



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 419

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE AN EXTENSION OF THE BAN ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES TO CASINOS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a committee
2 to analyze and facilitate an extension of the state's ban on smoking in
3 public places to casinos. The committee shall consider and review any
4 factors, legal or otherwise, that could impede the state's ability to
5 implement a ban on smoking in casinos. After giving due
6 consideration to such factors, the committee shall take such actions as
7 it deems appropriate and necessary to facilitate the implementation of
8 a ban on smoking in casinos located in the state.

9 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or a member
11 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) The president pro tempore of the Senate, or a member appointed
13 by president pro tempore of the Senate;

14 (3) The majority leader of the House of Representatives, or a
15 member appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;

17 (4) The majority leader of the Senate, or a member appointed by the
18 majority leader of the Senate;

19 (5) The minority leader of the House of Representatives, or a
20 member appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (6) The minority leader of the Senate, or a member appointed by the
23 minority leader of the Senate;

24 (7) The Governor, or a member appointed by the Governor;

25 (8) The Attorney General, or a member appointed by the Attorney
26 General;

27 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
28 designee;

29 (10) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the
30 commissioner's designee;

31 (c) Any member of the committee appointed under subdivision (1),
32 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
33 member of the General Assembly.

34 (d) All appointments to the committee shall be made no later than
35 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
36 filled by the appointing authority.

37 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
38 pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as the chairpersons of the
39 committee. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the
40 committee, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the
41 effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
44 health shall serve as administrative staff of the committee established

45 pursuant to this section.

46 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 31, 2009, the
47 chairpersons of the committee, established pursuant to section 1 of this
48 act, shall certify in writing to the joint standing committee of the
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
50 health that the efforts of the committee have: (1) Resulted in an
51 agreement that will facilitate the implementation of a ban on smoking
52 in the state's casinos; or (2) not resulted in an agreement that will
53 facilitate the implementation of a ban on smoking in the state's casinos.
54 In the event that the efforts of the committee have resulted in an
55 agreement that will facilitate the implementation of a ban on smoking
56 in the state's casinos, the certification from the chairpersons of the
57 committee shall include the significant terms of such agreement,
58 including, but not limited to, the date on which the ban on smoking in
59 the state's casinos shall take effect.

60 (b) In the event that the chairpersons of the committee, established
61 pursuant to section of 1 of this act, certify in writing that the efforts of
62 the committee have not resulted in an agreement that will facilitate the
63 implementation of a ban on smoking in the state's casinos, then, on and
64 after February 1, 2009, no person shall smoke in any area of an
65 establishment with a permit issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor
66 pursuant to section 30-37k of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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