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Provides that, where a designated smoking area, including a lounge or lounge area, is provided for in a place where bingo is conducted for a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as authorized under chapter 9.46 RCW, private facility, restaurant, bowling center, or card room or enhanced card room as authorized by this chapter, the area shall be either an enclosed area or the area shall have sufficient negative air pressure between the smoking and nonsmoking areas, which shall be separated by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doors or passageways that extend from the floor to a minimum of five feet in height between the smoking and nonsmoking area, so that environmental tobacco smoke is not permitted to flow into the nonsmoking area from the smoking area at all times.

Requires employers to disclose to a prospective employee that all or a portion of the facility that the prospective employee would work is a designated smoking area.

Provides that employees under the age of eighteen shall not be permitted to enter designated smoking areas at any time.

Declares that the state of Washington fully occupies and preempts the entire field of indoor smoking regulation within the boundaries of the state. Local laws and ordinances that regulate indoor smoking are preempted and repealed.

Provides that, for facilities that possess an occupancy permit from the applicable building official as of June 1, 2005, the requirements of this act apply January 1, 2007. For facilities that do not possess an occupancy permit from the applicable building official as of June 1, 2005, the requirements of this act apply June 1, 2006.

Repeals RCW 70.160.050 and 70.160.080.