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S.B. No. 1537

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a county or municipality to enforce a
3 smoking ban on the premises of certain businesses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.089, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 161.089. PREEMPTION OF LOCAL LAW; EXCEPTION. (a)
8 Except as provided by Subsection (b), this ~~[This]~~ subchapter does
9 not preempt a local regulation of the sale, distribution, or use of
10 cigarettes or tobacco products or affect the authority of a
11 political subdivision to adopt or enforce an ordinance or
12 requirement relating to the sale, distribution, or use of
13 cigarettes or tobacco products if the regulation, ordinance, or
14 requirement:

15 (1) is compatible with and equal to or more stringent
16 than a requirement prescribed by this subchapter; or

17 (2) relates to an issue that is not specifically
18 addressed by this subchapter or Chapter 154 or 155, Tax Code.

19 (b) A county or municipality may not enforce an order,
20 ordinance, or similar measure to prohibit smoking on the premises
21 of a business which allows smoking and for which at least 20 percent
22 of the business's revenue is derived from the sale of cigars or
23 other tobacco products.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.