

SENATE BILL NO. 2300

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 23-12-09, 23-12-10, 23-12-10.2, and 23-12-11
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to smoke-free environments; to repeal section
3 23-12-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to smoking area signage; and to provide
4 a penalty.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-12-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **23-12-09. Smoking in public places of public assembly and places of**
9 **employment - Definitions.** In sections 23-12-09 through 23-12-11, unless the context or
10 subject matter otherwise requires:

- 11 1. ~~"Place of public assembly" means:~~
- 12 a. ~~Enclosed theaters; auditoriums; gymnasiums; elevators; libraries; vehicles~~
13 ~~used in public transportation; rooms in which persons are confined as a~~
14 ~~matter of health care, including the waiting room, restroom, lobby, or hallway~~
15 ~~of a hospital, nursing home, rest home, or other health care institution or~~
16 ~~facility, and waiting areas in all public transportation terminals.~~
 - 17 b. ~~Any building or other enclosed structure owned or leased by the state, its~~
18 ~~agencies, or political subdivisions, and all public education buildings.~~
 - 19 e. ~~Each portion of a building or enclosed structure that is not included in this~~
20 ~~subsection if it has the seating capacity for fifty or more persons and is~~
21 ~~available to the public, including restaurants, food service establishments,~~
22 ~~dining rooms, cafes, cafeterias, or other rooms used primarily for the service~~
23 ~~of food, regardless of whether the establishments serve alcoholic beverages.~~

- 1 ~~The term does not include private, enclosed rooms of residence, establishments~~
2 ~~licensed primarily or exclusively to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the~~
3 ~~premises, including private and fraternal organizations, or areas used for the~~
4 ~~service of alcoholic beverages and which are physically separate rooms within food~~
5 ~~service establishments.~~
- 6 2. ~~"Smoke drift" means the presence of smoke from a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or~~
7 ~~other smoking equipment in a place of public assembly outside a designated~~
8 ~~smoking area. "Bar" means a retail alcoholic beverage establishment licensed~~
9 ~~under chapter 5-02 that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for~~
10 ~~consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only~~
11 ~~incidental to the consumption of those beverages.~~
- 12 2. "Business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, association, joint venture,
13 corporation, or other business entity, either for profit or not for profit, including retail
14 establishments where goods or services are sold and professional corporations
15 and other entities where professional services are delivered.
- 16 3. "Employee" means an individual who is employed by an employer in consideration
17 for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit, or an individual who volunteers
18 services for an employer.
- 19 4. "Employer" means an individual, business, or the state and its agencies and
20 political subdivisions that employs the services of one or more individuals.
- 21 5. "Enclosed area" means all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all
22 sides by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, which extend from the floor
23 to the ceiling.
- 24 6. "Health care facility" means any office or institution providing health care services,
25 including a hospital; clinic; ambulatory surgery center; outpatient care facility;
26 nursing, basic, or assisted living facility; and laboratory. Health care services
27 include medical, surgical, dental, vision, chiropractic, pharmaceutical services, and
28 hospital services other than those hospital services addressed under standards of
29 the joint commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations.
- 30 7. "Place of employment" means an area under the control of a public or private
31 employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment,

1 including work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference rooms, elevators,
2 employee cafeterias, employee lounges, hallways, meeting rooms, private offices,
3 restrooms, stairs, and employer-owned vehicles.

4 8. "Public place" means an enclosed area to which the public has access or in which
5 the public is permitted, including a publicly owned building or office, and enclosed
6 areas available to and customarily used by the general public in businesses and
7 nonprofit entities patronized by the public, including bars; bingo facilities; child care
8 facilities subject to licensure by the department of human services, including those
9 operated in private homes when any child cared for under that license is present;
10 convention facilities; educational facilities, both public and private; facilities
11 primarily used for exhibiting a motion picture, stage, drama, lecture, musical recital,
12 or other similar performance; financial institutions; health care facilities; hotels and
13 motels; laundromats; any common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums,
14 mobile home parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit
15 residential facilities; museums, libraries, galleries, and aquariums; polling places;
16 professional offices; public transportation facilities, including buses and taxicabs,
17 and ticket, boarding, and waiting areas of public transit depots; reception areas;
18 restaurants; retail food production and marketing establishments; retail service
19 establishments; retail stores; rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public
20 assembly, including school buildings; service lines; shopping malls; sports arenas,
21 including enclosed places in outdoor arenas; theaters; and waiting rooms.

22 9. "Publicly owned building or office" means a place owned, leased, or rented by any
23 state or political subdivision, or by any agency supported by appropriation of, or by
24 contracts or grants from, funds derived from the collection of taxes.

25 10. "Restaurant" includes every building or other structure, or any part thereof, and all
26 buildings in connection therewith that are kept, used, maintained, advertised, or
27 held out to the public as a place where food is served, including coffee shops,
28 cafeterias, private and public school cafeterias, kitchens, and catering facilities in
29 which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere, and a bar area
30 within a restaurant.

- 1 11. "Retail tobacco store" means a retail store utilized primarily for the sale of tobacco
2 products and accessories and in which the sale of other products is merely
3 incidental.
- 4 12. "Shopping mall" means an enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to
5 connect retail or professional businesses.
- 6 3. 13. "Smoking" means ~~carrying~~ possessing a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, ~~weed, plant,~~
7 or any other lighted ~~smoking equipment~~ tobacco product in any manner or in any
8 form.
- 9 14. "Sports arena" means any facility or area, whether enclosed or outdoor, where
10 members of the public assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in
11 athletic competition, or witness sports or other events, including sports pavilions,
12 stadiums, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice
13 rinks, and bowling centers.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-12-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **~~23-12-10. Designation of smoking areas~~ Smoking restrictions - Exceptions -**
17 **Retaliation - Application.** ~~Smoking is not permitted outside of designated smoking areas in~~
18 ~~places of public assembly as provided in this section. Smoking areas may be designated only~~
19 ~~by proprietors of privately owned buildings or by public officials having general supervisory~~
20 ~~responsibility for government buildings. No smoking area may be designated in a place in~~
21 ~~which smoking is prohibited by the state fire marshal. A sign must be posted in any designated~~
22 ~~smoking area which states "Designated Smoking Area" or words to that effect.~~

23 ~~Except as otherwise provided, designated smoking areas in a place of public assembly~~
24 ~~may not occupy more than fifty percent of the total area available to the public and must be~~
25 ~~situated to minimize smoke drift. The proprietor of a food establishment with the seating~~
26 ~~capacity for fifty or more persons may temporarily, during the course of daily business, expand~~
27 ~~the designated smoking area beyond fifty percent of the total available area if the smoking area~~
28 ~~becomes fully occupied and the additional space needed for the expansion is vacant or~~
29 ~~available.~~

- 1 1. In order to protect the public health and welfare and to recognize the need for
2 individuals to breathe smoke-free air, smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas
3 of:
 - 4 a. Public places; and
 - 5 b. Places for employment.
- 6 2. The following areas are exempt from subsection 1:
 - 7 a. Private residences, except when operating as a child care facility subject to
8 licensure by the department of human services and when any child cared for
9 under that license is present in that facility.
 - 10 b. Hotel and motel rooms, and other places of lodging, that are rented to guests
11 and are designated as smoking rooms.
 - 12 c. Retail tobacco stores, provided that smoke from these places does not
13 infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under this section.
 - 14 d. Outdoor areas of places of employment, except a sports arena.
 - 15 e. Any area which is not commonly accessible to the public and which is part of
16 an owner-operated business having no employee other than the
17 owner-operator.
- 18 3. Smoking as part of a traditional American Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony is
19 not prohibited.
- 20 4. No person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate
21 against an employee, applicant for employment, or other person because that
22 person asserts or exercises any rights afforded by this section or reports or
23 attempts to prosecute a violation of this section.
- 24 5. This section may not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is
25 otherwise restricted by other applicable laws.

26 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-12-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **23-12-10.2. Complaints and enforcement - City and county ordinances and home**
29 **rule charters.** ~~The state department of health is designated to receive reports or complaints~~
30 ~~from any person regarding violations of sections 23-12-09 through 23-12-11.~~

1 1. ~~State agencies with statutory jurisdiction over places of public assembly may a~~
2 ~~state-owned building or office shall enforce sections 23-12-09 through 23-12-11~~
3 ~~section 23-12-10.~~ These agencies include the fire marshal department, state
4 department of health, department of human services, legislative council, and office
5 of management and budget. The agencies may mutually agree as to the manner
6 in which enforcement is to be accomplished and may ~~amend their~~ adopt
7 administrative rules to ensure compliance with ~~sections 23-12-09 through 23-12-11~~
8 ~~section 23-12-10, including referral of violations to an appropriate law enforcement~~
9 ~~agency for enforcement pursuant to section 23-12-11.~~

10 ~~Authorities other than state agencies may conduct inspections and report violations to~~
11 ~~state agencies, or enforce smoking policies, rules, or ordinances more stringent than those~~
12 ~~contained in sections 23-12-09 through 23-12-11.~~

13 2. A city or county ordinance, a city or county home rule charter, or an ordinance
14 adopted under a home rule charter may not provide for less stringent provisions
15 than those provided under sections 23-12-09 through 23-12-11. Nothing in this Act
16 shall preempt or otherwise affect any other state or local tobacco control law that
17 provides more stringent protection from the hazards of environmental tobacco
18 smoke. This subsection does not preclude any city or county from enacting any
19 ordinance containing penal language when otherwise authorized to do so by law.

20 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **23-12-11. Penalty.** ~~Any proprietor~~ An owner or other person with general supervisory
23 responsibility over ~~a place of public assembly who willfully fails to comply with sections~~
24 ~~23-12-09 through 23-12-11 is subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars per violation a~~
25 public place or place of employment who fails to comply with section 23-12-10 is guilty of an
26 infraction, subject to a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars for the first violation, to a fine not
27 to exceed two hundred dollars for a second violation within one year, and a fine not to exceed
28 five hundred dollars for each additional violation within one year of the preceding violation.

29 **SECTION 5. REPEAL.** Section 23-12-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
30 repealed.