

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.
3 217 entitled “An act relating to smoking in partially enclosed structures,
4 lodging establishments, and state lands” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that

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

7 § 1421. SMOKING IN THE WORKPLACE; PROHIBITION

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

9 (b)(1) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this subchapter, “workplace” means
10 an enclosed or partially enclosed structure where employees perform services
11 for an employer or, in the case of an employer who assigns employees to
12 departments, divisions, or similar organizational units, the enclosed or partially
13 enclosed portion of a structure to which the employee is assigned.

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15 (3) For schools, workplace includes any enclosed or partially enclosed
16 location where instruction or other school-sponsored functions are occurring
17 and students are present.

18 (4) For lodging establishments used for transient traveling or public
19 vacationing, such as resorts, hotels and motels, workplace includes the sleeping
20 quarters and adjoining rooms rented to guests.

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1 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 1741 is amended to read:

2 § 1741. DEFINITIONS

3 As used in this chapter:

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5 (2) “A place of public access” means any place of business, commerce,
6 banking, financial service, or other service-related activity, whether publicly or
7 privately owned and whether operated for profit or not, to which the general
8 public has access or which the general public uses, including. The term

9 includes:

10 (A) buildings;₂

11 (B) offices;₂

12 (C) means of transportation;₂

13 (D) common carrier waiting rooms;₂

14 (E) arcades;₂

15 (F) restaurants, bars,₂ and cabarets;₂

16 (G) retail stores;₂

17 (H) grocery stores;₂

18 (I) libraries;₂

19 (J) theaters, concert halls, auditoriums, and arenas;₂

20 (K) barber shops, and hair salons;₂

21 (L) laundromats;₂

1 (M) shopping malls;₂

2 (N) museums; and art galleries;₂

3 (O) sports and fitness facilities;₂

4 (P) planetariums;₂

5 (Q) historical sites;₂

6 (R) lodging establishments for transient traveling or public

7 vacationing, such as resorts, hotels, and motels;

8 (S) common areas of nursing homes; and hospitals, ~~resorts, hotels~~

9 ~~and motels~~, including the lobbies, hallways, elevators, restaurants, restrooms,

10 and cafeterias;₂ and

11 (T) buildings or facilities owned or operated by a social, fraternal, or

12 religious club.

13 (3) “Enclosed or partially enclosed” means closed in by a roof or

14 overhang and at least two walls of building materials, canvas, or other material

15 that impedes air flow. Enclosed or partially enclosed areas include areas

16 commonly described as public lobbies, interior courtyards, patios, porches, and

17 covered decks and walkways, as long as they are closed in by a roof or

18 overhang and at least two walls.

19 (4) “Health care facility” shall have the same meaning as in section

20 9432 of this title.

1 ~~(3)~~(5) “Publicly owned buildings and offices” means enclosed and
2 partially enclosed indoor places or portions of such places owned, leased, or
3 rented by ~~state~~ State, county, or municipal governments, or by agencies
4 supported by appropriation of, or by contracts or grants from, funds derived
5 from the collection of federal, ~~state~~ State, county, or municipal taxes.

6 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 1742 is amended to read:

7 § 1742. RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

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

9 (1) the common areas of all enclosed and partially enclosed places of
10 public access;

11 (2) in designated smoke free areas of property or grounds owned by or
12 leased to the State; and

13 (3) in any other area within 50 feet of publicly owned buildings and
14 offices.

15 (b) The possession of lighted tobacco products in any form is prohibited on
16 the grounds of a health care facility operated by the State, including all
17 enclosed and partially enclosed places in the facility and the surrounding
18 outdoor property.

19 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the ability of
20 residents of the Vermont Veterans’ Home to use lighted tobacco products in
21 the indoor area of the facility in which smoking is permitted.

1 Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 140 is amended to read:

2 § 140. TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS

3 No person shall be permitted to use tobacco products or tobacco substitutes
4 as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 1001 on public school grounds and no student shall be
5 permitted to use tobacco products or tobacco substitutes at public school
6 sponsored functions. Each public school board shall adopt policies prohibiting
7 the possession and use of tobacco products and tobacco substitutes by students
8 at all times while under the supervision of school staff. These policies shall
9 include confiscation and appropriate referrals to law enforcement authorities.

10 Sec. 5. 33 V.S.A. § 3504 is added to read:

11 § 3504. TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED AT CHILD CARE FACILITY

12 No person shall be permitted to use tobacco products or tobacco substitutes
13 as defined in 7 V.S.A. § 1001 on the grounds of any licensed child care
14 facility.

15 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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20 Representative _____

21 FOR THE COMMITTEE