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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-297)
110TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 347, L.D. 395, Bill,
"AN ACT Creating the Maine Clean Indoor Air Act."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'22 MRSA §1578 is enacted to read:

§1578. Smoking prohibited at public meetings

1. Smoking prohibited. No person may smoke tobacco or
any other substance in any public proceedings which are held
inside, except as otherwise provided in this section.

2. Smoking defined. "Smoking " includes carrying or having
in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or
other object giving off or containing any substance giving off
smoke.

3. Public proceedings defined. ← → "public proceedings"
as used in this section means the transactions of any functions
affecting any or all citizens of the State by any of the
following:

- A. The Legislature and its committees and subcommittees;
- B. Any board or commission of any state agency or authority,
the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and any

of its committees and subcommittees, the Administrative Council of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy and any of its committees and subcommittees; and

C. Any board, commission, agency or authority of any county, municipality, school district or any other political or administrative subdivision.

4. No smoking signs posted. There shall be posted in conspicuous places where these public proceedings are held an adequate number of "no smoking" signs.

5. Exception. Smoking at a public proceeding shall be allowed, provided all members present have given their consent for others to smoke.

Statement of Fact

The amendment limits prohibitions to indoor public proceedings, spells out those which would be covered and requires the posting of no smoking signs. It permits smoking at public proceedings if all those present have given their consent.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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