \* **Sec. 17.** Section 16 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

15 \* **Sec. 18.** Except as provided in sec. 17 of this Act, this Act takes effect October 1, 2017.