

To: Public Health Committee  
Re: HB5286  
Date: Feb. 21, 2011

I am recommending that you vote FOR HB5286 for the following reasons:

1. The health of the non smoking workers at the establishment is jeopardized
2. The health of non smoking visitors to the establishment is jeopardized.

3. The *rights of individuals* in private situations are affected in other precedents for example;

people can not drink and drive in their car even though both are legal separately, as are cell phones, eating, reading, etc while driving. There are many other acts that an individual can not legally perform such as carrying a hand gun in a bar.

Laws are made to protect individuals even if some rights are sacrificed.

My experience includes going to a local club often as a guest. The low ceiling and poorly maintained smoke eaters makes the air unhealthy to breathe. Clothes smell of smoke and a shower is needed when I return home. I enjoy being with my friends but my health is being compromised. Some officials of the club do not want the smoke but are hesitant to make changes. Passing this or a stronger bill would help the clubs that would like to prevent smoking, but lack the means to establish this rule.

I trust that the committee will make the proper decision that may affect the healthy lives of many others.

It would be more advantageous for the bill to drop the term 'which are rented'.

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