

## Fire-safer Cigarette Law Enacted

Michigan has enacted a law requiring sale of so-called “fire-safe” cigarettes. Deaths related to fires caused by unattended cigarette materials are one of the leading causes of fire-related deaths in the United States. These cigarettes are designed to extinguish if left unattended for a period of time, thereby reducing the risk of fires in bedding, couches, and other house furnishings. The new law goes into effect on January 1, 2010 and would prohibit the sale of any cigarettes that do not comply with the standard adopted in the bill after that date. The State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Fire Services in the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth will administer the new requirement.

For more information on this topic visit the Web Site of the Fire Safe Cigarette Coalition at <http://www.firesafecigarettes.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=9&URL=Home%20-%20The%20Coalition%20for%20Fire%20Safe%20Cigarettes>