

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 109

House of Representatives, January 27, 2015

### **An Act To Protect Public Health in the Maine Community College System**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HAMANN of South Portland, HEAD of Bethel,  
MAKER of Calais, PETERSON of Rumford, STUCKEY of Portland, VACHON of  
Scarborough, Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12723** is enacted to read:

3 **§12723. Smoking prohibited**

4 Except for smoking undertaken as part of a religious ceremony or as part of a cultural  
5 activity by a defined group, smoking is prohibited on the grounds of any campus of the  
6 Maine Community College System. For purposes of this section, "smoking" has the same  
7 meaning as in Title 22, section 1580-A, subsection 2, paragraph D.

8 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect October 15, 2015.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits smoking on the grounds of any campus of the Maine Community  
11 College System. The bill provides an effective date of October 15, 2015 and an  
12 exception to the smoking ban for smoking undertaken as part of a religious ceremony or  
13 as part of a cultural activity by a defined group.