
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5666

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By Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Prentice, Roach, Patterson, Goings, Swecker, Newhouse, Benton, Bauer, Horn, Loveland, Finkbeiner, Wood, Wojahn, Sellar, Rasmussen and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to permitting employers to accommodate indoor
2 smoking in the workplace; adding new sections to chapter 49.17 RCW; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any rule adopted under this chapter restricting smoking in the
8 workplace shall include provisions permitting employer policies as
9 authorized in this section.

10 (2) An employer's policy restricting smoking in the workplace must
11 include a provision for a designated enclosed smoking room if a smoking
12 room policy is included in a collective bargaining agreement applicable
13 to the workplace or, if no collective bargaining agreement applies, the
14 employees of the employer agree to a written smoking room policy. The
15 designated smoking room is deemed to meet any ventilation requirements
16 of this chapter if it is ventilated as required by the written smoking
17 room policy.

18 (3) The written smoking room policy must be kept on file by the
19 employer and made available to employees on request.

1 (4) This section does not apply to a workplace if a statute
2 expressly prohibiting indoor smoking applies to that workplace.

3 (5) This section may not be construed to require any employer to
4 provide a smoking room.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 No advertising, sales, or sampling of cigarettes or tobacco
8 products are permitted in the designated smoking rooms.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
12 immediately.

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