Michigan's New Smokefree Law

What You Need To Know



What you need to know.

- Effective Date
- What's covered
- What's not
- Implementation
- Enforcement
- Resources



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- House Bill 4377
- Passed by Senate and House on Dec. 10, 2009
- Signed by the Governor on Dec. 18, 2009
- Public Act 188 of 2009





Effective Date

- Effective Saturday, May 1, 2010
- Not Friday Night, 12:01 a.m.

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- All Workplaces
 - Public and Private
- All Food Service Establishments
 - A food service establishment is any place with a license to serve food and beverages
 - Restaurants
 - Bars
 - Bowling Alleys



- The law includes any public place
 - Bingo Halls
 - Shopping Malls
 - Concert Halls
 - Arenas
 - Museums
 - Mechanic Shops
 - Health Facilities
 - Nursing Homes
 - Educational Institutions
 - Child Care Centers
 - Hotel & Motels



- All Food Service Establishments
 - Outdoor areas of restaurants and bars where food and beverage may be served will be smokefree.
 - This includes patios of bars and restaurants





- VFW halls or other private clubs
 - Any establishment that has a food service license cannot allow smoking
 - Even if it only serves once a week or once a year
 - If they don't serve food or drink but employ at least one person, they must be smokefree



- Hookah Bars
 - Hookah bars can operate as tobacco specialty shops
 - Any establishment with a food service license must be smokefree





Exemptions



- Exemptions
 - The Law does not apply to businesses located on sovereign grounds.
 - Cigar bars
 - Tobacco specialty stores



- Casinos
 - Detroit's 3 Casinos
 - Smoking allowed only on the gaming floors
 - All restaurants, bars, hotels, conference rooms and common areas outside of the gaming area are still covered



- Cigar Bars
 - Smoking may be allowed at existing cigar bars that meet specific criteria
 - Cigar bars must meet all criteria





- Cigar Bar Criteria
 - In existence
 - Generated 10% or more of its total gross annual income from the onsite sale of <u>cigars</u> and the rental of on-site humidors
 - Is separately located from any area where smoking is prohibited and smoke does not infiltrate into nonsmoking areas
 - Has installed an on-site humidor
 - Prohibits entry to anyone under the age of 18 during business hours
 - Allows only the smoking of <u>cigars</u> that retail for over \$1.00 per <u>cigar</u>
 - Prohibits the smoking of all other tobacco products
 - Files an affidavit on January 31 of each year to claim the exemption

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- Tobacco Specialty Shops
 - Smoking may be allowed at tobacco specialty shops that meet specific criteria
 - In existence
 - Generated 75% or more of its total gross annual income from the onsite sale of tobacco products and smoking paraphernalia
 - Is separately located from any area where smoking is prohibited and smoke does not infiltrate into nonsmoking areas
 - Prohibits entry to anyone under the age of 18 during business hours.
 - Files an affidavit on January 31 of each year to claim the exemption

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- Other exemptions
 - A primary residence that is also used as an office and for no other employees other than the owner
 - A motor vehicle



■ If you have questions about other places that may or may not be included in the law that have not been addressed in this presentation or the FAQ, please call the Michigan Department of Community Health at 866-59-SMOKE.



Implementation



- Statewide education campaign
 - Community presentations
 - Brochures and other publications
 - Print an article in your publication
 - Ads in print and broadcast media around the state



- State website:
 - www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw
- Informational Line:
 - (866) 59-SMOKE



- What are businesses required to do?
 - Beginning May 1, 2010, a person in charge of an establishment that is subject to the new smoke-free law must:
 - Post required no-smoking signs
 - Remove indoor ashtrays and other smoking receptacles
 - Direct any person who is smoking to extinguish the cigarette, cigar or other lighted item
- A compliance checklist is available on the smokefree law website.



- Operation Check
 - Activate volunteers
 - Focused activities on May 1, 2010, during the first week of the law, after 3 months, after 6 months
 - Visibility in our communities
 - Wearing positive messages during the first weekend
 - Assure compliance
 - Observe activities and fill out surveys
 - Obtain positive media
 - Organizing an earned media activity for May 1 (Bar hopke



Enforcement



- Enforcing agencies are:
 - State health department
 - State agriculture department
 - For food service establishments (bars and restaurants)
 - Local health departments
- Complaint-driven
 - Complaints will be investigated by the designated enforcement agency

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- Complaints may be enforced by the local health departments and the Michigan Department of Community Health Tobacco Section
- Visit <u>www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw</u> to find out how to file a complaint

- If someone is smoking
 - The owner or manager is required to ask them to stop
 - If they don't, the owner or manager is required to deny service and ask the individual to leave
 - If they still don't stop, follow your normal protocol for dealing with disruptive customers or clients

- If an establishment is allowing smoking
 - The local health department can be asked to investigate
 - If smoking persists, the health department can take further administrative action that could lead to fines, fees and shut down of that establishment



- Violations
 - A fine can be levied
 - A civil fine of not more than \$100.00 for a first violation
 - A civil fine of not more than \$500.00 for a second or subsequent violation.



- Experience in other states is that citations and fines are uncommon
- People like the law and comply
- No smoking signs are required to be posted
- Signs will be available from the Michigan
 Department of Community Health website: www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw





- We know that
 - When a smokefree worksites law goes into effect, smokers see it as an opportunity to quit.
 - There is an increase in requests for help in quitting.



- Resources for Employers: Quitting Tobacco
 - Check your benefits language. Does your provider cover tobacco dependence treatment counseling or medications?
 - Communicate what is covered via employee newsletter, payroll reminders, employee email, break room bulletin boards.
 - Check with your local health department, hospital, 211 or American Cancer Society to learn about make programs that may be available in your community.

- State and National Printed Resources
 - Online or printed materials are available at:
 - www.cancer.org
 - www.americanheart.org
 - <u>www.lungusa.org</u>
 - <u>www.michigan.gov/tobacco</u>
 - <u>www.smokefree.gov</u>



- State and National Online or Telephone Resources
 - Telephone quit tobacco support is available at:
 - Michigan Tobacco Quitline 1-800-784-8669
 - American Lung Association 1-800-548-8252
 - National Cancer Institute 1-877-448-7848
 - Online quit smoking support can be found at:
 - www.cancer.gov/help
 - <u>www.quitnet.com</u>
 - <u>www.becomeanex.org</u>



- Michigan Tobacco Quitline
- 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)
 - Available 24 hours a day.
 - Information and referral to local programs for all callers.
 - Ongoing counseling available to those with Medicaid, Medicare, County Health Plans and no insurance.
 - Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges available to qualifying callers who enroll in quitline services. make

- American Cancer Society
 - Contact your local American Cancer Society office for additional cessation materials or resources
 - Office Locations:
 - Southfield
 - East Lansing
 - Ann Arbor
 - Jackson
 - Portage
 - Grand Rapids
 - Flint
 - Bay City
 - Iron Mountain



More Information

www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw

www.michigan.gov/tobacco



Questions?

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