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3 in any area that is open to or used by the public whether located  
4 indoors or outdoors, provided that the outdoor area is within one  
5 hundred seventy-five (175) feet from an entrance.

6 As used in this section, "indoor workplace" means any indoor  
7 place of employment or employment-type service for or at the request  
8 of another individual or individuals, or any public or private  
9 entity, whether part-time or full-time and whether for compensation  
10 or not. Such services shall include, without limitation, any  
11 service performed by an owner, employee, independent contractor,  
12 agent, partner, proprietor, manager, officer, director, apprentice,  
13 trainee, associate, servant or volunteer. An indoor workplace  
14 includes work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms,  
15 classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, any other spaces used or  
16 visited by employees, and all space between a floor and ceiling that  
17 is predominantly or totally enclosed by walls or windows, regardless  
18 of doors, doorways, open or closed windows, stairways, or the like.  
19 The provisions of this section shall apply to such indoor workplace  
20 at any given time, whether or not work is being performed.

21 B. All buildings and other properties, or portions thereof,  
22 owned or operated by this state shall be designated as nonsmoking.  
23 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to veterans  
24 centers operated by this state pursuant to the provisions of Section

1 221 et seq. of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which shall be  
2 designated nonsmoking effective January 1, 2015, at which time  
3 veterans centers may establish outdoor designated smoking areas for  
4 resident veterans only. Smoking shall only be allowed in designated  
5 outdoor smoking areas ~~until January 1, 2018. Each veterans center~~  
6 ~~described in this subsection shall be entirely nonsmoking no later~~  
7 ~~than January 1, 2018.~~

8 C. All buildings and other properties, or portions thereof,  
9 owned or operated by a county or municipal government, at the  
10 discretion of the county or municipal governing body, may be  
11 designated as entirely nonsmoking.

12 D. All educational facilities or portions thereof as defined in  
13 the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act and all  
14 educational facilities as defined in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools  
15 Act shall be designated as nonsmoking as provided for in Section 1-  
16 1523 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All campuses, buildings  
17 and grounds, or portions thereof, owned or operated by an  
18 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may  
19 be designated as tobacco free, including smoking or smokeless  
20 tobacco, by the institution upon adoption of a policy stating the  
21 tobacco restrictions for the institution and an intent to enforce  
22 the penalty for violations as set forth in subsection M of this  
23 section.

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1 E. No smoking shall be allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of  
2 the entrance or exit of any building specified in subsection B, C or  
3 D of this section.

4 F. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to  
5 stand-alone bars, stand-alone taverns and cigar bars as defined in  
6 Section 1-1522 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 G. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to  
8 the following:

9 1. The room or rooms where licensed charitable bingo games are  
10 being operated, but only during the hours of operation of such  
11 games;

12 2. Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the guest rooms at a  
13 hotel or other lodging establishment;

14 3. Retail tobacco stores predominantly engaged in the sale of  
15 tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other  
16 products is merely incidental and in which no food or beverage is  
17 sold or served for consumption on the premises;

18 4. Workplaces where only the owner or operator of the  
19 workplace, or the immediate family of the owner or operator,  
20 performs any work in the workplace, and the workplace has only  
21 incidental public access. "Incidental public access" means that a  
22 place of business has only an occasional person, who is not an  
23 employee, present at the business to transact business or make a  
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1 delivery. It does not include businesses that depend on walk-in  
2 customers for any part of their business;

3 5. Workplaces occupied exclusively by one or more smokers, if  
4 the workplace has only incidental public access;

5 6. Private offices occupied exclusively by one or more smokers;

6 7. Workplaces within private residences, except that smoking  
7 shall not be allowed inside any private residence that is used as a  
8 licensed child care facility during hours of operation;

9 8. Medical research or treatment centers, if smoking is  
10 integral to the research or treatment;

11 9. A facility operated by a post or organization of past or  
12 present members of the Armed Forces of the United States which is  
13 exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or  
14 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section  
15 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19), when such facility is utilized  
16 exclusively by its members and their families and for the conduct of  
17 post or organization nonprofit operations except during an event or  
18 activity which is open to the public; and

19 10. Any outdoor seating area of a restaurant; provided, smoking  
20 shall not be allowed within fifteen (15) feet of any exterior public  
21 doorway or any air intake of a restaurant.

22 H. An employer not otherwise restricted from doing so may elect  
23 to provide smoking rooms where no work is performed except for  
24 cleaning and maintenance during the time the room is not in use for

1 smoking, provided each smoking room is fully enclosed and exhausted  
2 directly to the outside in such a manner that no smoke can drift or  
3 circulate into a nonsmoking area. No exhaust from a smoking room  
4 shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or  
5 air intake.

6 I. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted in  
7 subsection F or G of this section or in a smoking room pursuant to  
8 subsection H of this section, such smoking space must either occupy  
9 the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space  
10 with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully  
11 enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the  
12 smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and under negative  
13 air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a  
14 nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is  
15 opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within  
16 fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Any employer  
17 may choose a more restrictive smoking policy, including being  
18 totally smoke free.

19 J. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, until  
20 March 1, 2006, restaurants may have designated smoking and  
21 nonsmoking areas or may be designated as being a totally nonsmoking  
22 area. Beginning March 1, 2006, restaurants shall be totally  
23 nonsmoking or may provide nonsmoking areas and designated smoking  
24 rooms. Food and beverage may be served in such designated smoking

1 rooms which shall be in a location which is fully enclosed, directly  
2 exhausted to the outside, under negative air pressure so smoke  
3 cannot escape when a door is opened, and no air is recirculated to  
4 nonsmoking areas of the building. No exhaust from such room shall  
5 be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance, exit or air  
6 intake. Such room shall be subject to verification for compliance  
7 with the provisions of this subsection by the State Department of  
8 Health.

9 K. The person who owns or operates a place where smoking or  
10 tobacco use is prohibited by law shall be responsible for posting a  
11 sign or decal, at least four (4) inches by two (2) inches in size,  
12 at each entrance to the building indicating that the place is smoke-  
13 free or tobacco-free.

14 L. Responsibility for posting signs or decals shall be as  
15 follows:

16 1. In privately owned facilities, the owner or lessee, if a  
17 lessee is in possession of the facilities, shall be responsible;

18 2. In corporately owned facilities, the manager and/or  
19 supervisor of the facility involved shall be responsible; and

20 3. In publicly owned facilities, the manager and/or supervisor  
21 of the facility shall be responsible.

22 M. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this  
23 section shall be punished by a citation and fine of not more than  
24 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1523, as  
2 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2015 (63 O.S. Supp.  
3 2016, Section 1-1523), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1-1523. A. Except as specifically provided in the  
5 Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, no person shall  
6 smoke in a public place, in any part of a zoo to which the public  
7 may be admitted, whether indoors or outdoors, in an indoor  
8 workplace, in any vehicle providing public transportation, at a  
9 meeting of a public body, in a nursing facility licensed pursuant to  
10 the Nursing Home Care Act, or in a child care facility licensed  
11 pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act. A  
12 nursing facility licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act may  
13 designate smoking rooms for residents and their guests. Such rooms  
14 shall be fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside, and  
15 shall be under negative air pressure so that no smoke can escape  
16 when a door is opened and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas  
17 of the building. Commercial airport operators may prohibit the use  
18 of lighted tobacco in any area that is open to or used by the public  
19 whether located indoors or outdoors, provided that the outdoor area  
20 is within one hundred seventy-five (175) feet from an entrance.

21 B. 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 of this  
22 subsection, a technology center school district which offers an  
23 early childhood education program or in which children in grades  
24 kindergarten through twelve are educated shall prohibit smoking, the



1 use of snuff, chewing tobacco or any other form of tobacco product  
2 in the educational facility buildings and on the grounds of the  
3 facility by all persons including, but not limited to, full-time,  
4 part-time, and contract employees, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to  
5 4:00 p.m., during the school session, or when class or any program  
6 established for students is in session.

7 2. A technology center school district may designate smoking  
8 areas outside of buildings, away from general traffic areas and  
9 completely out of sight of children under eighteen (18) years of  
10 age, for use by adults attending training courses, sessions,  
11 meetings or seminars.

12 3. A technology center school district or college or university  
13 may designate smoking areas outside the educational facility  
14 buildings for the use of adults during certain activities or  
15 functions, including, but not limited to, athletic contests.

16 4. Smoking shall be prohibited in an educational facility as  
17 defined in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act and as provided for in  
18 Section 3 of this act 1210.213 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit  
20 educational facilities from having more restrictive policies  
21 regarding smoking and the use of other tobacco products in the  
22 buildings or on the grounds of the facility.

23 D. A private residence is not a "public place" within the  
24 meaning of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act

1 except that areas in a private residence that are used as a licensed  
2 child care facility during hours of operation are "public places"  
3 within the meaning of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor  
4 Workplaces Act.

5 E. Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles owned by the State of  
6 Oklahoma and all of its agencies and instrumentalities.

7 F. Veterans centers operated by this state pursuant to the  
8 provisions of Section 221 et seq. of Title 72 of the Oklahoma  
9 Statutes shall be designated nonsmoking effective January 1, 2015,  
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11 smoking areas for resident veterans only. Smoking shall only be  
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11 building. No exhaust from such room shall be located within twenty-  
12 five (25) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Such room shall  
13 be subject to verification for compliance with the provisions of  
14 this subsection by the State Department of Health.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,  
18 dated 03/28/2017 - DO PASS.

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