ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 202–ASSEMBLYMEN ANGLE, BEERS, BROWN, BUCKLEY, GEDDES, GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HARDY, MABEY AND WEBER

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR NEAL

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Prohibits smoking in certain stores that are principally devoted to sale of food for human consumption off premises unless area is segregated by walls on all sides. (BDR 15-151)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets <del>[omitted material]</del> is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to tobacco; prohibiting smoking in all public areas of certain stores that are principally devoted to the sale of food for human consumption off the premises unless the smoking area is segregated by walls on all sides; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. NRS 202.2491 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 202.2491 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6 and NRS 202.24915, the smoking of tobacco in any form is prohibited if done in any:
- 6 (a) Public elevator.
- 7 (b) Public building.
- 8 (c) Public waiting room, lobby or hallway of any:



- (1) Medical facility or facility for the dependent as defined in chapter 449 of NRS; or
- (2) Office of any chiropractor, dentist, physical therapist, physician, podiatric physician, psychologist, optician, optometrist or doctor of Oriental medicine.
  - (d) Hotel or motel when so designated by the operator thereof.
- (e) Public area of a store principally devoted to the sale of food for human consumption off the premises.
  - (f) Child care facility.
- (g) Bus used by the general public, other than a chartered bus, or in any maintenance facility or office associated with a bus system operated by any regional transportation commission.
  - (h) School bus.

- 2. The person in control of an area listed in paragraph (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of subsection 1:
- (a) Shall post in the area signs prohibiting smoking in any place not designated for that purpose as provided in paragraph (b).
- (b) May designate separate rooms or portions of the area which may be used for smoking. [, except for a room or portion of the area of a store described in paragraph (e) of subsection 1 if the room or portion of the area:
- (1) Is leased to or operated by a person licensed pursuant to NRS 463.160; and
- (2) Does not otherwise qualify for an exemption set forth in NRS 202.24915.1
  - 3. The person in control of a public building:
- (a) Shall post in the area signs prohibiting smoking in any place not designated for that purpose as provided in paragraph (b).
- (b) Shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, designate a separate area which may be used for smoking.
- A school district which prohibits the use of tobacco by pupils need not designate an area which may be used by the pupils to smoke.
- 4. The operator of a restaurant with a seating capacity of 50 or more shall maintain a flexible nonsmoking area within the restaurant and offer each patron the opportunity to be seated in a smoking or nonsmoking area.
- 5. A business which derives more than 50 percent of its gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages or 50 percent of its gross receipts from gaming operations may be designated as a smoking area in its entirety by the operator of the business.
  - 6. The smoking of tobacco is not prohibited in:
- (a) Any room or area designated for smoking pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 or paragraph (b) of subsection 3.



- (b) A licensed gaming establishment. A licensed gaming establishment may designate separate rooms or areas within the establishment which may or may not be used for smoking.
- 7. The person in control of a child care facility shall not allow children in any room or area he designates for smoking pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2. Any such room or area must be sufficiently separate or ventilated so that there are no irritating or toxic effects of smoke in the other areas of the facility.
  - 8. As used in this section:

- (a) "Child care facility" means an establishment licensed pursuant to chapter 432A of NRS to provide care for 13 or more children.
- (b) "Licensed gaming establishment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 463.0169.
- (c) "Public building" means any building or office space owned or occupied by:
- (1) Any component of the University and Community College System of Nevada and used for any purpose related to the System.
- (2) The State of Nevada and used for any public purpose, other than that used by the Department of Corrections to house or provide other services to offenders.
- (3) Any county, city, school district or other political subdivision of the State and used for any public purpose.
- If only part of a building is owned or occupied by an entity described in this paragraph, the term means only that portion of the building which is so owned or occupied.
  - (d) "School bus" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 483.160.
  - **Sec. 2.** NRS 202.24915 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 202.24915 1. A store that is principally devoted to the sale of food for human consumption off the premises may allow the smoking of tobacco in a public area of the store that is leased to or operated by a person who is licensed pursuant to NRS 463.160 if:
- (a) The entire interior public area of the store is 10,000 square feet or less; or
  - (b) The area [:
- (1) Is] is completely segregated from the other public areas of the store by [two or more walls or partial walls, or any combination thereof, in a configuration that includes at least one corner; and
- (2) Contains a method of ventilation which substantially removes smoke from the area.
- 43 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, until 44 January 1, 2010, a store that is principally devoted to the sale of food for human consumption off the premises may allow the



smoking of tobacco in a public area of the store that is leased to or operated by a person who is licensed pursuant to NRS 463.160 if the store was constructed before October 1, 1999, or received final approval for construction before October 1, 1999. On or after January 1, 2010, such a store may allow smoking in that public area only if the area contains a method of ventilation which substantially removes smoke from the area.

3. If at any time before January 1, 2010, a store described in subsection 2 remodels 25 percent or more of the square footage of the entire public area within the store, the store may continue to allow the smoking of tobacco in a public area of the store that is leased to or operated by a person who is licensed pursuant to NRS 463.160 only if the store includes as part of the remodeling a method of ventilation which substantially removes smoke from the area.

4. For the purposes of this section, "partial wall" or "wall" may include, without limitation, one or more gaming devices, as defined in NRS 463.0155, if the gaming devices are configured together or in conjunction with other structures to create a barrier that is similar to a partial wall or wall.] walls on all sides.

2. The person in control of a store that is principally devoted to the sale of food for human consumption off the premises shall post in the area signs prohibiting smoking in any place not designated for that purpose as provided in subsection 1.



