

BY THE HESS COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a ban on smoking in the

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chambers and committee rooms of the

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House of Representatives.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 WHEREAS the Surgeon General of the United States has reported that
10 smoking is hazardous to human health; and

11 WHEREAS many studies show that tobacco smoke can also be harmful to
12 nonsmokers in the immediate area of smokers; and

13 WHEREAS the state has shown its concern for limiting tobacco use by
14 minors by prohibiting minors from buying tobacco products and prohibiting
15 persons from selling or giving tobacco products to minors; and

16 WHEREAS legislators should be role models for the youth of the state
17 and further encourage them not to smoke by personal example; and

18 WHEREAS current state law declares that smoking in any form is a
19 nuisance and a public health hazard that is prohibited in the House cham-
20 bers and rooms where public meetings are held except where designated by
21 the House Rules Committee;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests
23 the House Rules Committee to

24 (1) ban all smoking in the House chambers and House committee
25 rooms when public meetings are in progress;

26 (2) accommodate the needs of legislators and other persons who
27 are smokers in other suitable ways as determined by the Rules Committee.