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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school health and safety; creating  
8 the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act; providing  
9 definitions; prohibiting the use of tobacco products  
10 on or in educational facilities; prohibiting the use  
11 of tobacco products in school vehicles or at school  
12 events or activities; allowing for more restrictive  
13 policies; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1247, as  
14 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 2014  
15 (21 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1247), which relates to  
16 prohibition on smoking in certain public places;  
17 adding prohibition for certain educational  
18 facilities; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Sections 1-1522  
19 and 1-1523, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter  
20 167, O.S.L. 2014 (63 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1-  
21 1523), which relate to the Smoking in Public Places  
22 and Indoor Workplaces Act; modifying certain  
23 definition; changing certain prohibitions; adding  
24 prohibition for certain educational facilities;  
providing for codification; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.211 of Title 70, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as  
the "24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act".

1           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.212 of Title 70, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           As used in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act:

5           1. "Chewing tobacco" means any Cavendish, twist, plug, scrap,  
6 and any other kinds and forms of tobacco suitable for chewing;

7           2. "Educational facility" shall mean any property, building,  
8 permanent structure, facility, auditorium, stadium, arena or  
9 recreational facility owned, leased or under the control of a public  
10 school district or private school located in the state. For  
11 purposes of this act, a public school district shall not include a  
12 technology center school district;

13           3. "School vehicle" means any transportation equipment or  
14 auxiliary transportation equipment as defined in Section 9-104 of  
15 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

16           4. "Smoking tobacco" shall mean any granulated, plug cut, crimp  
17 cut, ready rubbed, and any other kinds and forms of tobacco suitable  
18 for smoking in a pipe or cigarette; and

19           5. "Tobacco product" shall mean any bidis, cigars, cheroots,  
20 stogies, smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco, however prepared.  
21 Tobacco products shall include any other articles or products made  
22 of tobacco or any substitute thereof.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.213 of Title 70, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The use of a tobacco product shall be prohibited in or on an  
5 educational facility that offers an early childhood education  
6 program or in which children in grades kindergarten through twelve  
7 are educated. The use of a tobacco product shall also be prohibited  
8 in school vehicles, and at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned  
9 event or activity.

10 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a  
11 public school district or private school from having more  
12 restrictive policies regarding tobacco products in or on an  
13 educational facility, in school vehicles and at any school-sponsored  
14 or school-sanctioned event or activity.

15 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1247, as  
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp.  
17 2014, Section 1247), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1247. A. The possession of lighted tobacco in any form  
19 is a public nuisance and dangerous to public health and is hereby  
20 prohibited when such possession is in any indoor place used by or  
21 open to the public, all parts of a zoo to which the public may be  
22 admitted, whether indoors or outdoors, public transportation, or any  
23 indoor workplace, except where specifically allowed by law.

24 Commercial airport operators may prohibit the use of lighted tobacco

1 in any area that is open to or used by the public whether located  
2 indoors or outdoors, provided that the outdoor area is within one  
3 hundred seventy-five (175) feet from an entrance.

4 As used in this section, "indoor workplace" means any indoor  
5 place of employment or employment-type service for or at the request  
6 of another individual or individuals, or any public or private  
7 entity, whether part-time or full-time and whether for compensation  
8 or not. Such services shall include, without limitation, any  
9 service performed by an owner, employee, independent contractor,  
10 agent, partner, proprietor, manager, officer, director, apprentice,  
11 trainee, associate, servant or volunteer. An indoor workplace  
12 includes work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms,  
13 classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, any other spaces used or  
14 visited by employees, and all space between a floor and ceiling that  
15 is predominantly or totally enclosed by walls or windows, regardless  
16 of doors, doorways, open or closed windows, stairways, or the like.  
17 The provisions of this section shall apply to such indoor workplace  
18 at any given time, whether or not work is being performed.

19 B. All buildings and other properties, or portions thereof,  
20 owned or operated by this state shall be designated as nonsmoking.  
21 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to veterans  
22 centers operated by this state pursuant to the provisions of Section  
23 221 et seq. of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which shall be  
24 designated nonsmoking effective January 1, 2015, at which time

1 veterans centers may establish outdoor designated smoking areas for  
2 resident veterans only. Smoking shall only be allowed in designated  
3 outdoor smoking areas until January 1, 2018. Each veterans center  
4 described in this subsection shall be entirely nonsmoking no later  
5 than January 1, 2018.

6 C. All buildings and other properties, or portions thereof,  
7 owned or operated by a county or municipal government, at the  
8 discretion of the county or municipal governing body, may be  
9 designated as entirely nonsmoking.

10 D. All ~~buildings, or portions thereof, owned by an educational~~  
11 ~~facility~~ facilities or portions thereof as ~~is~~ defined in the Smoking  
12 in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act and all educational  
13 facilities as defined in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act shall be  
14 designated as nonsmoking as provided for in Section 1-1523 of Title  
15 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All campuses, buildings and grounds,  
16 or portions thereof, owned or operated by an institution within The  
17 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may be designated as  
18 tobacco free, including smoking or smokeless tobacco, by the  
19 institution upon adoption of a policy stating the tobacco  
20 restrictions for the institution and an intent to enforce the  
21 penalty for violations as set forth in subsection M of this section.

22 E. No smoking shall be allowed within twenty-five (25) feet of  
23 the entrance or exit of any building specified in subsection B, C or  
24 D of this section.

1 F. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to  
2 stand-alone bars, stand-alone taverns and cigar bars as defined in  
3 Section 1-1522 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 G. The restrictions provided in this section shall not apply to  
5 the following:

6 1. The room or rooms where licensed charitable bingo games are  
7 being operated, but only during the hours of operation of such  
8 games;

9 2. Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the guest rooms at a  
10 hotel or other lodging establishment;

11 3. Retail tobacco stores predominantly engaged in the sale of  
12 tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other  
13 products is merely incidental and in which no food or beverage is  
14 sold or served for consumption on the premises;

15 4. Workplaces where only the owner or operator of the  
16 workplace, or the immediate family of the owner or operator,  
17 performs any work in the workplace, and the workplace has only  
18 incidental public access. "Incidental public access" means that a  
19 place of business has only an occasional person, who is not an  
20 employee, present at the business to transact business or make a  
21 delivery. It does not include businesses that depend on walk-in  
22 customers for any part of their business;

23 5. Workplaces occupied exclusively by one or more smokers, if  
24 the workplace has only incidental public access;

1 6. Private offices occupied exclusively by one or more smokers;

2 7. Workplaces within private residences, except that smoking  
3 shall not be allowed inside any private residence that is used as a  
4 licensed child care facility during hours of operation;

5 8. Medical research or treatment centers, if smoking is  
6 integral to the research or treatment;

7 9. A facility operated by a post or organization of past or  
8 present members of the Armed Forces of the United States which is  
9 exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or  
10 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section  
11 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19), when such facility is utilized  
12 exclusively by its members and their families and for the conduct of  
13 post or organization nonprofit operations except during an event or  
14 activity which is open to the public; and

15 10. Any outdoor seating area of a restaurant; provided, smoking  
16 shall not be allowed within fifteen (15) feet of any exterior public  
17 doorway or any air intake of a restaurant.

18 H. An employer not otherwise restricted from doing so may elect  
19 to provide smoking rooms where no work is performed except for  
20 cleaning and maintenance during the time the room is not in use for  
21 smoking, provided each smoking room is fully enclosed and exhausted  
22 directly to the outside in such a manner that no smoke can drift or  
23 circulate into a nonsmoking area. No exhaust from a smoking room  
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1 shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or  
2 air intake.

3 I. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted in  
4 subsection F or G of this section or in a smoking room pursuant to  
5 subsection H of this section, such smoking space must either occupy  
6 the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space  
7 with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully  
8 enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the  
9 smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and under negative  
10 air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a  
11 nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is  
12 opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within  
13 fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Any employer  
14 may choose a more restrictive smoking policy, including being  
15 totally smoke free.

16 J. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, until  
17 March 1, 2006, restaurants may have designated smoking and  
18 nonsmoking areas or may be designated as being a totally nonsmoking  
19 area. Beginning March 1, 2006, restaurants shall be totally  
20 nonsmoking or may provide nonsmoking areas and designated smoking  
21 rooms. Food and beverage may be served in such designated smoking  
22 rooms which shall be in a location which is fully enclosed, directly  
23 exhausted to the outside, under negative air pressure so smoke  
24 cannot escape when a door is opened, and no air is recirculated to



1 nonsmoking areas of the building. No exhaust from such room shall  
2 be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any entrance, exit or air  
3 intake. Such room shall be subject to verification for compliance  
4 with the provisions of this subsection by the State Department of  
5 Health.

6 K. The person who owns or operates a place where smoking or  
7 tobacco use is prohibited by law shall be responsible for posting a  
8 sign or decal, at least four (4) inches by two (2) inches in size,  
9 at each entrance to the building indicating that the place is smoke-  
10 free or tobacco-free.

11 L. Responsibility for posting signs or decals shall be as  
12 follows:

13 1. In privately owned facilities, the owner or lessee, if a  
14 lessee is in possession of the facilities, shall be responsible;

15 2. In corporately owned facilities, the manager and/or  
16 supervisor of the facility involved shall be responsible; and

17 3. In publicly owned facilities, the manager and/or supervisor  
18 of the facility shall be responsible.

19 M. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this  
20 section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof,  
21 shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00)  
22 nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

23 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1522, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1-1522. As used in this act:

2 1. "Educational facility" means a building owned, leased or  
3 under the control of a technology center school district or a public  
4 or private ~~school system~~, college or university;

5 2. "Health facility" means an entity which provides health  
6 services, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes,  
7 long-term care facilities, kidney disease treatment centers, health  
8 maintenance organizations and ambulatory treatment centers;

9 3. "Indoor workplace" means any indoor place of employment or  
10 employment-type service for or at the request of another individual  
11 or individuals, or any public or private entity, whether part-time  
12 or full-time and whether for compensation or not. Such services  
13 shall include, without limitation, any service performed by an  
14 owner, employee, independent contractor, agent, partner, proprietor,  
15 manager, officer, director, apprentice, trainee, associate, servant  
16 or volunteer. An indoor workplace includes work areas, employee  
17 lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, employee  
18 cafeterias, hallways, any other spaces used or visited by employees,  
19 and all space between a floor and ceiling that is predominantly or  
20 totally enclosed by walls or windows, regardless of doors, doorways,  
21 open or closed windows, stairways, or the like. The provisions of  
22 this section shall apply to such indoor workplace at any given time,  
23 whether or not work is being performed;

1       4. "Meeting" means a meeting as defined in the Oklahoma Open  
2 Meeting Act;

3       5. "Public body" means a public body as defined in the Oklahoma  
4 Open Meeting Act;

5       6. "Public place" means any enclosed indoor area where  
6 individuals other than employees are invited or permitted;

7       7. "Restaurant" means any eating establishment regardless of  
8 seating capacity;

9       8. "Smoking" means the carrying by a person of a lighted cigar,  
10 cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device; and

11       9. "Stand-alone bar", "stand-alone tavern", and "cigar bar"  
12 mean an establishment that derives more than sixty percent (60%) of  
13 its gross receipts, subject to verification by competent authority,  
14 from the sale of alcoholic beverages and low-point beer and no  
15 person under twenty-one (21) years of age is admitted, except for  
16 members of a musical band employed or hired as provided in paragraph  
17 2 of subsection B of Section 537 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma  
18 Statutes and that is not located within, and does not share any  
19 common entryway or common indoor area with, any other enclosed  
20 indoor workplace, including a restaurant.

21       SECTION 6.       AMENDATORY       63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1523, as  
22 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 2014 (63 O.S. Supp.  
23 2014, Section 1-1523), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1-1523. A. Except as specifically provided in the  
2 Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, no person shall  
3 smoke in a public place, in any part of a zoo to which the public  
4 may be admitted, whether indoors or outdoors, in an indoor  
5 workplace, in any vehicle providing public transportation, at a  
6 meeting of a public body, in a nursing facility licensed pursuant to  
7 the Nursing Home Care Act, or in a child care facility licensed  
8 pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act. A  
9 nursing facility licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act may  
10 designate smoking rooms for residents and their guests. Such rooms  
11 shall be fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside, and  
12 shall be under negative air pressure so that no smoke can escape  
13 when a door is opened and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas  
14 of the building. Commercial airport operators may prohibit the use  
15 of lighted tobacco in any area that is open to or used by the public  
16 whether located indoors or outdoors, provided that the outdoor area  
17 is within one hundred seventy-five (175) feet from an entrance.

18 B. 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 of this  
19 subsection, ~~an educational facility~~ a technology center school  
20 district which offers an early childhood education program or in  
21 which children in grades kindergarten through twelve are educated  
22 shall prohibit smoking, the use of snuff, chewing tobacco or any  
23 other form of tobacco product in the educational facility buildings  
24 and on the grounds of the facility by all persons including, but

1 not limited to, full-time, part-time, and contract employees,  
2 during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., during the school  
3 session, or when class or any program established for students is  
4 in session.

5 2. ~~Career and~~ A technology centers center school district may  
6 designate smoking areas outside of buildings, away from general  
7 traffic areas and completely out of sight of children under eighteen  
8 (18) years of age, for use by adults attending training courses,  
9 sessions, meetings or seminars.

10 3. ~~An educational facility~~ A technology center school district  
11 or college or university may designate smoking areas outside the  
12 educational facility buildings for the use of adults during certain  
13 activities or functions, including, but not limited to, athletic  
14 contests.

15 4. Smoking shall be prohibited in an educational facility as  
16 defined in the 24/7 Tobacco-free Schools Act and as provided for in  
17 Section 3 of this act.

18 C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit  
19 educational facilities from having more restrictive policies  
20 regarding smoking and the use of other tobacco products in the  
21 buildings or on the grounds of the facility.

22 D. A private residence is not a "public place" within the  
23 meaning of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act  
24 except that areas in a private residence that are used as a licensed

1 child care facility during hours of operation are "public places"  
2 within the meaning of the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor  
3 Workplaces Act.

4 E. Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles owned by the State of  
5 Oklahoma and all of its agencies and instrumentalities.

6 F. Veterans centers operated by this state pursuant to the  
7 provisions of Section 221 et seq. of Title 72 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes shall be designated nonsmoking effective January 1, 2015,  
9 at which time veterans centers may establish outdoor designated  
10 smoking areas for resident veterans only. Smoking shall only be  
11 allowed in designated outdoor smoking areas until January 1, 2018.  
12 Each veterans center described in this subsection shall be entirely  
13 nonsmoking no later than January 1, 2018.

14 G. An employer not otherwise restricted from doing so may elect  
15 to provide smoking rooms where no work is performed except for  
16 cleaning and maintenance during the time the room is not in use for  
17 smoking, provided each smoking room is fully enclosed and exhausted  
18 directly to the outside, in such manner that no smoke can drift or  
19 circulate into a nonsmoking area. No exhaust from a smoking room  
20 shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or  
21 air intake. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted in  
22 subsection G of this section or in a smoking room pursuant to  
23 subsection H of this section, such smoking space must either occupy  
24 the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space

1 with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully  
2 enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the  
3 smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and under negative  
4 air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a  
5 nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is  
6 opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within  
7 fifteen (15) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake.

8 H. The Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act shall  
9 not prohibit smoking in:

10 1. Stand-alone bars, stand-alone taverns or cigar bars;

11 2. The room or rooms where licensed charitable bingo games are  
12 being operated, but only during the hours of operation of such  
13 games;

14 3. Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the guest rooms at a  
15 hotel or other lodging establishment;

16 4. Retail tobacco stores predominantly engaged in the sale of  
17 tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other  
18 products is merely incidental and in which no food or beverage is  
19 sold or served for consumption on the premises;

20 5. Workplaces where only the owner or operator of the  
21 workplace, or the immediate family of the owner or operator,  
22 performs any work in the workplace, and the workplace has only  
23 incidental public access;

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1       6. Workplaces occupied exclusively by one or more smokers, if  
2 the workplace has only incidental public access. "Incidental public  
3 access" means that a place of business has only an occasional  
4 person, who is not an employee, present at the business to transact  
5 business or make a delivery. It does not include businesses that  
6 depend on walk-in customers for any part of their business;

7       7. Private offices occupied exclusively by one or more smokers;

8       8. Workplaces within private residences, except that smoking  
9 shall not be allowed inside any private residence that is used as a  
10 licensed child care facility during hours of operation;

11       9. A facility operated by a post or organization of past or  
12 present members of the Armed Forces of the United States which is  
13 exempt from taxation pursuant to Sections 501 (c) (8), 501 (c) (10) or  
14 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501  
15 (c) (8), 501 (c) (10) or 501 (c) (19), when such facility is utilized  
16 exclusively by its members and their families and for the conduct of  
17 post or organization nonprofit operations except during an event or  
18 activity which is open to the public;

19       10. Any outdoor seating area of a restaurant; provided, smoking  
20 shall not be allowed within fifteen (15) feet of any exterior public  
21 doorway or any air intake of a restaurant; and

22       11. Medical research or treatment centers, if smoking is  
23 integral to the research or treatment.



1 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Smoking in Public  
2 Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, until March 1, 2006, restaurants  
3 may have designated smoking and nonsmoking areas or may be  
4 designated as being a totally nonsmoking area. Beginning March 1,  
5 2006, restaurants shall be totally nonsmoking or may provide  
6 nonsmoking areas and designated smoking rooms. Food and beverage  
7 may be served in such designated smoking rooms which shall be in a  
8 location which is fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside,  
9 under negative air pressure so smoke cannot escape when a door is  
10 opened, and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas of the  
11 building. No exhaust from such room shall be located within twenty-  
12 five (25) feet of any entrance, exit or air intake. Such room shall  
13 be subject to verification for compliance with the provisions of  
14 this subsection by the State Department of Health.

15 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

16 SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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