



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1025

LCO No. 3066

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) No person shall smoke: (1) In any building or portion of a
4 building owned or leased and operated by the state or any political
5 subdivision thereof except in a smoking area; (2) in any area of a health
6 care institution other than a smoking area, provided the smoking area
7 may not be the institution's only waiting area, and notice shall be
8 posted at entrances to such institutions that smoking is prohibited by
9 state law; (3) in any area of a retail food store open to the general
10 public; (4) in any [public area of a restaurant having a seating capacity
11 of seventy-five or more persons, unless a sign is posted which
12 indicates that smoking is permitted in such area, provided (i) no such
13 restaurant shall be designated, in its entirety, as a smoking area, (ii)
14 smoking may be prohibited in rooms used for private social functions,
15 and (iii) a sign is posted at the entrance of the restaurant indicating the
16 availability of nonsmoking areas] area of public accommodation; (5)
17 notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-40q, within a public

18 school building while school is in session or student activities are being
19 conducted; and (6) in any passenger elevator, provided no person shall
20 be arrested for violating this subsection unless there is posted in such
21 room or elevator a sign which indicates that smoking is prohibited by
22 state law. This subsection shall not apply to correctional facilities,
23 dormitory rooms in any public institution of higher education,
24 psychiatric facilities, public housing projects as defined in subsection
25 (b) of section 21a-278a or classrooms where demonstration smoking is
26 taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

Statement of Purpose:

To ban smoking in any facility which is open to the public.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]