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H.B. No. 670

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places; providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle H, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 169 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 169. SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 169.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Bar" means an enclosed indoor establishment that is open to the public and is devoted primarily to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

(2) "Business" means:

(A) a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity, either for-profit or not-for-profit, including a retail establishment, where goods or services are sold;

(B) a professional corporation or other entity where legal, medical, dental, engineering, architectural, or other professional services are delivered; or

(C) a private club.

(3) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

1           (4) "Employee" means an individual who:

2                   (A) is employed by an employer for direct or  
3 indirect monetary wages or profit; or

4                   (B) volunteers the individual's services for an  
5 employer.

6           (5) "Employer" means a person who employs one or more  
7 individuals or uses the volunteer services of one or more  
8 individuals. The term includes:

9                   (A) a nonprofit entity;

10                   (B) the legislative, executive, and judicial  
11 branches of state government; and

12                   (C) any political subdivision of this state.

13           (6) "Enclosed area" means all space between a floor  
14 and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows,  
15 exclusive of doorways, that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

16           (7) "Health care facility" means an office or  
17 institution in which care or treatment is provided for physical,  
18 mental, or emotional diseases or other medical, physiological, or  
19 psychological conditions.

20           (8) "Place of employment" means an enclosed area under  
21 the control of an employer that is used by employees of the employer  
22 but is not generally open to the public.

23           (9) "Private club" means an organization that:

24                   (A) owns, leases, or occupies a building used  
25 exclusively for club purposes at all times;

26                   (B) is operated solely for a recreational,  
27 fraternal, social, patriotic, political, benevolent, or athletic

- 1 purpose, but not for pecuniary gain;  
2 (C) sells alcoholic beverages only incidentally  
3 to its operation;  
4 (D) is managed by a board of directors or similar  
5 body chosen by the members at an annual meeting;  
6 (E) has established bylaws or a constitution to  
7 govern the club's activities; and  
8 (F) is exempt from federal income taxation under  
9 Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as a club described  
10 by Section 501(c)(7) of that code.  
11 (10) "Public place" means:  
12 (A) an enclosed area the public is invited or  
13 allowed to enter, including all or part of the following:  
14 (i) a restaurant;  
15 (ii) a bar;  
16 (iii) a retail or service establishment;  
17 (iv) a facility of a business or nonprofit  
18 entity;  
19 (v) a shopping mall;  
20 (vi) a convention facility;  
21 (vii) a theater or other facility primarily  
22 used for exhibiting a performance;  
23 (viii) a sports arena;  
24 (ix) a health care facility;  
25 (x) a licensed child-care or adult day-care  
26 facility;  
27 (xi) a polling place;

1                   (xii) a room in which a public meeting under  
2 the control of this state, an agency or branch of government of this  
3 state, or a political subdivision of this state is in progress;

4                   (xiii) a common area in a multiple-unit  
5 residential facility;

6                   (xiv) a public transportation facility,  
7 including a bus or taxicab, and a ticket, boarding, or waiting area  
8 of a public transportation depot;

9                   (xv) a waiting room, hallway, room, or ward  
10 in a health care facility; or

11                   (xvi) a restroom, lobby, reception area,  
12 service line, hallway, elevator, or other common-use area the  
13 public is invited or allowed to enter; or

14                   (B) a facility or vehicle of this state or of a  
15 local government, including a building or vehicle owned, leased, or  
16 operated by this state or the local government, regardless of  
17 whether the public is invited or allowed to enter.

18                   (11) "Restaurant" means an enclosed indoor  
19 establishment that is open to the public and is devoted primarily to  
20 the sale and service of food for immediate consumption. The term  
21 includes a bar located at the establishment.

22                   (12) "Retail or service establishment" means an  
23 establishment that sells goods or services to the public.

24                   (13) "Service line" means an indoor line in which one  
25 or more persons wait for or receive service, whether or not the  
26 service involves the exchange of money.

27                   (14) "Shopping mall" means an enclosed public walkway

1 or hall area that connects retail, service, or professional  
2 establishments.

3 (15) "Smoke" means to inhale, exhale, burn, or carry a  
4 lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other smoking equipment in any  
5 manner.

6 (16) "Sports arena" means a place in which a person  
7 engages in physical exercise, participates in athletic  
8 competition, or witnesses sports or other events.

9 (17) "Tobacco bar" means a business that:

10 (A) has in excess of 15 percent of gross sales in  
11 tobacco products, as that term is defined by Section 155.001, Tax  
12 Code;

13 (B) holds a permit under Chapter 155, Tax Code;  
14 and

15 (C) holds an alcoholic beverage permit or license  
16 issued under Chapter 25, 28, 32, or 69, Alcoholic Beverage Code, or  
17 under Section 11.10, Alcoholic Beverage Code.

18 (18) "Tobacco shop" means a business primarily devoted  
19 to the sale of tobacco products, as that term is defined by Section  
20 155.001, Tax Code, that does not hold an alcoholic beverage permit  
21 or license.

22 Sec. 169.002. APPLICABILITY. (a) Except as provided by  
23 Subsection (b), this chapter preempts and supersedes a local  
24 ordinance, rule, or regulation adopted by any political subdivision  
25 of this state relating to smoking.

26 (b) To the extent that a local ordinance, rule, or  
27 regulation adopted by a political subdivision of this state

1 prohibits or restricts smoking to a greater degree than this  
2 chapter, the ordinance, rule, or regulation is not preempted or  
3 superseded by this chapter.

4 (c) This chapter does not preempt or supersede Section  
5 38.006, Education Code.

6 Sec. 169.003. PUBLIC EDUCATION. The department shall  
7 engage in a continuing program to explain and clarify the purpose  
8 and requirements of this chapter and to guide employers, owners,  
9 operators, and managers in complying with this chapter. The  
10 program may include publication of a brochure for businesses and  
11 individuals that explains the provisions of this chapter.

12 Sec. 169.004. GOVERNMENT AGENCY COOPERATION. The  
13 department shall annually request other government agencies to  
14 establish local operating procedures to comply with this chapter.  
15 This request may include urging all federal, state, county, and  
16 municipal agencies and all independent school districts to update  
17 existing smoking control regulations to be consistent with the  
18 current health findings regarding secondhand smoke.

19 Sec. 169.005. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS. This chapter may not  
20 be construed to authorize smoking where it is restricted by other  
21 applicable law.

22 Sec. 169.006. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION. This chapter shall be  
23 liberally construed to further its purpose.

24 [Sections 169.007-169.050 reserved for expansion]

25 SUBCHAPTER B. PROHIBITED ACTS

26 Sec. 169.051. SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PLACES. A  
27 person may not smoke in a public place in this state.

1       Sec. 169.052. SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. A  
2 person may not smoke in a place of employment.

3       Sec. 169.053. PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN SEATING AREA AT AN  
4 OUTDOOR EVENT. A person may not smoke in:

5           (1) the seating area of an outdoor arena, stadium, or  
6 amphitheater; or

7           (2) bleachers or grandstands for use by spectators at  
8 a sporting or other public event.

9       Sec. 169.054. EXCEPTIONS. This subchapter does not apply  
10 to:

11           (1) a private residence, except when used as a  
12 child-care, adult day-care, or health care facility;

13           (2) a hotel or motel room rented to a guest and  
14 designated as a smoking room, if:

15                   (A) not more than 20 percent of rooms rented to  
16 guests in a hotel or motel are designated as smoking rooms;

17                   (B) all smoking rooms in the hotel or motel on the  
18 same floor are contiguous;

19                   (C) smoke from smoking rooms does not enter an  
20 area in which smoking is prohibited; and

21                   (D) nonsmoking rooms are not converted to smoking  
22 rooms;

23           (3) a nursing home or long-term care facility;

24           (4) a tobacco shop;

25           (5) a tobacco bar;

26           (6) a private club that does not employ any employees:

27                   (A) unless the club is being used for a function

1 to which the general public is invited; and

2 (B) provided the private club is not established  
3 for the sole purpose of avoiding compliance with this chapter;

4 (7) the outdoor area of a restaurant or bar, other than  
5 the areas described by Section 169.053;

6 (8) an outdoor porch or patio that is not accessible to  
7 the public, other than the areas described by Section 169.053;

8 (9) an enclosed workplace where tobacco or a tobacco  
9 product is heated, burned, smoked, or tested by a manufacturer,  
10 importer, or distributor of tobacco or tobacco products or by a  
11 tobacco leaf dealer as a necessary and integral part of the making,  
12 manufacturing, importing, or distributing of the tobacco or tobacco  
13 product for eventual retail sale; or

14 (10) a convention of tobacco-related businesses in a  
15 municipality where a convention of tobacco-related businesses is  
16 expressly authorized under an applicable municipal ordinance.

17 Sec. 169.055. DECLARATION OF ESTABLISHMENT AS NONSMOKING.

18 (a) An owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of an  
19 establishment, facility, or outdoor area may declare that entire  
20 establishment, facility, or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place.

21 (b) A person may not smoke in a place in which a sign  
22 conforming to the requirements of Section 169.056 is posted.

23 Sec. 169.056. DUTIES OF OWNER, MANAGER, OR OPERATOR OF  
24 PUBLIC PLACE OR EMPLOYER IN PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. An owner, manager,  
25 or operator of a public place or an employer in a place of  
26 employment shall:

27 (1) post clearly and conspicuously in the public place



1 or place of employment, as applicable:

2 (A) a sign with the words "No Smoking"; or

3 (B) a sign with the international "No Smoking"  
4 symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning  
5 cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across the  
6 cigarette;

7 (2) post at each entrance to the public place or place  
8 of employment, as applicable, a conspicuous sign clearly stating  
9 that smoking is prohibited; and

10 (3) remove all ashtrays from any area in which smoking  
11 is prohibited.

12 [Sections 169.057-169.100 reserved for expansion]

13 SUBCHAPTER C. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

14 Sec. 169.101. ENFORCEMENT. (a) The department shall  
15 enforce this chapter.

16 (b) An agency of this state or a political subdivision of  
17 this state that issues a license, certificate, registration, or  
18 other authority or permit to a business or to an owner, operator, or  
19 other person in control of a business shall provide notice to each  
20 applicant for the permit or authority of the provisions of this  
21 chapter.

22 (c) A person may file with the department a complaint  
23 concerning a violation of this chapter.

24 (d) The department or another agency of this state or a  
25 political subdivision of this state designated by the department  
26 may inspect an establishment for compliance with this chapter.

27 (e) An employer or an owner, manager, operator, or employee

1 of an establishment regulated under this chapter shall inform a  
2 person violating this chapter of the appropriate provisions  
3 pertaining to the violation.

4 Sec. 169.102. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. In addition to the other  
5 remedies provided by this chapter, the attorney general at the  
6 request of the department, or a person aggrieved by a violation of  
7 this chapter, may bring an action for injunctive relief to enforce  
8 this chapter.

9 Sec. 169.103. OFFENSES; PENALTIES. (a) A person who  
10 violates Section 169.051, 169.052, 169.053, or 169.055(b) commits  
11 an offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class C  
12 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.

13 (b) An owner, manager, or operator of a public place or an  
14 employer in a place of employment, as applicable, who violates  
15 Section 169.056 commits an offense. An offense under this  
16 subsection is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to  
17 exceed \$100.

18 (c) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under  
19 Subsection (b) that the defendant has previously been finally  
20 convicted of an offense under that subsection that occurred within  
21 one year before the date of the offense that is the subject of the  
22 trial, on conviction the defendant shall be punished by a fine not  
23 to exceed \$200.

24 (d) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under  
25 Subsection (b) that the defendant has previously been finally  
26 convicted of two offenses under that subsection that occurred  
27 within one year before the date of the offense that is the subject

1 of the trial, on conviction the defendant shall be punished by a  
2 fine not to exceed \$500.

3 Sec. 169.104. SEPARATE VIOLATIONS. Each day on which a  
4 violation of this chapter occurs is considered a separate  
5 violation.

6 SECTION 2. The following are repealed:

7 (1) Section 48.01, Penal Code; and

8 (2) Section 2, Chapter 290 (S.B. 59), Acts of the 64th  
9 Legislature, Regular Session, 1975.

10 SECTION 3. The repeal by this Act of Section 48.01, Penal  
11 Code, does not apply to an offense committed under that section  
12 before the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before  
13 that date is covered by the law in effect on the date the offense was  
14 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
15 purpose.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.