AN ACT Relating to the prohibition of smoking in public places and places of employment; amending RCW 70.160.020, 70.160.030, 70.160.050, and 70.160.070; adding new sections to chapter 70.160 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 70.160.010, 70.160.040, and 70.160.900.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 70.160 RCW to read as follows:

INTENT AND FINDINGS. The people of the state of Washington recognize that exposure to second-hand smoke is known to cause cancer in humans. Second-hand smoke is a known cause of other diseases including pneumonia, asthma, bronchitis, and heart disease. Citizens are often exposed to second-hand smoke in the workplace, and are likely to develop chronic, potentially fatal diseases as a result of such exposure. In order to protect the health and welfare of all citizens, including workers in their places of employment, it is necessary to prohibit smoking in public places and workplaces.

Sec. 2. RCW 70.160.020 and 1985 c 236 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) "Smoke" or "smoking" means the carrying or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment.

(2) "Public place" means that portion of any building or vehicle used by and open to the public, regardless of whether the building or vehicle is owned in whole or in part by private persons or entities, the state of Washington, or other public entity, and regardless of whether a fee is charged for admission, and includes a presumptively reasonable minimum distance, as set forth in section 6 of this act, of twenty-five feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. A public place does not include a private residence unless the private residence is used to provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar social service care on the premises.

Public places include, but are not limited to: Schools, elevators, public conveyances or transportation facilities, museums, concert halls, theaters, auditoriums, exhibition halls, indoor sports arenas, hospitals, nursing homes, health care facilities or clinics, enclosed shopping centers, retail stores, retail service establishments, financial institutions, educational facilities, ticket areas, public hearing facilities, state legislative chambers and immediately adjacent hallways, public restrooms, libraries, restaurants, waiting areas, lobbies, bars, taverns, bowling alleys, skating rinks, casinos, reception areas, and no less than seventy-five percent of the sleeping quarters within a hotel or motel that are rented to guests. A public place does not include a private residence. This chapter is not intended to restrict smoking in private facilities which are occasionally open to the public except upon the occasions when the facility is open to the public.

(3) "Restaurant" means any building, structure, or area used, maintained, or advertised as, or held out to the public to be, an enclosure where meals are made available to be consumed on the premises, for consideration of payment.) "Place of employment" means any area under the control of a public or private employer which employees are required to pass through during the course of employment, including, but not limited to: Entrances and exits to the places of employment, and including a presumptively reasonable minimum distance,
as set forth in section 6 of this act, of twenty-five feet from
entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve
an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited; work areas; restrooms;
conference and classrooms; break rooms and cafeterias; and other common
areas. A private residence or home-based business, unless used to
provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar
social service care on the premises, is not a place of employment.

Sec. 3. RCW 70.160.030 and 1985 c 236 s 3 are each amended to read
as follows:
No person may smoke in a public place ((except in designated
smoking areas)) or in any place of employment.

Sec. 4. RCW 70.160.050 and 1985 c 236 s 5 are each amended to read
as follows:
Owners, or in the case of a leased or rented space the lessee or
other person in charge, of a place regulated under this chapter shall
((make every reasonable effort to)) prohibit smoking in public places
((by posting)) and places of employment and shall post signs
prohibiting ((or permitting)) smoking as appropriate under this
chapter. Signs shall be posted conspicuously at each building
entrance. In the case of retail stores and retail service
establishments, signs shall be posted conspicuously at each entrance
and in prominent locations throughout the place. ((The boundary
between a nonsmoking area and a smoking permitted area shall be clearly
designated so that persons may differentiate between the two areas.))

Sec. 5. RCW 70.160.070 and 1985 c 236 s 7 are each amended to read
as follows:
(1) Any person intentionally violating this chapter by smoking in
a public place ((not designated as a smoking area)) or place of
employment, or any person removing, defacing, or destroying a sign
required by this chapter, is subject to a civil fine of up to one
hundred dollars. Any person passing by or through a public place while
on a public sidewalk or public right of way has not intentionally
violated this chapter. Local law enforcement agencies shall enforce
this section by issuing a notice of infraction to be assessed in the
same manner as traffic infractions. The provisions contained in
chapter 46.63 RCW for the disposition of traffic infractions apply to
the disposition of infractions for violation of this subsection except as follows:

(a) The provisions in chapter 46.63 RCW relating to the provision of records to the department of licensing in accordance with RCW 46.20.270 are not applicable to this chapter; and

(b) The provisions in chapter 46.63 RCW relating to the imposition of sanctions against a person's driver's license or vehicle license are not applicable to this chapter.

The form for the notice of infraction for a violation of this subsection shall be prescribed by rule of the supreme court.

(2) When violations of RCW (70.160.040 or 70.160.050) occur, a warning shall first be given to the owner or other person in charge. Any subsequent violation is subject to a civil fine of up to one hundred dollars. Each day upon which a violation occurs or is permitted to continue constitutes a separate violation.

(3) Local (fire) health departments (or fire districts) shall enforce RCW (70.160.040 or 70.160.050) regarding the duties of owners or persons in control of public places (and local health departments shall enforce RCW 70.160.040 or 70.160.050 regarding the duties of owners of restaurants) and places of employment by either of the following actions:

(a) Serving notice requiring the correction of any violation; or

(b) Calling upon the city or town attorney or county prosecutor or local health department attorney to maintain an action for an injunction to enforce RCW (70.160.040 and) 70.160.050, to correct a violation, and to assess and recover a civil penalty for the violation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 70.160 RCW to read as follows:

PRESUMPTIVELY REASONABLE DISTANCE. Smoking is prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of twenty-five feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited so as to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter the area through entrances, exits, open windows, or other means. Owners, operators, managers, employers, or other persons who own or control a public place or place of employment may seek to rebut the presumption that twenty-five feet is a reasonable minimum distance by making application to the director of the local health department or district in which the public place or place of
employment is located. The presumption will be rebutted if the applicant can show by clear and convincing evidence that, given the unique circumstances presented by the location of entrances, exits, windows that open, ventilation intakes, or other factors, smoke will not infiltrate or reach the entrances, exits, open windows, or ventilation intakes or enter into such public place or place of employment and, therefore, the public health and safety will be adequately protected by a lesser distance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) RCW 70.160.010 (Legislative intent) and 1985 c 236 s 1;
(2) RCW 70.160.040 (Designation of smoking areas in public places--Exceptions--Restaurant smoking areas--Entire facility or area may be designated as nonsmoking) and 1985 c 236 s 4; and
(3) RCW 70.160.900 (Short title--1985 c 236) and 1985 c 236 s 10.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. CAPTIONS NOT LAW. Captions used in this act are not any part of the law.

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