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HOUSE BILL NO. 111

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH/SMOKING: Prohibits outdoor smoking within 25 feet of certain exterior locations of state buildings

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1300.252, 1300.256(A)(4), and 1300.262(B)(1)(a) and (2)(a),
3	and to enact R.S. 40:1263 and 1300.256(A)(5), relative to smoking regulation; to
4	prohibit smoking in certain outdoor areas proximate to state buildings; to provide
5	relative to the purpose of certain smoking regulations; to provide for applicability;
6	to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
7	matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 40:1300.252, 1300.256(A)(4), and 1300.262(B)(1)(a) and (2)(a) are
10	hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1263 and 1300.256(A)(5) are hereby enacted to
11	read as follows:
12	§1263. State buildings; smoking regulation
13	A. The requirements set forth in this Section shall apply to state-owned
14	buildings and office buildings which are constructed, renovated, or remodeled in
15	whole or in part by the use of state funds, or the funds of any board, commission,
16	agency, or department of the state, referred to hereafter in this Part as "state
17	buildings"; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to
18	buildings constructed by parish or city school boards.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	B. In addition to any applicable smoking prohibition as provided in the
2	Louisiana Smokefree Air Act (R.S. 40:1300.251 et seq.), smoking shall be prohibited
3	in all of the following areas:
4	(1) Any outdoor area which is within twenty-five feet of an entrance,
5	operable window, or ventilation system of a state building.
6	(2) Any outdoor area which is within twenty-five feet of a wheelchair ramp
7	or other structure which facilitates access by a disabled person to a state building.
8	C. "Smoking" means the carrying of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any
9	other lighted smoking equipment, in addition to the inhalation and exhalation of
10	smoke by a person from any form of lighted tobacco.
11	D. Enforcement of the prohibition of smoking provided for in this Section
12	shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 40:1300.262.
13	E. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to
14	the penalties established pursuant to R.S. 40:1300.262(B)(1).
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16	§1300.252. Purpose
17	The legislature finds and determines that due to abundant and mounting
18	scientific evidence indicating that there is no risk-free level of exposure to
19	secondhand smoke, it is in the best interest of the people of this state to protect
20	nonsmokers from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke in most indoor areas
21	open to the public, public meetings, restaurants, and places of employment. The
22	legislature further finds and determines that a balance should be struck between the
23	health concerns of nonconsumers of tobacco products and the need to minimize
24	unwarranted governmental intrusion into and regulation of private spheres of conduct
25	and choice with respect to the use or nonuse of tobacco products in certain
26	designated public areas and in private places. Therefore, the legislature hereby
27	declares that the purpose of this Part is to preserve and improve the health, comfort,

and environment of the people of this state by limiting exposure to tobacco smoke.

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1	§1300.256. General smoking prohibitions; exemptions
2	A. Except as permitted by Subsection B of this Section, no person shall:
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4	(4) Smoke in any outdoor area proximate to a state building where smoking
5	is prohibited pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1263.
6	(5) As an employer, knowingly permit smoking in any enclosed area within
7	a place of employment.
8	* * *
9	§1300.262. Enforcement; penalties
10	* * *
11	B.(1)(a) Any person who is guilty of a violation of the prohibition in R.S.
12	40:1300.256(A)(1), (2), (3), and (3) (4) shall, upon a first offense, be fined twenty-
13	five dollars.
14	* * *
15	(2)(a) Any employer who is guilty of a violation of the prohibition in R.S.
16	40:1300.256(A)(4) R.S. 40:1300.256(A)(5) shall, upon a first offense, be fined one
17	hundred dollars.
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19	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2014.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits outdoor smoking within 25 feet of certain exterior locations of state buildings.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that for the purposes of <u>proposed law</u>, "state building" means a state-owned building or an office building which is constructed, renovated, or remodeled in whole or in part by the use of state funds, or the funds of any board, commission, agency, or department of the state; provided, however, that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> shall not apply to buildings constructed by parish or city school boards.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that for the purposes of <u>proposed law</u>, "smoking" means the carrying of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted smoking equipment, in addition to the inhalation and exhalation of smoke by a person from any form of lighted tobacco.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that smoking shall be prohibited in any outdoor area which is within 25 feet of an entrance, operable window, or ventilation system of a state building, and in any outdoor area which is within 25 feet of a wheelchair ramp or other structure which facilitates access by a disabled person to a state building.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends provisions of <u>present law</u> within the La. Smokefree Air Act (R.S. 40:1300.251 et seq.) to include by reference the outdoor smoking prohibition provided in proposed law.

<u>Proposed law</u> would subject areas where smoking is prohibited by <u>proposed law</u> to the requirement of <u>present law</u> (R.S. 40:1300.261) that "no smoking" signs or the international "no smoking" symbol be clearly and conspicuously posted in every place where smoking is prohibited.

<u>Proposed law</u> would cause enforcement of <u>proposed law</u> to occur in the following manner prescribed in <u>present law</u>:

- (1) Any violation of any prohibition in <u>present law</u> or <u>proposed law</u> may be cited by any law enforcement officer by the issuance of a citation and summons to appear before a court of proper jurisdiction.
- (2) Such citations shall be in a form such that there shall be retained in each book of citations a receipt and each shall have a copy to be deposited by the law enforcement officer with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense.
- (3) Upon the deposit of the copy, the court shall notify the alleged violator of the time and place of his hearing or of his opportunity to plead guilty by the payment of his specified fine. Failure to appear, unless the fine is paid, may be punished within the discretion of the court as contempt of court.

<u>Proposed law</u> would subject any violation of <u>proposed law</u> to the following penalties provided in <u>present law</u>:

- (1) Any person who is guilty of a violation of the prohibition in <u>proposed law</u> or <u>present law</u> shall, upon a first offense, be fined \$25.
- (2) Any person who is guilty of violating such prohibition a second time shall be fined \$50.
- (3) Any person who is guilty of violating such prohibition a third or subsequent time shall be fined \$100.

Effective Jan. 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 40:1300.252, 1300.256(A)(4), and 1300.262(B)(1)(a) and (2)(a); Adds R.S. 40:1263 and 1300.256(A)(5))