

H.764

Introduced by Representatives Tate of Mendon and Hebert of Vernon

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; smoking; cigars; cigar bars

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow the smoking of cigars inside an area located in or attached to a business that sells cigars.

An act relating to cigar bars

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1421 is amended to read:

§ 1421. SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE; PROHIBITION

(a) The use of lighted tobacco products is prohibited in any workplace.

(b)(1) As used in this subchapter, “workplace” means an enclosed structure where employees perform services for an employer, including restaurants, bars, and other establishments in which food or drinks, or both, are served. “Workplace” does not include a separate, enclosed area dedicated to the use of cigars that is located in or attached to a business establishment whose main purpose is the sale of tobacco products, including cigars and related accessories. In the case of an employer who assigns employees to

1 departments, divisions, or similar organizational units, “workplace” means the  
2 enclosed portion of a structure to which the employee is assigned.

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4 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1742(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The possession of lighted tobacco products in any form is prohibited in:

6 (1) the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access and  
7 publicly owned buildings and offices, except a separate, enclosed area  
8 dedicated to the use of cigars that is located in or attached to a business  
9 establishment whose main purpose is the sale of tobacco products, including  
10 cigars and related accessories;

11 (2) all enclosed indoor places in lodging establishments used for  
12 transient traveling or public vacationing, such as resorts, hotels, and motels,  
13 including sleeping quarters and adjoining rooms rented to guests;

14 (3) designated smoke-free areas of property or grounds owned by or  
15 leased to the State; and

16 (4) any other area within 25 feet of State-owned buildings and offices,  
17 except that to the extent that any portion of the 25-foot zone is not on State  
18 property, smoking is prohibited only in that portion of the zone that is on State  
19 property unless the owner of the adjoining property chooses to designate his or  
20 her property smoke-free.

1      Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2      This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.