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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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LD:

133

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN CERTAIN  
RETAIL STORES

HILLOCK  
HICHENS

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 115

H-58 CA

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SUMMARY:

This law prohibits smoking in retail stores in which the total area open to the public exceeds 4,000 square feet. Private offices and areas not generally open to the public may be designated, totally or partially, as smoking or no smoking areas at the discretion of the employer or other person or persons who have been given that authority.

The committee amendment (H-58) clarified the exceptions to the smoking prohibition and deleted the specific language which must be on the sign to allow stores more flexibility in case they wished to express the smoking prohibition as a violation of state law. The amendment also addressed the enforcement concerns of many people who testified by ensuring that the only responsibility the owner or responsible party had was to implement the law and post a sufficient number of signs. Failure to comply with this will result in a civil violation and a possible fine of up to \$50.

LD:

201

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL RADIATION,  
HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

BELL  
TWITCHFILL  
WALKER

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The Medical Radiation Health and Safety Act provides authority for the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners to license three types of professionals:

1. Radiographer: someone who applies ionizing radiation to human beings for diagnostic purposes. The law authorizes limited licenses in this category. There are currently 6 types of limited licenses, based on the body part being x-rayed;
2. Nuclear Medicine Technologist: someone who uses radionuclide agents on human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The law does not allow limited licenses in this category; and
3. Radiation Therapy Technologist: someone who applies ionizing radiation to human beings for therapeutic purposes. No limited licenses are provided for in this category.