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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Tobacco Specialty Stores

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§2, ¶L**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 180, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 L. Smoking is not prohibited in a tobacco specialty store. The on-premises service,
5 preparation or consumption of food or the on-premises service or preparation of drink,
6 if the tobacco specialty store is not licensed for such service or consumption or
7 preparation prior to January 1, 2007, is prohibited in such a store. The on-premises
8 consumption of drink is not prohibited in a tobacco specialty store. Smoking a
9 waterpipe or hookah is prohibited in a tobacco specialty store that is newly licensed or
10 that requires a new license after January 1, 2007. A tobacco specialty store shall
11 provide notice to all applicants for employment and employees that working in a
12 tobacco specialty store may cause serious negative health effects, including an
13 increased risk of cancer and heart disease and that no level of exposure to
14 environmental tobacco smoke is safe.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that the on-premises consumption of drink is not prohibited in a
17 tobacco specialty store. It requires a tobacco specialty store to provide notice to all
18 applicants for employment and employees that working in a tobacco specialty store may
19 cause serious negative health effects, including an increased risk of cancer and heart disease
20 and that no level of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is safe.