

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 571—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MAY 20, 2011

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing prohibitions on smoking tobacco. (BDR 15-1294)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to smoking; providing that smoking tobacco is not prohibited in age-restricted stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons; revising the definition of “stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon” as used in provisions regulating smoking tobacco; revising, removing and reenacting certain provisions of the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 The Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act, which is currently codified as NRS
2 202.2483, was proposed by an initiative petition and approved by the voters at the
3 2006 General Election. The Act generally prohibits smoking tobacco within indoor
4 places of employment, within school buildings and on school property but allows
5 smoking tobacco in certain areas or establishments, including: (1) stand-alone bars,
6 taverns and saloons; and (2) in certain circumstances, the area of a convention
7 facility in which a meeting or trade show is being held. (NRS 202.2483) **Section 1**
8 of this bill also extends the provisions allowing smoking tobacco to age-restricted
9 stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons and revises the definition of “stand-alone bar,
10 tavern or saloon” to provide that food service or sales in the bar, tavern or saloon
11 may or may not be incidental services or sales, as determined by the operator.
12 **Section 1** also removes the provisions which allow smoking in certain
13 circumstances in the area of a convention facility in which a meeting or trade show
14 is being held. **Section 2** of this bill reenacts the provisions which allow smoking in
15 certain circumstances in the area of a convention facility in which a meeting or
16 trade show is being held.

17 **Section 3** of this bill makes an appropriation of \$15,000 from the State General
18 Fund to the Interim Finance Committee to contract, through competitive bidding,



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19 with a qualified independent consultant to conduct a study regarding the
20 implementation of the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 202.2483 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 202.2483 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,
4 smoking tobacco in any form is prohibited within indoor places of
5 employment including, but not limited to, the following:

- 6 (a) Child care facilities;
- 7 (b) Movie theatres;
- 8 (c) Video arcades;
- 9 (d) Government buildings and public places;
- 10 (e) Malls and retail establishments;
- 11 (f) All areas of grocery stores; and
- 12 (g) All indoor areas within restaurants.

13 2. Without exception, smoking tobacco in any form is
14 prohibited within school buildings and on school property.

15 3. Smoking tobacco is not prohibited in:

16 (a) Areas within casinos where loitering by minors is already
17 prohibited by state law pursuant to NRS 463.350;

18 (b) Stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons ~~[-]~~ *and age-restricted*
19 *stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons;*

20 (c) Strip clubs or brothels;

21 (d) Retail tobacco stores; *and*

22 (e) Private residences, including private residences which may
23 serve as an office workplace, except if used as a child care, an adult
24 day care or a health care facility. ~~[-; and~~

25 ~~—(f) The area of a convention facility in which a meeting or trade~~
26 ~~show is being held, during the time the meeting or trade show is~~
27 ~~occurring, if the meeting or trade show:~~

28 ~~—(1) Is not open to the public;~~

29 ~~—(2) Is being produced or organized by a business relating to~~
30 ~~tobacco or a professional association for convenience stores; and~~

31 ~~—(3) Involves the display of tobacco products.]~~

32 4. In areas or establishments where smoking is not prohibited
33 by this section, nothing in state law shall be construed to prohibit
34 the owners of said establishments from voluntarily creating
35 nonsmoking sections or designating the entire establishment as
36 smoke free.

37 5. Nothing in state law shall be construed to restrict local
38 control or otherwise prohibit a county, city or town from adopting



1 and enforcing local tobacco control measures that meet or exceed
2 the minimum applicable standards set forth in this section.

3 6. "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking"
4 symbol shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in every public
5 place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this
6 section. Each public place and place of employment where smoking
7 is prohibited shall post, at every entrance, a conspicuous sign clearly
8 stating that smoking is prohibited. All ashtrays and other smoking
9 paraphernalia shall be removed from any area where smoking is
10 prohibited.

11 7. Health authorities, police officers of cities or towns, sheriffs
12 and their deputies shall, within their respective jurisdictions, enforce
13 the provisions of this section and shall issue citations for violations
14 of this section pursuant to NRS 202.2492 and 202.24925.

15 8. No person or employer shall retaliate against an employee,
16 applicant or customer for exercising any rights afforded by, or
17 attempts to prosecute a violation of, this section.

18 9. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
19 the following definitions:

20 (a) *"Age-restricted stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon" means*
21 *an establishment:*

22 (1) *Devoted primarily to the sale of alcoholic beverages to*
23 *be consumed on the premises;*

24 (2) *In which food service or sales may or may not be*
25 *incidental food service or sales, in the discretion of the operator of*
26 *the establishment; and*

27 (3) *In which patrons under 21 years of age are prohibited*
28 *at all times from entering the premises.*

29 (b) "Casino" means an entity that contains a building or large
30 room devoted to gambling games or wagering on a variety of
31 events. A casino must possess a nonrestricted gaming license as
32 described in NRS 463.0177 and typically uses the word 'casino' as
33 part of its proper name.

34 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) "Child care facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
35 NRS 432A.024.

36 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) "Completely enclosed area" means an area that is
37 enclosed on all sides by any combination of solid walls, windows or
38 doors that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

39 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) "Government building" means any building or office
40 space owned or occupied by:

41 (1) Any component of the Nevada System of Higher
42 Education and used for any purpose related to the System;

43 (2) The State of Nevada and used for any public purpose; or

44 (3) Any county, city, school district or other political
45 subdivision of the State and used for any public purpose.



~~(e)~~ (f) "Health authority" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.2485.

~~(f)~~ (g) "Incidental food service or sales" means the service of prepackaged food items including, but not limited to, peanuts, popcorn, chips, pretzels or any other incidental food items that are exempt from food licensing requirements pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 446.870.

~~(g)~~ (h) "Place of employment" means any enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer which employees frequent during the course of employment including, but not limited to, work areas, restrooms, hallways, employee lounges, cafeterias, conference and meeting rooms, lobbies and reception areas.

~~(h)~~ (i) "Public places" means any enclosed areas to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted.

~~(i)~~ (j) "Restaurant" means a business which gives or offers for sale food, with or without alcoholic beverages, to the public, guests or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere.

~~(j)~~ (k) "Retail tobacco store" means a retail store utilized primarily for the sale of tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other products is merely incidental.

~~(k)~~ (l) "School building" means all buildings on the grounds of any public school described in NRS 388.020 and any private school as defined in NRS 394.103.

~~(l)~~ (m) "School property" means the grounds of any public school described in NRS 388.020 and any private school as defined in NRS 394.103.

~~(m)~~ (n) "Stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon" means an establishment ~~devoted~~:

(1) *Devoted* primarily to the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises ~~in~~;

(2) *In* which food service ~~is~~ *or sales may or may not be incidental* ~~to its operation, and provided that~~ *food service or sales, in the discretion of the operator of the establishment;*

(3) *In which* smoke from such establishments does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this section ~~In addition, a stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon~~; and

(4) *That* must be housed in either:

~~(1)~~ (I) A physically independent building that does not share a common entryway or indoor area with a restaurant, public place or any other indoor workplaces where smoking is prohibited by this section; or

~~(2)~~ (II) A completely enclosed area of a larger structure, such as a strip mall or an airport, provided that indoor windows



1 must remain shut at all times and doors must remain closed when
2 not actively in use.

3 ~~[(a)]~~ (o) "Video arcade" has the meaning ascribed to it in
4 paragraph (d) of subsection 3 of NRS 453.3345.

5 10. Any statute or regulation inconsistent with this section is
6 null and void.

7 11. The provisions of this section are severable. If any
8 provision of this section or the application thereof is declared by a
9 court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional,
10 such declaration shall not affect the validity of the section as a
11 whole or any provision thereof other than the part declared to be
12 invalid or unconstitutional.

13 **Sec. 2.** NRS 202.2483 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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15 smoking tobacco in any form is prohibited within indoor places of
16 employment including, but not limited to, the following:

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- 18 (b) Movie theatres;
- 19 (c) Video arcades;
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- 22 (f) All areas of grocery stores; and
- 23 (g) All indoor areas within restaurants.

24 2. Without exception, smoking tobacco in any form is
25 prohibited within school buildings and on school property.

26 3. Smoking tobacco is not prohibited in:

- 27 (a) Areas within casinos where loitering by minors is already
28 prohibited by state law pursuant to NRS 463.350;
- 29 (b) Stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons and age-restricted
30 stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons;
- 31 (c) Strip clubs or brothels;
- 32 (d) Retail tobacco stores; ~~and~~
- 33 (e) *The area of a convention facility in which a meeting or*
34 *trade show is being held, during the time the meeting or trade*
35 *show is occurring, if the meeting or trade show:*

36 (1) *Is not open to the public;*

37 (2) *Is being produced or organized by a business relating to*
38 *tobacco or a professional association for convenience stores; and*

39 (3) *Involves the display of tobacco products; and*

40 (f) Private residences, including private residences which may
41 serve as an office workplace, except if used as a child care, an adult
42 day care or a health care facility.

43 4. In areas or establishments where smoking is not prohibited
44 by this section, nothing in state law shall be construed to prohibit
45 the owners of said establishments from voluntarily creating



1 nonsmoking sections or designating the entire establishment as
2 smoke free.

3 5. Nothing in state law shall be construed to restrict local
4 control or otherwise prohibit a county, city or town from adopting
5 and enforcing local tobacco control measures that meet or exceed
6 the minimum applicable standards set forth in this section.

7 6. "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking"
8 symbol shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in every public
9 place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this
10 section. Each public place and place of employment where smoking
11 is prohibited shall post, at every entrance, a conspicuous sign clearly
12 stating that smoking is prohibited. All ashtrays and other smoking
13 paraphernalia shall be removed from any area where smoking is
14 prohibited.

15 7. Health authorities, police officers of cities or towns, sheriffs
16 and their deputies shall, within their respective jurisdictions, enforce
17 the provisions of this section and shall issue citations for violations
18 of this section pursuant to NRS 202.2492 and 202.24925.

19 8. No person or employer shall retaliate against an employee,
20 applicant or customer for exercising any rights afforded by, or
21 attempts to prosecute a violation of, this section.

22 9. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
23 the following definitions:

24 (a) "Age-restricted stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon" means an
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30 the establishment; and

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32 all times from entering the premises.

33 (b) "Casino" means an entity that contains a building or large
34 room devoted to gambling games or wagering on a variety of
35 events. A casino must possess a nonrestricted gaming license as
36 described in NRS 463.0177 and typically uses the word 'casino' as
37 part of its proper name.

38 (c) "Child care facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
39 NRS 432A.024.

40 (d) "Completely enclosed area" means an area that is enclosed
41 on all sides by any combination of solid walls, windows or doors
42 that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

43 (e) "Government building" means any building or office space
44 owned or occupied by:



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(f) "Health authority" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 202.2485.

(g) "Incidental food service or sales" means the service of prepackaged food items including, but not limited to, peanuts, popcorn, chips, pretzels or any other incidental food items that are exempt from food licensing requirements pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 446.870.

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2 section; or

3 (II) A completely enclosed area of a larger structure, such
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5 remain shut at all times and doors must remain closed when not
6 actively in use.

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8 (d) of subsection 3 of NRS 453.3345.

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12 provision of this section or the application thereof is declared by a
13 court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional,
14 such declaration shall not affect the validity of the section as a
15 whole or any provision thereof other than the part declared to be
16 invalid or unconstitutional.

17 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
18 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$15,000
19 to contract, through competitive bidding, with a qualified
20 independent consultant to conduct a study regarding the
21 implementation of the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act,
22 NRS 202.2483.

23 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
24 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
25 2013, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any
26 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
27 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
28 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
29 after September 20, 2013, by either the entity to which the money
30 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
31 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
32 Fund on or before September 20, 2013.

33 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 3 of this act
34 become effective upon passage and approval.

35 2. Section 2 of this act becomes effective one minute after
36 passage and approval of this act.

