

**CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS MICCICHE, McGuire, Costello, Bishop, Stevens, Meyer, Olson, Ellis, Gardner, Hoffman, Wielechowski

**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.** AS 18.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Sec. 18.35.301. Prohibition of smoking.** (a) Smoking is prohibited in an  
6 enclosed area in a public place, including an enclosed area

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

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

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

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

13 (5) at a place of government or public assembly located on property  
14 that is owned or operated by the state, a municipality, or a regional educational

1 attendance area, or by an agent of the state, a municipality, or a regional educational  
2 attendance area.

3 (b) Smoking is prohibited in an enclosed area

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

6 (2) in a place of employment;

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

9 (4) at a health care facility;

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

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

12 (7) in a residence at which the care of adults is provided on a fee-for-  
13 service basis;

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

15 (9) on a marine vessel operating as a shore-based fisheries business  
16 under AS 43.75.

17 (c) Smoking is prohibited outdoors

18 (1) at an area located at a public or private school or a state or  
19 municipal park that is primarily designated as a place for children to play;

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

21 (3) within

22 (A) 50 feet of an entrance to a health care facility;

23 (B) 10 feet of an entrance to a bar or restaurant that serves  
24 alcoholic beverages;

25 (C) 20 feet of an entrance, open window, or heating or  
26 ventilation system air intake vent at an enclosed area at a place where smoking  
27 is prohibited under this section; or

28 (D) a reasonable distance of an entrance, open window, or  
29 heating or ventilation system air intake vent on a marine vessel covered by this  
30 section as determined by the vessel owner or operator in charge.

31 (d) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, unless the owner or operator prohibits

1 it, smoking is allowed at a retail tobacco or e-cigarette store. In this subsection, "retail  
2 tobacco or e-cigarette store"

3 (1) means a retail store

4 (A) that sells primarily cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, tobacco  
5 and products containing tobacco, and pipes and other smoking or e-cigarette  
6 accessories;

7 (B) in which the sale of other products is incidental;

8 (C) that derives at least 90 percent of its gross revenue from the  
9 sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and products containing tobacco,  
10 and pipes and other smoking or e-cigarette accessories; and

11 (D) that is a freestanding building not attached to another  
12 business or to a residence;

13 (2) does not include

14 (A) a tobacco or e-cigarette department or section of a business  
15 that does not meet the criteria in (1) of this subsection;

16 (B) a business that is also a restaurant or grocery store;

17 (C) a business that is licensed under AS 04.11 to serve  
18 alcoholic beverages at an outdoor location;

19 (D) a business that is licensed under AS 05.15 to sell pull-tabs;

20 (E) a business that is licensed under AS 43.70.075 to sell  
21 tobacco but that does not meet the requirements of this subsection; or

22 (F) a retail store that is within an indoor public place or  
23 workplace.

24 (e) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this section, smoking may be permitted in a  
25 separate enclosed smoking area located in a terminal for international passengers who  
26 are in transit in a state-owned and state-operated international airport and who are  
27 restricted by federal law from leaving the airport, if the smoking area is vented directly  
28 to an outdoor area that is not an area where smoking is prohibited under (c) of this  
29 section.

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

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

3 (2) on a marine vessel when the vessel is engaged in commercial  
4 fishing or sport charter fishing or is otherwise used as a place of employment.

5 (g) Nothing in this section prohibits smoking at a private residence, except a  
6 private residence described in (b) of this section.

7 (h) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the department may adopt regulations  
8 authorizing smoking in a stand-alone shelter. At a minimum, the regulations must  
9 provide

10 (1) that no food or drink be sold in the stand-alone shelter;

11 (2) that at least 50 percent of one side of the shelter be completely  
12 open to the outside; and

13 (3) for minimum distance requirements consistent with (c) of this  
14 section.

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

18 (1) reads "Smoking Prohibited by Law--Maximum Fine \$50"; and

19 (2) includes the international symbol for no smoking or the words "No  
20 Puffin" with a pictorial representation of a Horned Puffin or Tufted Puffin holding a  
21 burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle crossed with a red bar.

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

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

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

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

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

7 (1) a program of education regarding the requirements in AS 18.35.301  
 8 - 18.35.399;

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

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

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

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

21 **Sec. 18.35.331. Conflicts with local requirements.** Nothing in AS 18.35.301  
 22 - 18.35.399 prohibits a municipality from adopting an ordinance imposing

23 (1) additional limitations on smoking; or

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

27 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.35.340(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The commissioner shall develop and maintain a procedure for processing  
 29 reports of violations of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, and 18.35.326  
 30 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, AND 18.35.330].

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

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

10 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.35.340(c) is amended to read:

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

19 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 18.35.341(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) A peace officer may issue a citation for a violation of **AS 18.35.301,**  
21 **18.35.311, or 18.35.326** [AS 18.35.300 OR 18.35.305] committed in the officer's  
22 presence or for a violation of **AS 18.35.306** [AS 18.35.330]. The provisions of  
23 AS 12.25.175 - 12.25.230 apply to the issuance of a citation under this subsection.

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

25 (b) An employee of the department designated by the commissioner to enforce  
26 the provisions of **AS 18.35.301 - 18.35.399** [AS 18.35.300 - 18.35.365] may issue a  
27 citation for a violation of **AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326**  
28 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, OR 18.35.330] regardless of whether the violation was  
29 committed in the employee's presence. A citation issued under this subsection shall be  
30 in the same form and shall be processed in the same manner as a citation issued by a  
31 peace officer under (a) of this section. An employee of the department may not arrest a

1 person 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].

3 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 18.35.341(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) A person who violates AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326  
 5 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, OR 18.35.330] is guilty of a violation as defined in  
 6 AS 11.81.900(b) and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 nor  
 7 more than \$50 for a violation of AS 18.35.301, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326  
 8 [AS 18.35.300 OR 18.35.305] and by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$300  
 9 for a violation of AS 18.35.306 [AS 18.35.330]. Each day a violation of AS 18.35.306  
 10 [AS 18.35.330] continues after a citation for the violation has been issued constitutes a  
 11 separate violation.

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

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

18 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 18.35.342 is amended to read:

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

22 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 18.35.343 is amended to read:

23 **Sec. 18.35.343. Injunctions.** The commissioner or any affected party may  
 24 institute an action in the superior court to enjoin repeated violations of AS 18.35.301,  
 25 18.35.306, 18.35.311, or 18.35.326 [AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, or 18.35.330].

26 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 18.35.350 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 18.35.350. Enforcement authority.** The commissioner or the  
 28 commissioner's designee is responsible for enforcing the provisions of AS 18.35.301 -  
 29 18.35.399 [AS 18.35.300 - 18.35.365]. This section does not limit the authority of  
 30 peace officers.

31 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 18.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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

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

5                   (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of environmental  
6 conservation or the commissioner's designee;

7                   (3) "department" means the Department of Environmental  
8 Conservation;

9                   (4) "e-cigarette" means an electronic device that uses a heating  
10 element, battery, or electronic circuit to issue a vapor or aerosol for inhalation in a  
11 manner that simulates smoking a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or other  
12 lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation;

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

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

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

21                  (8) "health care facility" means an office or institution providing care  
22 or treatment for physical, mental, emotional, or other medical, dental, physiological, or  
23 psychological diseases or conditions; a private, municipal, or state hospital;  
24 independent diagnostic testing facility; primary care outpatient facility; skilled nursing  
25 facility; kidney disease treatment center, including freestanding hemodialysis units;  
26 intermediate care facility; ambulatory surgical facility; Alaska Pioneers' Home or  
27 Alaska Veterans' Home administered by the Department of Health and Social Services  
28 under AS 47.55; long-term care facility; psychiatric hospital; residential psychiatric  
29 treatment center, as defined in AS 18.07.111 or AS 47.32.900, and other facilities,  
30 places of employment or offices operated for use by doctors, nurses, surgeons,  
31 chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, psychiatrists, or dentists or other



1 professional health care providers to provide health care;

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

6 (10) "public place" includes

7 (A) an area to which the public is invited or into which the  
8 public is admitted;

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

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

14 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 18.35.300, 18.35.305, 18.35.310, 18.35.320, 18.35.330, 18.35.355, and  
15 18.35.365 are repealed.

16 \* **Sec. 14.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
17 read:

18 APPLICABILITY. AS 18.35.301, 18.35.306, 18.35.311, 18.35.321, 18.35.326, and  
19 18.35.331, added by sec. 1 of this Act, AS 18.35.340(a), 18.35.340(b), 18.35.340(c),  
20 18.35.341(a), 18.35.341(b), 18.35.341(c), 18.35.341(d), 18.35.342, 18.35.343, and 18.35.350,  
21 as amended by secs. 2 - 11 of this Act, and AS 18.35.399, added by sec. 12 of this Act, apply  
22 to violations or failures to comply that occur on or after the effective date of secs. 1 - 12 of  
23 this Act.

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

26 TRANSITION; REGULATIONS. The Department of Environmental Conservation  
27 may adopt regulations necessary to implement AS 18.35.301(h), added by sec. 1 of this Act.  
28 The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the  
29 effective date of sec. 1 of this Act.

30 \* **Sec. 16.** Section 15 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

31 \* **Sec. 17.** Except as provided in sec. 16 of this Act, this Act takes effect October 1, 2015.