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Governor Joseph E. Brennan today issued an executive order banning all smoking in State Executive public proceedings.

Smoking at all public proceedings conducted by an Executive department, agency, board, commission or other authority will be prohibited under the order.

"Many citizens of the State of Maine are unable to attend or to fully participate in State proceedings because of the presence of tobacco smoke offensive to them," Governor Brennan said in the order.

"Public health would be promoted and public participation in the official business of the State would be encouraged by a ban on smoking at public meetings," he said.

Brennan also cited medical evidence released by the U.S. Public Health Service which indicates that non-smokers are vulnerable to certain health hazards as a result of exposure to tobacco smoke in their environment.

A copy of the executive order is attached.

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