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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 353

H.P. 270 House of Representatives, February 12, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PINES of Limestone.
Cosponsored by Representatives CARROLL of Gray, BOUTILIER of Lewiston and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 2 3	AN ACT to Prohibit Smoking in Public Areas of Publicly Owned Buildings.
4 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
6	22 MRSA §1578-A is enacted to read:
7	§1578-A. Smoking in publicly owned buildings
8 9 10	1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.
11 12	A. "Public area" means any area in which members of the public are allowed.

В.	"Publ:	icly	owned	buil	ldings'	' means	any	building
own	ed, lea	sed	to or	occi	ipied b	y any	state	, local
or (county	gove	rnment	or	their	subdiv	rision	s.

- C. "Smoking" includes carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off smoke containing any substance giving off smoke.
- 8 2. Prohibition. Notwithstanding section 1580-A,
 9 no person may smoke tobacco in any public area of any
 10 publicly owned building.

11 3. Exception. This section does not apply to
12 any portion of publicly owned buildings which are
13 used exclusively for nonpublic purposes or leased by
14 private organizations, corporations or entities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill protects the access of state citizens to their government. Certain citizens, by virtue of health conditions, are not able to transact public business due to the adverse health effects of second-hand smoke. A recent report by the United States Surgeon General reinforces the negative health consequences of involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke. Public buildings now must be accessible to the physically handicapped. Passage of this bill will extend the same rights to those citizens with lung disease and other chronic illnesses.