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H.B. No. 690

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to creation of the criminal offense of possessing or
3 smoking tobacco inside or on the grounds of certain state
4 buildings.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 2165.010 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2165.010. TOBACCO PROHIBITION INSIDE OR ON GROUNDS OF
9 CERTAIN STATE BUILDINGS; CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) In this section,
10 "state agency" means a department, commission, board, office, or
11 other agency in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of
12 state government created by the state constitution or a state
13 statute. The term does not include a university system or an
14 institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003,
15 Education Code.

16 (b) A person commits an offense if the person is in
17 possession of a burning tobacco product or smokes tobacco inside or
18 on the grounds of a state-owned building in which a state agency's
19 office is located.

20 (c) An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class C misdemeanor
21 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.