



**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1 Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes is repealed  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  
6 health care institution other than a smoking area, provided the  
7 smoking area may not be the institution's only waiting area, and notice  
8 shall be posted at entrances to such institutions that smoking is  
9 prohibited by state law; (3) in any area of a retail food store open to the  
10 general public; (4) in any [public area of a restaurant having a seating  
11 capacity 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.

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