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Foreword

State Legislated Actions on Tobacco Issues (SLATI) 2010 is the American Lung Association’s comprehensive annual summary of state tobacco control laws. It provides information on state tobacco control laws in a number of key areas, including smoking restrictions, tobacco taxes, laws restricting youth access to tobacco products and funding for state tobacco prevention and cessation programs as of January 1, 2011.

SLATI has been published every year since 1988 and exclusively by the American Lung Association since 1996. The report is the only resource of its kind—summarizing state tobacco control laws on an annual basis.

Key Highlights of 2010

Smoking Restrictions: Only one state, Kansas, approved legislation prohibiting smoking in almost all public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars. South Dakota voters also overwhelmingly approved legislation passed by the legislature in 2009, but referred to the November 2010 ballot that closed loopholes in the state’s law for restaurants, bars and gaming establishments. By the end of 2010, 27 states and the District of Columbia had laws in effect meeting the American Lung Association’s Smokefree Air Challenge by passing comprehensive smokefree workplace laws.

However, the pace of states’ passage of comprehensive smokefree laws has slowed considerably over the past three years. Only six states approved such laws from 2008 to 2010, while 11 states and the District of Columbia approved comprehensive smokefree laws in 2006 and 2007 alone. The American Lung Association hopes this dramatic slowdown in the number of states going smokefree does not continue.

Meanwhile, the latest Surgeon General’s report on tobacco use, How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease: The Biology and Behavioral Basis for Smoking-Attributable Disease, released in December 2010, looked at the science in-depth of how mainstream and secondhand smoke exposure damages the human body. The report concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to tobacco smoke, and that inhaling the complex mixture of more than 7,000 chemicals in tobacco smoke causes adverse health outcomes, particularly cancer and cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases. The Surgeon General also reiterated that the evidence that secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard is clear, convincing and overwhelming, and workers in all public places and workplaces need and deserve protection from it.

Tobacco Excise Taxes: Six states—Hawaii, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, Utah and Washington—increased their cigarette taxes in 2010. As of January 1, 2011, the average state cigarette tax stood at $1.45 per pack—an increase of 11 cents since January 1, 2010, and an increase of over a $1.00 per pack from 44.6 cents per pack on January 1, 2002.

New York reclaimed the top spot for cigarette tax rates in the country at $4.35 per pack in 2010, also becoming the first state to have a cigarette tax rate of over $4.00 per pack. Four other states—Connecticut, Hawaii, Rhode Island and Washington—have cigarette tax rates at or over $3.00 per pack. South Carolina, which had the lowest cigarette tax in the country for a number of years, increased its cigarette tax by 50 cents in 2010, an over 700 percent increase. This leaves Missouri as the state with lowest cigarette tax at 17 cents per pack. New York City, NY continues to have the highest combined state and local cigarette tax at $5.85 per pack.

Higher cigarette taxes keep children from starting to smoke, motivate adults to stop and reduce future tobacco-related health care costs. For instance, Rhode Island’s cigarette tax increased from 71 cents in 2001 to $3.46 in 2009, and their high school smoking rate has decreased from 24.8 percent in 2001 to 13.3 percent in 2009, one of the lowest in the country. Cigarette tax increases also raise revenue, a portion of which can and should be used to fund tobacco prevention and cessation programs. In FY2010, seven states—Arizona, California, Colorado, Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina and South Dakota—are funding their entire tobacco prevention and cessation programs through tobacco excise tax revenues. Four more states—Idaho, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Utah—use tobacco tax revenue to partially fund their programs.

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Sadly, the cuts sustained to tobacco prevention and cessation programs in fiscal year 2010 were not restored in fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in most
states), and several states suffered additional cuts or complete elimination of their programs. Nevada eliminated its remaining funding for tobacco control programs in FY2010 and all funding in FY2011 in a spring 2010 special session, and Ohio provided no new state dollars for tobacco control programs in FY2011. Connecticut and New Jersey also sustained cuts of over 80 percent to their tobacco control programs.

There was some good news as Alaska increased its FY2011 tobacco prevention and cessation funding above the level recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) when federal funding from CDC is included. The state joined North Dakota as the only other state providing funding at or above CDC’s recommended level in FY2010. South Carolina also allocated $5 million dollars of cigarette tax revenue from its 50 cent cigarette tax increase to a tobacco prevention and cessation program, an increase of $3 million in state funding from FY2010.

Evidence shows that tobacco prevention and cessation programs are a wise investment for states. The CDC in its *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs—2007* noted that if all states sustained their recommended level of funding for five years, there would be an estimated five million fewer smokers. As a result, hundreds of thousands of premature tobacco-related deaths would be prevented. Longer-term investments would have even greater effects. Despite this and other evidence, few states are funding tobacco prevention and cessation programs at levels that would truly make a difference.

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The American Lung Association’s *State Legislated Actions on Tobacco Issues (SLATI)* is also available online at www.lungusa2.org/slati and that version is updated regularly to reflect changes in laws taking effect throughout the year. We hope that all readers will find SLATI informative and an incentive to join with the American Lung Association in the fight against the nation’s number one preventable cause of death and disease, tobacco use. To get involved, call 1-800-LUNGUSA or go to www.lungusa.org.

Charles D. Connor  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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1. Additional states that have passed comprehensive smokefree air laws: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.


5. To see CDC’s recommended funding level for each state, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/best_practices/index.htm.

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Restrictions on Smoking in Public Places and Workplaces

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have laws/policies restricting or prohibiting smoking in certain places.

- 27 states—Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin—and the District of Columbia prohibit smoking in almost all public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars.
- New Hampshire and North Carolina prohibit smoking in some public places, including all restaurants and bars.
- Four states—Florida, Idaho, Louisiana and Nevada—prohibit smoking in most public places and workplaces, including restaurants, but exempt stand-alone bars;
- 18 states prohibit smoking in some, but not all public places and workplaces and/or limit smoking indoors to designated areas or rooms.

In addition, 13 states partially or totally prevent (preempt) local communities from passing laws/ordinances restricting smoking stronger than state law.

Tobacco Excise Taxes

Taxes on Cigarettes:

All 50 states and the District of Columbia impose an excise tax on cigarettes. These taxes range from a high of $4.35 per pack in New York to a low of $0.17 per pack in Missouri. The national average for state cigarette excise taxes (as of January 1, 2011) is $1.45 per pack.

- 6 states—Hawaii, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, Utah and Washington—increased their tax on cigarettes in 2010.

Taxes on Tobacco Products Other Than Cigarettes:

Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have excise taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes. Pennsylvania is the only state that does not impose a tax on other tobacco products (except little cigars are taxed at the same rate as cigarettes).

- In 30 states, the excise tax is calculated as a percentage of the wholesale sales price to retailers, the manufacturer’s invoice price or the price at which the tobacco entered the state.
- 20 states—Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming—and the District of Columbia tax some or all tobacco products by the weight of the tobacco package.

Youth Access Laws

Age Restrictions on Sales of Tobacco Products:

Federal regulations prohibit the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco (but not cigars or other tobacco products) to persons under age 18. Retailers are required to verify a person’s age by photographic identification containing the person’s date of birth unless the person is over 26 years of age.

In addition, all 50 states and the District of Columbia prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors. Most states define minors as persons less than 18 years of age; however, four states—Alabama, Alaska, New Jersey and Utah—define
minors as persons less than 19 years of age. Also:

- 39 states and the District of Columbia require retailers to post signs at or near the point of purchase stating that selling tobacco products to minors is illegal.
- 20 states and the District of Columbia require a person/retail store selling tobacco products to check the identification of a purchaser who appears to be under a certain age.

Minor Purchase/Possession/Use of Tobacco Products:
Forty-five states and the District of Columbia penalize minors for tobacco sales-related offenses. Of these states, 38 states and the District of Columbia prohibit minors from possessing and/or using tobacco products. Penalties for violation often include a fine and/or alternative penalties like performing community service, attending smoking education/cessation programs and/or suspension of a driver’s license or learner’s permit.

Note: Penalizing children has not been proven to be an effective technique to reduce underage tobacco usage. In fact, penalties may adversely affect existing programs that are proven to be effective and are required, such as compliance checks utilizing young people.

Placement of Tobacco Products:
Federal regulations require retailers to sell cigarettes and smokeless tobacco (but not cigars and other tobacco products) only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the retailer and consumer. This means self-service displays of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco are prohibited except in facilities where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 18 is permitted to enter at any time.

In addition, 27 states—Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming—and the District of Columbia have laws restricting customer access to cigarettes and/or tobacco products in retail stores.

- Fifteen of these states—Alabama, Alaska, California, Delaware, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming—completely prohibit customers from having direct access to all tobacco products in retail stores, and/or have language prohibiting the use of self-service displays.

State Preemption of Local Laws:
Eighteen states partially or totally prevent (preempt) local communities from passing stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the youth access laws discussed above. In the case of three additional states—California, Massachusetts and Missouri—limited preemption exists for small areas of these youth access laws.

Restrictions on Distribution of Tobacco Product Samples and Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples:
Federal regulations prohibit free samples of cigarettes and limit free samples of smokeless tobacco products to certain age-restricted venues under several conditions.

In addition, 23 states and the District of Columbia have laws restricting where free samples of tobacco products can be distributed to the general public or virtually prohibit the free distribution of tobacco products entirely.

- Minnesota and Massachusetts prohibit the sampling of tobacco products entirely except for single-serving samples distributed in tobacco stores.
- Nebraska prohibits samples, coupons and rebate offers for smokeless tobacco products.
- Oregon prohibits sampling of smokeless tobacco products in places/areas where persons under 21 are allowed to enter.
- Texas prohibits the redemption of coupons, sample cigarettes and tobacco products through the mail or courier delivery.
- 6 states—California, Connecticut, New York, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin—and the District of Columbia prohibit giving away samples except in specific locations such as places inaccessible to minors, and/or in a manufacturer’s place of business.
- 4 states—Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois and New Hampshire—prohibit giving away samples of tobacco products in many public places.
The remaining 8 states restrict sampling to specific venues or within a certain distance of schools when minors are using them. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have laws prohibiting the distribution of tobacco products to minors.

Minimum Tobacco Product Sales Amounts:
Federal regulations prohibit manufacturers, distributors or retailers from selling or distributing any cigarette package that contains fewer than 20 cigarettes. Retailers are also prohibited from breaking or otherwise opening any cigarette or smokeless tobacco package to sell or distribute individual cigarettes or any quantity of cigarette tobacco or smokeless tobacco that is smaller than the smallest package distributed by the manufacturer for individual consumer use.

In addition, 31 states and the District of Columbia prohibit selling cigarettes in packs of less than 20 and/or as single cigarettes. Of those:
- 10 states—Alabama, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia—and the District of Columbia explicitly prohibit cigarette sales in packs of less than 20 and as single cigarettes.
- 14 states—Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Utah—prohibit cigarettes sales in packs of less than 20, but do not include language prohibiting sales of single cigarettes.
- 7 states—Arkansas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania—prohibit sales of single cigarettes, but do not include language prohibiting cigarette sales in packs of less than 20.

In addition, among all 50 states and the District of Columbia:
- 24 states require cigarettes and sometimes other tobacco products to be sold in their original packaging as placed there by the manufacturer. Among these:
  - 7 states make all tobacco products subject to this requirement;
  - 4 states make some or most tobacco products subject to this requirement;
- 13 states make only cigarettes subject to this requirement.
- 9 states prohibit sales of roll-your-own tobacco in an individual package or container that contains less than 0.6 ounces of tobacco.

State Preemption of Local Laws:
Eighteen states partially or totally prevent (preempt) local communities from passing stronger local laws/ordinances concerning sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products. In the case of California, limited preemption exists concerning penalties for violation of certain state youth access laws.

**Restrictions on Sales of Tobacco Products in Vending Machines**

**Vending Machine Placement:**
Federal regulations require retailers to sell cigarettes and smokeless tobacco (but not cigars and other tobacco products) only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the retailer and consumer. This means sales from vending machines selling cigarettes and smokeless tobacco are prohibited except in facilities where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 18 is permitted to enter at any time.

In addition, 48 states and the District of Columbia have laws restricting the placement of tobacco product vending machines; only New Hampshire and New Jersey do not.
- Idaho and Vermont completely prohibit the sale of tobacco products through vending machines.
- 19 states prohibit tobacco vending machines everywhere except for bars, taverns and other places where minors are not permitted by law.
- Nevada prohibits vending machines except in public areas where people under 21 years of age are prohibited from loitering.
- 26 states and the District of Columbia otherwise restrict vending machine access or locations.

**Posting of Warning Signs on Vending Machines:**
Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia require owners, operators and/or supervisors of tobacco product vending machines to post warning signs on the machines advising of age restrictions for purchase or sales.
State Preemption of Local Laws:
Eighteen states partially or totally prevent (pre-empt) local communities from passing stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of and required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines. In the case of California, limited preemption exists concerning penalties for violation of certain state youth access laws.

Tobacco Product Sales Licensing Requirements
All 50 states and the District of Columbia require the licensing of certain entities that sell, distribute or manufacture tobacco products.

More specifically:
- 37 states and the District of Columbia require retailers that sell cigarettes to obtain a license/permit either from the state or the county/city where they do business and 30 states require the same of retailers of other tobacco products.
- All 50 states and the District of Columbia require distributors and/or wholesalers of cigarettes to obtain a state license/permit and 41 states require the same of distributors and/or wholesalers of other tobacco products. The requirement for other tobacco product wholesalers/distributors to obtain a license/permit in Georgia only applies to cigars.
- Laws in 27 states and the District of Columbia include provisions that penalize a retailer who furnishes tobacco products to minors by a possible suspension or revocation of their license generally after multiple offenses.

Smoking Protection Laws
Regrettably, 29 states and the District of Columbia have passed some form of smoker protection law that makes smokers a protected class legally, which does not allow businesses to make decisions about hiring, compensation, etc. based on an employees’ use or non-use of tobacco products. The American Lung Association does not support elevating smokers to a protected class.

Advertising and Promotion
Eight states and the District of Columbia have some state restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotion. Some of these advertising restrictions may be part of state law but not enforced due to a 2001 Supreme Court decision striking down advertising restrictions in Massachusetts.
- Texas prohibits tobacco advertising within 1,000 feet of a church, public or private school and requires purchasers of tobacco advertising to pay a fee of 10 percent of the gross sales price of any tobacco advertising.
- California restricts tobacco advertising in all state-owned buildings and billboard advertising within 1,000 feet of any public school or playground.
- Kentucky prohibits tobacco billboard advertising within 500 feet of schools.
- Illinois, Michigan and West Virginia require health warnings to be posted on smokeless tobacco billboard advertising.
- Utah prohibits the display on any billboard, streetcar, sign, bus or placard of an advertisement for tobacco products, except that dealers in tobacco products may have a sign at their place of business indicating that they sell tobacco.
- Delaware prohibits advertising any tobacco products within 200 feet of any public or private school but does not prohibit the display of any message or advertisement opposing the use of tobacco products. In addition, any such message or advertisement may not contain the brand name of any tobacco product or the name of any tobacco company.
- The District of Columbia prohibits all tobacco advertising on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit System, which operates its bus and subway systems.

Tobacco Product Disclosure
Six states have state laws requiring disclosure of certain ingredients in tobacco products. Requirements include:
- Massachusetts and Texas require tobacco manufacturers to disclose any added constituent of tobacco products other than tobacco, water and reconstituted tobacco sheet made wholly from tobacco.
- Massachusetts, Texas and Utah require disclosure of the nicotine yield for each brand of cigarettes.
■ Minnesota and Utah require tobacco manufacturers to disclose any of the following substances in their unburned or burned states: ammonia or any compound of ammonia, arsenic, cadmium, formaldehyde and lead.

■ New Hampshire requires its state Department of Health and Human Services to obtain from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health a list of additives for each brand of tobacco products sold.

■ Connecticut required its Commissioner of Public Health to issue regulations concerning how the commissioner will obtain nicotine yield ratings for each brand of tobacco product.

Tobacco Divestment

Massachusetts passed a state law to prohibit new public pension funds from investing in stocks, securities or other obligations of any company that derives more than 15 percent of its revenue from the sale of tobacco products and requires divestment of existing investments.

In Minnesota, the Minnesota State Investment Board passed a resolution in 1998 requiring all equity managers to divest shares of any company which obtained more than 15 percent of its revenues from the manufacture of consumer tobacco products, which was accomplished by June 30, 2001.

Tobacco Liability

Industry Protection:

Thirty-five states have enacted legislation that places a cap on the bond required of a defendant to appeal lawsuit judgments that award money damages to plaintiffs. Of these states:

■ 14 states apply these caps on appeal bonds to all lawsuit judgments.

■ 14 states apply the caps only to lawsuit judgments involving companies that signed the Master Settlement Agreement/separate state tobacco settlement.

■ 3 states—Florida, Hawaii and Oklahoma—have separate laws/parts of laws applying a cap to both tobacco settlement signatories and all other parties.

■ 4 states—Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky and Mississippi—apply these caps to the punitive damages portion of a lawsuit judgment only.

The amount of the cap on bonds to appeal lawsuit money judgments varies from state to state:

■ 3 states—California, Minnesota and Oregon—have capped the appeal bond required at $150 million;

■ Alabama has set the limit at $125 million;

■ 8 states—Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin—have set the limit at $100 million;

■ Tennessee has set the limit at $75 million;

■ 7 states—Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio and Rhode Island—have set the limit at $50 million.

■ 11 states—Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia have imposed a limit of $25 million.

■ Hawaii has set the limit at $150 million for Master Settlement Agreement signatories and $25 million for all other lawsuit judgments.

■ West Virginia has set the limit at $100 million each for compensatory and punitive damages.

■ Idaho has set the level at $1 million for punitive damages only, while a judgment in South Carolina is automatically appealed.

Almost all of these laws include an exception for intentional dissipation of assets by the defendant.

No appeal bond is required to appeal a lawsuit judgment in five states—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia receive annual payments from certain cigarette companies as part of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), a lawsuit settlement signed in 1998 between Attorneys General in those states and the companies. Four states—Florida, Minnesota, Mississippi and Texas—settled their lawsuits separately with the cigarette companies prior to the MSA.

States account for and use the annual payments from the MSA in a variety of ways. Eighteen states—Alaska, Arkansas, California, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New
Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin—and the District of Columbia have set up arrangements to sell to specified entities all or part of their annual Master Settlement Agreement revenue, which is also called securitization.

- Securitization involves selling or pledging expected tobacco settlement payments to a state-created corporate entity for the purpose of issuing bonds backed by tobacco settlement funds. The state then receives a lump sum payment up front.

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have laws in effect setting fire-safety standards for cigarettes to help prevent cigarette-caused fires. One remaining state—Wyoming—has enacted legislation setting fire safety standards for cigarettes that had not taken effect yet as of January 1, 2011. The fire safety standards in all these states are identical to the standard in the first state to implement this type of legislation, New York.

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia have allocated money from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments, tobacco excise tax revenues and/or general fund revenue to tobacco control and prevention programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 for most states).

- The amounts range from $222,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in Tennessee to $75 million in California.

- Nevada, New Hampshire and Ohio are spending no new state money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs this fiscal year.

- In terms of a percentage of the level recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Alaska ranks highest in its allocation of funds for tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and is one of only two states (North Dakota is the other) that fund their tobacco prevention and cessation programs at or above the CDC-recommended level.
Below is a summary of tobacco control legislation passed in 2010 by specific issue.

**Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air Laws:**
- Four states—Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma—strengthened their state laws restricting/prohibiting smoking in public places and workplaces.
- South Dakota voters approved a 2009 law referred to the ballot closing loopholes for restaurants, bars and casinos in the previous state smoking law.
- Illinois altered the exemption for nursing homes in its comprehensive smokefree law.
- Mississippi and the District of Columbia strengthened or enacted new laws restricting/prohibiting smoking in outdoor areas.
- The District of Columbia added a temporary exemption for cigar smoking in hotels for specific events.

**Tobacco Taxes:**
- Six states—Hawaii, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, Utah and Washington—passed legislation increasing their tax on cigarettes.
- Six states—Hawaii, New Hampshire, New York, Utah, Vermont, and Washington—increased their taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes.
- Eight states—Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington—changed the way tax revenue is distributed in state law temporarily or permanently.
- Virginia and Washington changed their taxes on snuff/moist snuff to a weight-based tax. Utah amended its weight-based tax to exclude certain smokeless tobacco products.
- New York and Washington changed their definitions of little cigars for tax purposes and/or increased their taxes on little cigars to match the tax rate on cigarettes.
- Minnesota amended the time frame and calculation of a special tax on cigarettes.

**Tobacco Settlement Dollars:**
- Eleven states—Colorado, Hawaii, Indiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont and Virginia—changed their state laws allocating Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments temporarily or permanently.
- Illinois securitized a portion of its annual MSA payments receiving a lump sum payment up front.
- California, Indiana and Missouri strengthened/changed state laws that enforce the Master Settlement Agreement.
- South Dakota passed a law requiring payments from cigarette manufacturers that have not signed the Master Settlement Agreement.

**Tobacco Cessation Coverage:**
- Vermont passed legislation requiring public and private health insurers to cover at least one form of approved tobacco cessation medication.
- Kentucky and Missouri allocated funding in state appropriations/budgets for tobacco cessation benefits for Medicaid for the first time; Nebraska continued providing specific funding for its Medicaid cessation coverage benefit.
- Kentucky passed legislation allowing employers to offer benefits or incentives to employees who enroll in smoking cessation programs.

**Tobacco Control Programs/Funding:**
- Forty-seven states plus the District of Columbia allocated funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in appropriations or state budgets. Nevada, New Hampshire and Ohio did not allocate any new funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs this fiscal year.
- Florida made small changes to state law specifying requirements for the state tobacco control program.

**Fire-Safety Standards for Cigarettes:**
- Wyoming passed legislation setting fire-safety standards for cigarettes.
- Louisiana and North Carolina amended existing laws setting fire-safety standards for cigarettes.
- Four states—Illinois, Massachusetts, Mississippi,
and Utah—passed laws restricting/prohibiting the sale of novelty lighters.

**Youth Access Laws/Tobacco Product Licensing:**

- Four states—California, Illinois, Louisiana, and Maryland—amended or enacted new laws governing licensing or registration of entities that deal in tobacco products and/or increased license fees on such entities.
- Five states—California, Kansas, Minnesota, Utah and West Virginia—and the District of Columbia amended or enacted new laws restricting youth access to tobacco products.
- Four states—California, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and Utah—passed legislation prohibiting the sales of e-cigarettes to minors.

**Tobacco Liability:**

- Oklahoma passed legislation that caps the amount of the bond required to appeal a lawsuit judgment for cigarette manufacturers not participating in the MSA.

**Flavored Tobacco Products:**

- Maine amended its law prohibiting flavored cigarettes and tobacco products to only apply to flavored cigars. Federal law already prohibits the sale of most flavored cigarettes.

**Other Tobacco-Related Laws:**

- Florida passed a law restricting/prohibiting the sale of smoking-related pipes and other devices unless a retailer meets certain conditions.
- Nebraska passed legislation allowing retailers to scan licenses and identification cards when selling tobacco products.
- South Carolina enacted a law allowing an additional surcharge for State Employee Health Plan enrollees who use tobacco.
- North Carolina enacted a law requiring the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan to consult with a legislative committee before implementing any tobacco use testing program on plan members.
Below is a list and short description of state tobacco control legislation passed during 2010 in each state. The list primarily covers the areas of state tobacco control law that are tracked by State Legislated Actions on Tobacco Issues (SLATI).

**ALABAMA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $861,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


**ALASKA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $9,839,800 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 300) enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Minimum Price for Cigarettes:** Requires cigarettes in Alaska to be sold at or above a minimum price, which is calculated as specified by the state Department of Revenue.

S.B. 117 enacted (became law without governor’s signature) 6/30/10 and effective 9/28/10.

**ARIZONA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $19,817,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


**Tobacco Taxes:** Extends a dedication of certain tobacco tax revenues to a state Corrections Fund through June 30, 2015.

S.B. 1107 enacted and effective 5/6/10.

**ARKANSAS**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $17,421,451 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Budget (H.B. 1041) enacted 2/26/10 and effective 7/1/10 and FY2011 Arkansas Tobacco Control Board - Youth Access Enforcement Budget (H.B. 1030) enacted 2/19/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**CALIFORNIA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $75,037,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 870) enacted and effective 10/8/10.

**E-Cigarettes/Youth Access:** Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes as defined to minors.

S.B. 882 enacted and effective 9/25/10.

**Tobacco Settlement/Youth Access Laws:** Amends requirements related to non face-to-face sales of tobacco products, the sale of bidis and state laws that help enforce the Master Settlement Agreement.

A.B. 2496 enacted 9/23/10 and effective 1/1/11.

**Tobacco Product Licensing:** Amends various provisions related to state licensing of entities dealing in tobacco products.

A.B. 2733 enacted 9/30/10 and effective 1/1/11.

**COLORADO**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $7,007,811 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


**Tobacco Taxes:** Transfers money from certain accounts receiving dollars from the tobacco taxes enacted by constitutional amendment to other specified health-related purposes in FY2010 pursuant to the declaration of a state fiscal emergency in Senate Joint Resolution 35, approved in 2009.

H.B. 10-1320 enacted and effective 4/15/10.

**Tobacco Taxes:** Declares a state fiscal emergency for FY2011, which allows revenue from the portion of the cigarette/tobacco products taxes enacted by constitutional amendment to be used for specified health-related purposes.

**Tobacco Taxes**: Transfers money from certain accounts receiving dollars from the tobacco taxes enacted by constitutional amendment to other specified health-related purposes in FY2011, including over $15 million dedicated to the state tobacco control program.  

**Tobacco Taxes**: Transfers money in the Primary Care Fund from tobacco taxes passed by constitutional amendment to other specified health-related purposes in FY2011.  

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**: Makes changes to the way MSA dollars are allocated in certain fiscal years, and transfers MSA dollars in certain fiscal years to the state general fund.  

**CONNECTICUT**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**: Allocated $400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.  
Allocation made by decision of the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

**DELAWARE**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**: Appropriated $8,272,120 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.  
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 310) enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**: Allocated $569,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.  
B18-728 passed by the City Council 5/26/10 and signed by mayor 6/28/10; not yet reviewed and approved by U.S. Congress.

**Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air Outdoors**: Allows property owners and ground floor commercial tenants to post signs on their property prohibiting smoking within 25 feet or the far side of the adjacent public sidewalk from and abutting the building wall.  
B18-428 passed by the City Council 2/2/10, became law without mayor’s signature 4/1/10 and passed U.S. Congressional Review Period and became effective 7/23/10.

**GEORGIA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**: Allocated $2,040,172 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.  
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 948) enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**HAWAII**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**: Expected non-federal expenditure of $9,294,332 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in 2010/2011.  

**FLORIDA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**: Appropriated $61,293,054 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.  
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 5001) enacted 5/28/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Control Program Requirements**: Makes small changes to state law specifying requirements for the state tobacco control program.  
H.B. 5309 enacted 5/28/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Smoking-Related Pipes/Devices**: Prohibits the sale of certain specified smoking-related pipes and devices at retail unless certain conditions are met.  
S.B. 366 enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Youth Access**: Makes a variety of changes and additions to city youth access laws, including requiring the checking of photo identification from persons under 27 years of age, prohibiting the sale of most tobacco products from self-service displays and prohibiting the purchase/possession of tobacco products by minors.  
B18-428 passed by the City Council 2/2/10, became law without mayor’s signature 4/1/10 and passed U.S. Congressional Review Period and became effective 7/23/10.
**Tobacco Taxes:** Increases the cigarette tax by an additional 20 cents on top of a 20 cent increase passed in 2009. This means the tax will increase by 40 cents total on July 1, 2010 to $3.00 per pack.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars/ Tobacco Taxes:** Transfers up to $7.2 million from the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to the state general fund on July 1, 2010. Changes the way a portion of cigarette tax revenue is distributed.

H.B. 2542 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) and effective 7/6/10.

**Tobacco Taxes:** Changes the definition of little cigars and large cigars for tobacco tax purposes.

S.B. 1230 enacted 5/11/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**IDAHO**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $2,346,900 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


**ILLINOIS**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $9,500,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 859) enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars/ Securitization:** Sells to investors through bonds issued by the Railspiecer Tobacco Settlement Authority the rights to all or a portion of the annual payments received by Illinois as part of the Master Settlement Agreement. Specifies where proceeds from the issued bonds will be deposited.

S.B. 3660 enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**Smokefree Air:** Removes the exemption from the Illinois smokefree workplace law for private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes, but allows smoking in common rooms in nursing homes under certain conditions.

S.B. 851 enacted 7/28/10 and effective 1/1/11.

**Tobacco Licensing:** Requires secondary distributors (as defined) of cigarettes to obtain a license, and specifies the fee for and requirements of that license.

H.B. 5833 enacted and effective 7/12/10.

**Novelty Lighters:** Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters in Illinois as specified and defined.

H.B. 5139 enacted and effective 7/22/10.

**INDIANA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $9,230,412 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1001a) enacted 6/30/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).

**Tobacco Settlement:** Makes some changes to statutes that help enforce the Master Settlement Agreement.

S.B. 176 enacted 3/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**IOWA**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $7,388,282 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Appropriations for Health and Human Services (H.F. 2526) enacted 4/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**KANSAS**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $1,000,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 572) enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air:** Prohibits smoking in almost all public places and workplaces in Kansas, including restaurants and bars. Exempts the gaming floors of casinos/racetracks and private clubs.

H.B. 2221 enacted 3/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Youth Access Laws:** Prohibits the sale of tobacco products by self-service display except in tobacco specialty stores as defined.

H.B. 2221 enacted 3/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air:** Makes a few changes to law prohibiting smoking in child care facilities.

H.B. 2356 enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.
KENTUCKY

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $4,083,500 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs and the state Medicaid cessation coverage benefit in FY2011.

FY2011-FY2012 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1, 1st special session 2010) enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

**Smoking/Health Plans:** Specifies that it is not unlawful for employee contribution rates for smokers and nonsmokers to differ under employer-sponsored health plans. It is also not unlawful for benefits or incentives to be offered by an employer to an employee for participating in smoking cessation programs.

H.B. 165 enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/14/10.

LOUISIANA

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $9,040,571 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 1) enacted 6/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Licensing:** Requires the Commissioner of Alcohol and Tobacco Control to set up a process to issue permits to tobacconists as defined.

H.B. 1310 enacted 6/21/10 and effective 8/15/10.

**Cigarette Fire Safety Standards:** Makes a small change to who fire safety certifications are sent to under current state law.

H.B. 944 enacted 6/24/10 and effective 8/15/10.

MAINE

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $9,893,168 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


**Flavored Tobacco Products:** Revises the law prohibiting flavored cigarettes and tobacco products by just making it apply to certain flavored cigars. The sale of most flavored cigarettes is prohibited by federal law.


MARYLAND

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $4,349,639 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


**Settlement/Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Reduced the amount required to be included in the state budget for tobacco prevention and cessation programs to $6 million for FY2011 and FY2012. This amount increases to $10 million in FY2013 and $13 million in FY2014 and thereafter. Prior to FY2010, the required funding amount was $21 million.

S.B. 141 enacted 5/20/10 and effective 6/1/10.

**Tobacco Licensing:** Requires manufacturers and wholesalers of and storage warehouses for tobacco products other than cigarettes to get a license from the state Comptroller and retailers and tobacconists of tobacco products other than cigarettes to get a license from the county they are doing business in. Sets out requirements and fees for these licenses as well.

H.B. 88 enacted 5/4/10 and effective 5/1/11.

MASSACHUSETTS

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $4,485,983 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 4800) enacted 6/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Novelty Lighters:** Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters in Massachusetts as specified and defined.

H.B. 4369 enacted 8/9/10 and effective 11/7/10.

MICHIGAN

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $2,598,400 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2010.

FY2011 Department of Community Health Budget (S.B. 1152) enacted 9/30/10 and effective 10/1/10.

**Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air:** Continues the ban on the use of tobacco products in state psychiatric facilities.

S.B. 1152 enacted 9/30/10 and effective 10/1/10.
MINNESOTA

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $19,600,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Health and Human Services Budget (H.F. 1362) enacted 5/14/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011) and FY2011 Clearway Minnesota Operating Budget.

**Youth Access Laws & E-Cigarettes:** Changes the definition of tobacco product to capture additional products, and provides additional regulation of tobacco-related devices. Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery products to minors.

S.F. 3055 enacted 5/11/10 and effective 8/1/10.

**Tobacco Taxes:** Changes the time frame when a certain special tax on cigarettes is applied, and how that tax is calculated.

H.F. 3729 enacted 5/27/10 and effective 1/1/11.

MISSISSIPPI

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $11,400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Department of Health Appropriations (H.B. 1628) enacted 5/21/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air:** Prohibits smoking in enclosed public facilities when persons under 18 are engaged in an organized athletic event at the facility, and within 100 feet of non-enclosed facilities except in designated areas separate from the field of activity.

S.B. 2644 enacted 4/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars:** Transfers $112 million from the Health Care Trust Fund to the Health Care Expendable Fund in FY2011. Eliminates the provision paying back money transferred in 2005 from the Health Care Trust Fund as well.

H.B. 1059 enacted and effective 5/21/10.

**Novelty Lighters:** Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters in Mississippi as specified and defined.

H.B. 232 enacted 3/15/10 and effective 7/1/10.

MISSOURI

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $3,258,000 for the Medicaid tobacco cessation coverage benefit and tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives in FY2011.

FY2011 Department of Social Services Budget (H.B. 2011) enacted 6/17/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Sales Regulations:** Allows the scanning of licenses and identification cards by retailers when selling tobacco products, and sets requirements on what and how long information can be kept.

L.B. 261 enacted 2/11/10 and effective 7/14/10.

NEBRASKA

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $3,305,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs and the Medicaid tobacco cessation benefit in FY2011.


**Tobacco Sales Regulations:** Allows the scanning of licenses and identification cards by retailers when selling tobacco products, and sets requirements on what and how long information can be kept.

L.B. 261 enacted 2/11/10 and effective 7/14/10.

NEVADA

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** The money originally allocated to tobacco prevention/cessation programs in FY2010 & FY2011 was transferred to the state general fund.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars:** Allows Master Settlement Agreement dollars in the three funds the money is distributed to currently to be used for any purpose authorized by the legislature. Also transfers money from the same three funds to the General Fund Reserve Account.

A.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted and effective 2/28/10.
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated no state money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes to 65.03% of the wholesale sales price.
H.B. 1 (special session 2010) enacted and effective 6/10/10.

E-Cigarettes: Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine as defined to persons under age 18.
H.B. 1541 enacted 6/1/10 and effective 7/31/10.

NEW JERSEY

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,100,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 3000) enacted 6/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.

NEW MEXICO

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $6,989,100 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 2, 1st special session 2010) enacted 3/24/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 75 cents to $1.66 per pack. Dedicates the new revenue to the state general fund, and otherwise changes the way cigarette tax revenue is distributed.
H.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted 3/24/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers the remaining 50 percent of the annual Master Settlement Agreement payment from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund for FY2011.

NEW YORK

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $58,415,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Annual Budget (A.B. 9704) enacted and effective 7/7/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by $1.60 to $4.35 per pack. Changes the tax on little cigars to be equal to the tax on cigarettes and increases the tax on snuff and other tobacco products. Sets up a system to collect taxes from cigarettes sold on Native American lands to non-tribal members.
A.B. 11515 enacted 6/21/10 and effective 7/1/10, 8/1/10 & 9/1/10.

NORTH CAROLINA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $18,300,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
Allocation by decision of the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, effective 7/1/10.

Fire Safety Standards: Makes a small change to the law requiring fire safety standards for cigarettes.
H.B. 1905 enacted and effective 7/20/10.

Tobacco Use/State Health Plan: Requires the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees to consult with the Committee on Employee and Hospital Medical Benefits prior to implementing any program to verify tobacco usage by members of the Plan.
H.B. 1707 enacted and effective 6/7/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Redirects from the annual Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payment $10,397,000 from the Health Trust Account where 25 percent of the payment is deposited by law to the state general fund on or after April 30, 2010. Also redirects $5 million from the 25 percent of the payment that goes to the Tobacco Trust by law to the state general fund on or after April 30, 2011.
S.B. 202 enacted and effective 8/7/09 & S.B. 897 enacted and effective 6/30/10.
NORTH DAKOTA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $8,196,248 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

OHIO

Tobacco Control Program Funding:Allocated no new state money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

OKLAHOMA

Tobacco Control Program Funding:Allocated $21,683,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking in all buildings or portions of buildings owned by educational facilities as defined. Allows institutions within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to adopt policies restricting or prohibiting smoking and/or tobacco use in buildings or on the campuses/grounds owned or operated by the institution.
H.B. 2748 enacted 4/13/10 and effective 11/1/10.

Smoking/Restaurants: Gives restaurants a rebate of 50 percent of the costs of creating a smoking room as allowed under Oklahoma's current smoking restrictions if they become entirely smokefree no later than January 1, 2013.
H.B. 2774 enacted 5/7/10 and effective 11/1/10.

Tobacco Liability/Non Participating Manufacturers: Limits the bond required to appeal a lawsuit judgment against cigarette manufacturers that do not participate in the Master Settlement Agreement to a maximum of $25 million.
S.B. 2125 enacted 4/16/10 and effective 11/1/10.

OREGON

Tobacco Control Program Funding:Allocated $7,134,500 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2010-FY2011 Department of Human Services Biennial Budget (S.B. 5529) enacted and effective 7/16/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).

PENNSYLVANIA

Tobacco Control Program Funding:Allocated $14,700,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Allocation based on 35 PA STAT § 5701.306, effective 7/1/10; H.B. 1614 enacted and effective 10/9/09 and S.B. 1042 enacted 7/6/10 and effective retroactive to 7/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars/Tobacco Control Program Funding:Redirected some of the annual Master Settlement Agreement monies to the Tobacco Settlement Fund or state general fund, including 25 percent and then 37.5 percent of the remaining money supposed to go to tobacco control programs in FY2011. Changed other provisions related to the allocation of tobacco settlement dollars for FY2011 only.
S.B. 1042 enacted 7/6/10 and effective retroactive to 7/1/10.

RHODE ISLAND

Tobacco Control Program Funding:Allocated $735,095 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 7397) enacted (became law without governor’s signature) 6/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $5,000,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 4657) enacted 6/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 50 cents to 57 cents per pack. Dedicates most of the money to a Medicaid trust fund, but $5 million per year is dedicated to state tobacco prevention and cessation programs.
H.B. 3584 enacted (by veto override) 5/13/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Tobacco Use/State Employee Health Plans: In FY2011, the state Budget and Control Board is authorized to impose a surcharge on enrollee rates for tobacco use. The surcharge cannot exceed $40 per month for a subscriber or $60 per month for a subscriber and dependents.

H.B. 4657 enacted 6/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $3,500,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 196) enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: On November 2, voters approved 64 percent to 36 percent a law referred to the ballot that prohibited smoking in all restaurants, bars and casinos/gaming establishments. The law (H.B 1240) was originally approved by the legislature in 2009.

Referred Law 12 approved by voters 11/2/10; H.B. 1240 then took effect 11/10/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Transfers $1.5 million from the Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Trust Fund, which funds the state tobacco prevention/cessation program to the state general fund. Transfers all money in several other funds receiving tobacco tax money to the general fund as well.

S.B. 196, sect. 28, 30 & 31, enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Tax Stamps: Revises the discount on the sales of cigarette tax stamps to distributors.

H.B. 1041 enacted 3/31/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Settlement: Requires cigarette manufacturers that did not sign the Master Settlement Agreement to make payments into escrow as required by law quarterly.

H.B. 1065 enacted 3/31/10 and effective 7/1/10.

TEXAS

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $13,838,932 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


UTAH

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $7,131,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 1) enacted 2/18/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by $1.005 to $1.70 per pack. Changes and increases taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes as well. Deletes a provision allocating money left over in the Cigarette Tax Restricted Account at the end of a fiscal year. Supersedes H.B. 196 also approved in 2010 that increased cigarette and tobacco taxes.

S.B. 259 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) 3/31/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Alters the definition of moist snuff in state law to exclude certain smokeless tobacco products from being taxed by weight.


E-Cigarettes: Prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes to persons under the age of 19 and otherwise regulates their use to minors.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: For FY2011, transfers the first $11,350,900 in tobacco settlement dollars designated to a Permanent State Trust Fund to the state general fund.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Makes a small change to the way tobacco settlement dollars designated to the Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account are allocated.

S.B. 265 enacted 3/31/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Novelty Lighters: Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters as defined through rules promulgated by the Utah Fire Prevention Board and/or decision of the state Fire Marshal.

H.B. 201 enacted 3/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Youth Access Laws: Prohibits providing tobacco paraphernalia as defined to persons less than 19 years of age.

VERMONT

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $4,515,039 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 789) enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases taxes on snuff, new smokeless tobacco and establishes several new taxes on cigars based on wholesale price.
H.B. 783 enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Cessation Coverage: Requires all public and private health insurance plans in Vermont to cover at least one three-month supply per year of tobacco cessation medication, including over-the-counter medication. Tobacco cessation medication includes all therapies approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
S.B. 88 enacted (became law without governor’s signature) 5/27/10 and effective 10/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Unspent money in the fund where Master Settlement Agreement payments are directed at the end of FY2010 will not be transferred to the Tobacco Trust Fund as specified under current state law. Investment earnings from the Tobacco Trust Fund in FY2011 will also be transferred to the other fund.
H.B. 789 enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Specifies that money can be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to ensure that the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the end of FY2010 is not negative.
H.B. 534, sect. 71a enacted and effective 2/25/10.

WASHINGTON

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $12,400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by $1.00 to $3.025 per pack. Changes the tax on little cigars to be equal to the tax on cigarettes. Changes the tax on moist snuff to a weight-based tax. Increases other tobacco product taxes.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers an additional 1.5 percent of tobacco settlement dollars over the existing 40 percent allocation to the Virginia Health Care Fund reducing the allocation to tobacco prevention/cessation programs to 8.5 percent in FY2011 and FY2012. Also, deposits 50 percent of the Master Settlement Agreement strategic contribution payment over the next two years into the Virginia Health Care Fund.
H.B. 30 enacted 5/17/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

Tobacco Taxes: Changes the tax on moist snuff to a weight-based tax of 18 cents per ounce. Also changes the tax on loose leaf tobacco to three separate weight-based taxes as well.
H.B. 626 enacted 4/2/10 and effective 1/1/11 & S.B. 478 enacted 4/21/10 and effective 1/1/11.

Tobacco Taxes/Stamps: Increases the civil penalty for failing to affix revenue stamps to cigarettes and for the sale, purchase or possession of unstamped cigarettes for the purpose of evading tax payment.

WEST VIRGINIA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $5,667,111 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 213) enacted 3/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.

WISCONSIN

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $6,850,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

WYOMING

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $5,401,109 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Fire Safety Standards: Requires all cigarettes sold in Wyoming to self-extinguish when not being smoked to help prevent cigarette-caused fires.
S.B. 52 enacted 3/8/10 and effective 7/1/11.

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Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is not allowed in most public places or at public meetings except in enclosed, well-ventilated areas designated as smoking areas by the person in charge. Restaurants and bars can choose whether to allow smoking or not. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any owner, operator or manager from declaring and enforcing a nonsmoking policy in the entire establishment or facility.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law restricting smoking in public places include: 1) retail tobacco stores and tobacco businesses; 2) limousines used under private hire by an individual or corporation; 3) hotel and motel rooms rented to guests, except for those rooms designated as “no smoking” rooms; and 4) bars and lounges.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass laws/ordinances restricting smoking stronger than state law.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited except in designated enclosed and well-ventilated areas. This does not apply to private offices.


Private Workplaces
Employers having a closed place of employment must have a written smoking policy that contains at a minimum the right of an employee to declare their work area as nonsmoking. Smoking shall be prohibited in all common work areas unless a majority of the workers who work in that area agree that a smoking area will be designated. The smoking policy shall be communicated to all employees within three weeks of its adoption and all employers shall supply a written copy of the smoking policy upon request to any existing or prospective employee. Every employer shall have the right to designate any place of employment, or any portion thereof, as a nonsmoking area.


Schools
Smoking is prohibited except in designated enclosed and well ventilated areas at schools, other school facilities or enclosed school-sponsored events for grades K-12.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited except in designated enclosed and well-ventilated areas in child care facilities.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited except in designated enclosed and well-ventilated areas in most health care facilities. Smoking by patients in a chemical dependency treatment program or mental health program may be allowed in a separated and well-ventilated area.


Restaurants
A smoking area may be provided. If any restaurant is deemed by its owner as being too small to have a designated smoking area, it shall be left up to the discretion of the owner if the facility will be a “smoking” or a “nonsmoking” facility.


Bars
Bars and lounges are exempt from the restrictions on smoking in public places.


Penalties/Enforcement
Any person who smokes in a public place in violation of the above law commits a violation, punishable by a fine of $25 for each offense. Violations of the law by specific public places incur, after a 30-day warning to comply, a fine of no more than $50 for the first violation, no more than $100 for the second violation, and no more than $200 for the third violation. The Alabama Department of Public Health enforces this law, and shall adopt,
in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, rules specifying procedures to be followed by enforcement personnel in investigating complaints and notifying alleged violators and rules specifying procedures by which appeals may be taken by aggrieved parties.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: 42.5 cents

Date last changed: May 18, 2004 – from 16.5 cents to 42.5 cents

Year first enacted: 1927


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009): $136,331,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

The state cigarette tax revenue is split into two separate buckets of dollars, which are designated to specific funds and purposes, some of them health-related. None of the revenue is dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

State cigarette tax revenue is split into two separate parts; 38.82 percent of the cigarette tax revenue is distributed as follows:

1) 6.06 percent to the State Public Welfare Trust Fund;

2) 9.09 percent to be used for the following purposes in the following order: 1. as much as is necessary to pay the principal and interest that will mature during the then current fiscal year on certain bonds issued by the State Industrial Development Authority; 2. any remaining revenue goes into a special fund designated the “General and Mental Health Fund”;

3) 12.12 percent to be used for the following purposes in the following order: 1. as much as is necessary to pay, at their respective maturities, the principal and interest that will mature during the then current fiscal year on bonds issued for acquisition and construction of mental health facilities or bonds issued by the Alabama Mental Health Finance Authority; 2. any remaining revenue is put into the “General and Mental Health Fund”;

4) 6.06 percent for the following purposes in the following order: 1. as much as is necessary to pay the principal and interest that will mature during the then current fiscal year on all bonds that may be issued by the State Parks Development Authority; 2. any remaining revenue is designated to a special fund called the “State Parks Fund”;

5) 67.67 percent to the General Fund.

The remaining 61.18 percent of all cigarette tax revenue is allocated as follows:

1) Up to $2 million received annually shall be allocated to the various counties of the state levying a cigarette tax to offset the administrative expenses of obtaining local tax stamps and for providing a discount to wholesalers and jobbers for affixing stamps;

2) All remaining revenue goes to the General Fund to be used for Medicaid Services.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Chewing tobacco: 1.5 cents per ounce;

Snuff: 1 cent to 8 cents, depending on the weight, for up to 6 ounces; 12 cents for each ounce or fractional part thereof over 6 ounces;

Little Cigars (not weighing more than 3 pounds per thousand): 4 cents per each 10 cigars or fractional part thereof;

All other Cheroots, Stogies & Cigars: $3.00 to $40.50 per thousand depending on the price they retail for;

Smoking Tobacco: 4 cents to 21 cents, depending on the weight, for up to 4 ounces; 6 cents for each ounce or fractional part thereof;

All other Cheroots, Stogies & Cigars: $3.00 to $40.50 per thousand depending on the price they retail for;

Smoking Tobacco: 4 cents to 21 cents, depending on the weight, for up to 4 ounces; 6 cents for each ounce or fractional part thereof over 4 ounces.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes is credited to the state General Fund.

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

| FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: | $861,000 |
| FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $6,816,478* |
| FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $7,677,478 |
| Funding Level Recommended by CDC: | $56,700,000 |
| Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: | 13.5% |

*Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Alabama's tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and the state general fund.

**State Funding Details**

Alabama allocated $861,000 in state funding to tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011). In FY2010, $751,840 was allocated.


**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall enforce state and federal laws that prohibit the distribution of tobacco or tobacco products to minors. The board will have the authority to conduct annual random compliance tests to assure compliance with state and federal laws regarding the distribution of tobacco products to minors. Minors may be enlisted to attempt to purchase tobacco products, provided they have written consent of a parent or legal guardian and are directly supervised by a sheriff or head of police. If questioned about their age during an attempt to purchase or receive tobacco products, a minor shall state their true age. A photograph or video recording of any minor assisting in an inspection or enforcement action shall be taken prior to the investigation. The appearance of a minor participating in an inspection or enforcement action shall not be altered at the time of the inspection.

The minor shall be under the age of 18.


**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

Any person who sells, barters, exchanges or gives to any minor any cigarettes, cigarette tobacco or cigarette paper, or any substitute for either of them shall, on conviction, be fined not less than $10 or more than $50 and may also be imprisoned in the county jail or sentenced to hard labor for the county for not more than 30 days.

ALA. CODE § 13A-12-3 (1975).

The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board upon finding that a permit holder or any partner, member, employee, officer, or director of the permit holder has violated any of the laws of this state relating to the manufacture, sale, possession, or transportation of tobacco or tobacco products may upon due notice and hearing, levy administrative fines or suspend or revoke the permit issued by the board, or a combination of all three. For a first violation, an administrative fine of up to $200 will be levied, or the permit holder may be offered an opportunity to provide training sessions administered by the Responsible Vendor Program in lieu of an administrative fine; for a second violation within a two year period, an administrative fine of not more than $400; for a third violation within two years, an administrative fine of not more than $750; and for a fourth and subsequent violation within two years, an administrative fine of up to $1,000 and the permit may be suspended or revoked. The maximum length for suspension or revocation of a permit is one year.


**Sign Posting Requirements**

Any person who distributes tobacco or tobacco products within Alabama shall post conspicuously at each location of distribution a sign that is likely to be read by those seeking to purchase or obtain tobacco or tobacco products. Each sign shall state that: 1) Alabama law strictly prohibits the purchase of tobacco products by persons under the age of 19, and 2) proof of age is required for the purchase of tobacco products. Violation by an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board permit holder is subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is unlawful for any minor to purchase, use, possess, or transport tobacco or tobacco products within Alabama. It is also unlawful for any minor to present or offer to another person proof of identification which is false, fraudulent, or not actually their own in order to buy, attempt to buy, receive, or otherwise obtain any tobacco or tobacco products. It shall not be unlawful for a minor employee of a tobacco permit holder to handle, transport, or sell tobacco or tobacco products if the minor employee is acting within the line and scope of employment and the permit holder, or an employee of the permit holder who is 21 years of age or older, is present. Minors shall be fined no less than $10 and no more than $50 for each violation.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No tobacco or tobacco product shall be distributed at retail through a self-service display as defined in Alabama Code section 28-11-2 unless such display is a vending machine as permitted under existing law or is located in a tobacco specialty store, which must derive at least 75 percent of its revenue from tobacco or tobacco products. Violation by an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board permit holder is subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
No tobacco or tobacco product shall be distributed by use of a vending machine unless such machine: 1) is located in an area in which minors are not permitted access; or 2) Dispenses tobacco or tobacco products through the operation of a device that requires the tobacco permit holder or an employee to control the distribution of the product. Tobacco or tobacco products placed together with any non-tobacco product, other than matches, in a vending machine is also prohibited.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation by an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board permit holder is subject to the same penalties for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Any person who distributes tobacco or tobacco products with in this state shall post conspicuously at each vending machine a sign that is likely to be read by those seeking to purchase or obtain tobacco or tobacco products. Each sign shall state that: 1) Alabama law strictly prohibits the purchase of tobacco products by persons under the age of 19, and
2) proof of age is required for the purchase of tobacco products. Violation by an Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board permit holder is subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

- **Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**

  **Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**
  Retailers and wholesalers must obtain a privilege license to sell tobacco products.

  ALA. CODE §§ 40-12-72 and 40-12-73 (1940).

  Any person who distributes tobacco or maintains a tobacco vending machine must obtain a permit from the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for each location or vending machine. A permit is nontransferable and must be renewed annually. Failure to obtain or display a valid permit is a misdemeanor offense subject to a fine of not less than $100 or more than $500 for the first offense and not less than $500 and not more than $1,500 for subsequent offenses.


  **License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**
  Yes

  **License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**
  Yes

  **License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**
  Yes

  **License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**
  Yes

  **License Fees**
  $2 to $15 annually for a retail license, depending on the population of the city or town where tobacco products are being sold, $100 for a wholesale license, plus $5 to each county where a wholesaler does business.

  ALA. CODE §§ 40-12-72 and 40-12-73 (1940).

  **License Suspension for Sales to Minors**
  The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board upon finding that a permit holder, or any partner, member, employee, officer, or director of the permit holder, has violated any of the laws of this state or the United States relating to the sale of tobacco, may, upon due notice and hearing, levy administrative fines or suspend or revoke the permit issued by the board upon a fourth or subsequent violation within two years.


- **Smoking Protection Laws**
  No state law/regulation.

- **Advertising & Promotion**
  No state law/regulation.

- **Product Disclosure**
  No state law/regulation.

- **Divestment**
  No state law/regulation.

- **Liability**

  **Tobacco Industry Liability**
  In civil litigation under any legal theory involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement, the supersedeas bond to be furnished to stay the execution of the judgment during the entire course of appellate review shall be set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total supersedeas bond that is required of all appellants collectively shall not exceed $125 million, regardless of the amount of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipated assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, a court may require the appellant to post a supersedeas bond in an amount up to the total amount of the judgment.

  ALA. CODE § 6-12-4 (2006).
**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary**

A portion of the annual Master Settlement Agreement payments is dedicated to the Children First Trust Fund and distributed to various departments and programs from there, including a small amount from the Alabama Department of Public Health dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs. A portion is also allocated to the Alabama 21st Century Fund for economic development and industrial recruitment.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**

The Children First Trust Fund was established in 1999 to receive a portion of Alabama's annual Master Settlement Agreement payments. The Alabama Children’s Policy Council oversees the trust fund. No monies shall be withdrawn or expended from the fund for any purpose unless the monies have been appropriated by the Legislature and allocated pursuant to this chapter. Any monies remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year remain in the trust fund.


Each year the legislature enacts a separate bill allocating the state’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments dedicated to the Children First Trust Fund. Up to $225,000 per fiscal year is provided for administration of the trust fund. Of the remaining revenue, 10 percent goes to the Department of Public Health for the state Children’s Health Insurance Program, tobacco control and prevention programs for youth, and the Alabama Qualified Health Center Grant Program; 22 percent to the state Board of Education; 20 percent to the Alabama Department of Human Resources; 5 percent to the Children’s Trust Fund; 5 percent to the State Multiple Needs Children’s Fund; 5 percent to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; 10 percent to the Juvenile Probation Services Fund; 17 percent to the Department of Youth Services; 3.5 percent to the Medicaid Agency; 1 percent to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which includes enforcement of youth access to tobacco laws; 1 percent to the Department of Forensic Sciences; and 0.5 percent to the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

To get more details on the specific programs funded, see the statutes listed below.


Alabama has pledged $13 million per year of its Master Settlement Agreement payments to the Alabama 21st Century Fund to pay for bonds issued by the Alabama 21st Century Authority. The Alabama 21st Century Authority has been authorized to issue bonds in the amount of $103,760,000 for the purpose of promoting economic development and industrial recruitment as specified by the Legislature from time to time by separate act. The Alabama 21st Century Fund may invest the funds until such time as they are needed to pay the principle, interest or premium on the above-issued bonds. Excess funds may also be transferred to the State Treasury by act of the legislature. The $13 million allocation will remain steady through 2018.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Alabama or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Alabama unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 8-17-272 Alabama Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the State Fire Marshal in accordance with section 8-17-273 Alabama Code and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with 8-17-274 Alabama Code.

ALA. CODE §§ 8-17-270 to 8-17-281 (2010).

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale in violation of the above standard is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarette sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each violation.

ALA. CODE §§ 8-17-270 to 8-17-281 (2010).
Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $861,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in schools, child care facilities, most health care facilities and elevators. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in most other public places and workplaces, including government buildings, private workplaces and restaurants.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass laws/ordinances restricting smoking stronger than state law.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in rooms controlled by the state or a political subdivision of the state when a public meeting or assembly is in progress. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in buildings and other structures owned, leased, or operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state, including places of employment, offices, libraries, museums, theaters, concert halls, convention halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, and other places of entertainment or recreation.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Private Workplaces
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in places of employment. The employer shall post signs in areas prohibiting smoking.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Schools
Smoking in any form is prohibited in a public or private elementary or secondary school or a preschool. This prohibition does not apply to a designated smoking area in public or private elementary schools created by a collective bargaining agreement for employees made prior to August 14, 1990. These designated areas must be properly ventilated or equipped with an exhaust fan and located in a room where minors are not permitted. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in a public or private postsecondary educational institution.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in children’s day care facilities, including private residences during the time they are being used for day care services. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in public or private adult day care facilities.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public and private hospitals and in offices where health or dental care is practiced. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in nursing homes, rest homes or other residential health care institutions or facilities, and public or private mental health facilities.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Restaurants
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in food service establishments with a seating capacity of at least 50 persons.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Bars
No restrictions.

Penalties/Enforcement
The person in charge of the indoor place or vehicle must display smoking and no-smoking signs. Failure to post signs is punishable by a civil fine of $20 to $300 for each day the violation occurs. A person who smokes in a prohibited area is subject to a civil fine between $10 and $50. The Commissioner of Environmental Conservation or the commissioner’s designee is responsible for enforcement, and shall develop and maintain a procedure for processing reports of violations.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.35.300 et seq. (2004).

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.00

Date last changed: July 1, 2007 – from $1.80 to $2.00

Year first enacted: 1949

ALASKA STAT. §§ 43.50.090 & 43.50.190 (2005).
There is levied, in addition to the cigarette tax above, a nonparticipating equity excise tax of 25 cents per pack on cigarettes sold in this state by nonparticipating manufacturers. A nonparticipating manufacturer is a tobacco product manufacturer that has not signed onto the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement. Proceeds from this tax go to the general fund.

ALASKA STAT. § 43.50.200 (2005).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $62,535,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Seventy-six cents of the cigarette tax revenue is deposited into a state fund called the “School Fund”, which is used to rehabilitate, construct, and repair the state’s school facilities. The remaining cigarette tax revenue is deposited in the state general fund. A portion of the revenue (8.9 percent) is then directed into the Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund, which funds the state’s tobacco control and prevention program.

ALASKA STAT. § 43.50.140 & ALASKA STAT. § 43.50.190 (2005).

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

All other tobacco products: 75% of the wholesale price.

ALASKA STAT. § 43.50.300 (1997).

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes is deposited in the state general fund.

ALASKA STAT. § 43.50.350 (1997).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $9,839,800
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,385,704 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $11,225,504
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $10,700,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 104.9%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Alaska’s tobacco control program comes from the Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund in the state general fund.

State Funding Details

Alaska appropriated $9,839,800 for tobacco control and prevention programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $8,115,000 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 300) enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Note: When federal funding is included, Alaska is one of only two states funding its state tobacco control program at or above the level recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in FY2011.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

The Department of Health was directed to administer a comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention and tobacco control program. It is to do so by grant or contract with one or more organizations in the state. It must include a tobacco use prevention and cessation component, anti-tobacco counter-marketing targeting youth and adult populations, as well as youth-based efforts that involve youth in the design and implementation of tobacco control efforts.

ALASKA STAT. § 44.29.020(a)(14) (2000).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Department of Health and Social Services is charged with administering the state tobacco control program, which is required to include a tobacco enforcement component among other requirements.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

A person commits the offense of selling or giving tobacco to a minor if the person negligently sells, exchanges, or gives a cigarette, cigar or tobacco product to persons under 19 or holds a business
license endorsement and allows a person less than 19 years of age to sell a cigarette, cigar or tobacco product. Persons who do not hold a business license endorsement are guilty of a violation and upon conviction may be fined not less than $300. For business license endorsement holders, the business license endorsement shall be suspended for 20 days and a civil penalty of $300 shall be levied for a first offense, a suspension of 45 days and a civil penalty of $500 shall be levied for the second offense within 24 months, a suspension of 90 days and a civil penalty of $1,000 shall be levied for a third offense within 24 months, and a suspension of one year and a civil penalty of $2,500 shall be levied for an additional conviction within 24 months. The license suspension can be reduced or increased by a set number of days for the first and second violation based on specified factors, and as determined by the Department of Health and Social Services. See full statute for further details. A suspension or revocation applies only to the retail outlet in the location in which the violation occurs.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 11.76.100(a) & 43.70.075 (2007).

Sign Posting Requirements
A person who holds a business license endorsement shall post on the licensed premises a warning sign that must be at least 6 inches by 18 inches and must read, in lettering at least 1.25 inches high, “THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 19 IS ILLEGAL.” The sign shall be displayed in a manner conspicuous to a person purchasing or consuming tobacco products on the licensed premises. The department shall, without charge, furnish warning signs to a person who holds an endorsement issued under this section or a person who requests the sign with the intention of displaying it.

ALASKA STAT. § 43.70.075(f) (2001).

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation

Purchase/ Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is unlawful for minors to knowingly possess tobacco products, and a person who violates this law is guilty of a violation.


Placement of Tobacco Products
A person may not sell cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or a product containing tobacco unless the sale occurs in a manner that allows only the sales clerk to control access to the cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or product containing tobacco unless the sale is by vending machine, a wholesale transaction, or is by a retailer who sells primarily cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or a product containing tobacco and who restricts access to the premises to only those individuals who are 19 years of age or older. A person who violates this section is guilty of a violation and upon conviction is subject to a fine of not less than $300. Business license endorsement holders are subject to the same penalties and license suspensions as for selling tobacco products to minors.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
Persons who negligently give a cigarette, cigar, or tobacco product to persons under 19 are guilty of a violation and upon conviction are subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section, including the possible license suspension for business license endorsement holders.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 11.76.100 (2001) & 43.70.075 (2007).

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A business license endorsement holder may not sell cigarettes to another person unless the cigarettes are sold in groups of at least 20 and the cigarettes are in the manufacturer’s original cigarette pack or contained in a cigarette carton or box; or differs in any respect from the requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for the placement of warnings or of any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is sold within the United States. Violation is a Class B misdemeanor. In addition, the business license endorsement may be suspended for 45 days for a first violation or 90
days for a second violation within 24 months.
ALASKA STAT. § 43.70.075(g-k) (2000).

**State Preemption of Local Samples Laws**
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances restricting sampling and minimum tobacco product sales amounts of tobacco products.

### Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

**Vending Machine Placement**
A vending machine may be maintained only if it is on premises licensed as beverage dispensaries, clubs, or package stores, is as far as possible from the primary entrance and is directly and continually supervised by an employee of the premises when accessible to the public. Vending machines may also be located in an employee break room or other controlled area of a private workplace that is not generally considered a public place and the room or area must contain a posted warning sign indicating that possession of tobacco by a person less than 19 years of age is prohibited.
ALASKA STAT. § 11.76.100(b)(1998).

**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**
Failure to supervise a tobacco product vending machine is, upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not less than $300. Business license endorsement holders are subject to the same penalties and license suspensions as for selling tobacco products to minors.

**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**
A vending machine located in an employee break room or other controlled area of a private workplace that is not generally considered a public place must contain a posted warning sign at least 12 inches by 14 inches indicating that possession of tobacco by a person under 19 years of age is prohibited by law.
ALASKA STAT. § 11.76.100(b)(2) (1998).

**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of tobacco product vending machines.

### Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

**Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**
A separate license is required to sell, purchase, possess, or acquire cigarettes as a manufacturer, distributor, direct-buying retailer, vending machine operator or buyer. If a person operates more than one place of business, the person must obtain a separate license for each place of business, except that a person operating one or more cigarette vending machines is considered to have only one place of business. Licenses are effective until June 30 of the year after the date of issuance, and may be renewed. Additionally, each business is required to get a business license which covers all places of business in the state. However, retailers of cigarettes and other products containing tobacco must have a business license endorsement for each place of business before they can sell tobacco products at retail.
ALASKA STAT. §§ 43.50.010 & 43.70.075 (2007).

**License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**
Yes

**License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**
Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**
Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**
No

**License Fees**
Manufacturers: $50 per year;
Distributors and Wholesaler-Distributors: $50 per year;
Vending Machine Operators: $50 per year;
Direct-Buying Retailers: $50 per year;
Buyers: $25 per year;
Business License Endorsement for Retailers and Vending Machine Operators: $100 per year
ALASKA STAT. §§ 43.50.030 (2005) & 43.70.075 (2007).

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
A business license endorsement for retailers/vending machine operators shall be suspended for a violation of selling tobacco products to a minor for 20 days for a first offense, 45 days for a second offense within 24 months, 90 days for a third offense within 24 months, and one year for subsequent violations within 24 months. The license suspension can be reduced or increased by a set number of days for the first and second violation based on specified factors, and as determined by the Department of Health and Social Services. A suspension or revocation applies only to the retail outlet in the location in which the violation occurs.
ALASKA STAT. § 43.70.075 (2007).

■ Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

■ Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

■ Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

■ Divestment
No state law/regulation.

■ Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.

■ Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Twenty percent of annual Master Settlement Agreement payments are distributed to the Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund, which is used to fund the state tobacco prevention and cessation program. The remaining 80 percent were sold as bonds in previous years through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for a lump sum payment up front.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
The Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund is created as a special account in the general fund into which 20 percent annually of the revenue from the Master Settlement Agreement shall be deposited. The legislature may make appropriations from the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Fund for the comprehensive smoking education, tobacco use prevention and tobacco control program.
ALASKA STAT. § 37.05.580 (2001).

Note: The remaining 80 percent of the annual MSA payments was sold as bonds through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation in previous years for a lump sum payment up front. See Securitization section below for more details.

Securitization
The Commissioner of Revenue is authorized to sell to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation the right to receive a total of 80 percent annually of the revenue derived from the Master Settlement Agreement. Forty percent of these payments were sold in 2000, and an additional 40 percent were sold in 2001.

■ Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, a person may not sell or offer to sell cigarettes in Alaska, or sell or offer to sell cigarettes to another person located in Alaska, unless: 1) the cigarettes are tested under section 18.74.030 Alaska Statutes and satisfy the performance standard in section 18.74.030(d) Alaska Statutes or satisfy an alternative performance standard under section 18.74.040 Alaska Statutes; 2) the cigarettes have been marked as required by section 18.74.130 Alaska Statutes; and 3) a certification has been submitted by the manufacturer of the cigarettes under section 18.74.080 Alaska Statutes.
ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.74.010 to 18.74.290 (2008).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or another person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale and in violation of the above standard is subject to a civil
penalty not to exceed $10,000 for a first violation and $25,000 for each violation that is not a first violation. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above standard is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a first violation and $2,000 for each violation that is not a first violation in which the total number of cigarettes sold or offered for sale does not exceed 1,000 cigarettes; and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for a first violation and $5,000 for each violation that is not a first violation in which the total number of cigarettes sold or offered for sale is over 1,000 cigarettes. Penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 for a first violation and not exceeding $250,000 for each violation that is not a first violation.

ALASKA STAT. §§ 18.74.010 to 18.74.290 (2008).

**Legislative Activity**

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $9,839,800 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 300) enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Minimum Price for Cigarettes: Requires cigarettes in Alaska to be sold at or above a minimum price, which is calculated as specified by the state Department of Revenue.

S.B. 117 enacted (became law without governor's signature) 6/30/10 and effective 9/28/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in virtually all public places and workplaces, including restaurants, bars and non-tribal gaming establishments. “Public place” is defined as any enclosed area to which the public is invited or permitted; see statute cited below for a detailed list. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places and places of employment, excluding outdoor patios.


Exceptions to the Law

Exemptions to the law include: 1) private residences except when used as a licensed child care, adult day care or health care facility; 2) up to 50 percent of hotel/motel rooms; 3) retail tobacco stores as defined that are physically separated, so that smoke does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; 4) veterans and fraternal clubs as defined when they are not open to the general public; 5) smoking as part of a Native American religious ceremony; 6) outdoor patios as long as smoke does not enter into places where smoking is prohibited; and 7) smoking as part of a theatrical performance.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-601.01 (2007).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass laws/ordinances restricting smoking stronger than state law.

Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in places of employment, the definition of which includes public places of employment. The definition of “employer” also includes the state of Arizona and its political subdivisions. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places and places of employment, excluding outdoor patios.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in “places of employment,” which are defined as an enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer, which employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including office buildings, work areas, auditoriums, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, cafeterias, hallways, stairs, elevators, health care facilities, private offices and vehicles owned and operated by the employer during working hours when the vehicle is occupied by more than one person. A private residence is not a “place of employment” unless it is used as a child care, adult day care or health care facility. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places, excluding outdoor patios.


Schools

Tobacco products are prohibited on school grounds, inside school buildings, in school parking lots or playing fields, in school buses or vehicles, or at off-campus school-sponsored events. “School” means any public, charter or private school where children attend classes in kindergarten programs or grades one through 12. This does not apply to an adult who employs tobacco products as a necessary component of a school-sanctioned, tobacco prevention or cessation program established pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute section 15-712. A person who violates this section is guilty of a petty offense.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.03 (2000).

To the extent not covered above, smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes educational facilities. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places, excluding outdoor patios.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” which are defined as any enclosed area to which the public is invited or permitted. Smoking is also prohibited
in “places of employment,” which are defined as an enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer, which employees normally frequent during the course of employment. Although not specifically mentioned, these definitions do include child care facilities. Smoking in private residences is specifically prohibited if it is a child care or adult day care facility. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places, excluding outdoor patios.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes health care facilities. Smoking is prohibited in “places of employment,” which are defined as an enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer, which employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including health care facilities. Smoking in private residences is specifically prohibited if it is used as a health care facility. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places and places of employment, excluding outdoor patios.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes restaurants. Outdoor patios of restaurants are exempt as long as smoke does not enter areas where smoking is prohibited. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places and places of employment, excluding outdoor patios.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes bars. Outdoor patios of bars are exempt as long as smoke does not enter areas where smoking is prohibited. By rule, smoking is also prohibited within 20 feet of entrances/exits, windows and ventilation intakes to public places and places of employment, excluding outdoor patios.


Penalties/Enforcement
“No smoking” signs shall be clearly and conspicuously posted by the owner or person in charge of a public place or place of employment. All ashtrays shall be removed from public places and places of employment as well. The state Department of Health shall implement and enforce the law. The department shall impose a civil penalty of $100 to $500 for each offense, and each day an offense occurs is a separate offense. The department may also apply for injunctive relief in the superior court in the county in which the violation occurred. If the court finds the violations are willful or evidence of a pattern of noncompliance a fine of up to $5,000 may be imposed.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.00

Date last changed: December 4, 2006 – from $1.18 to $2.00

Year first enacted: 1933


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $364,193,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Most of the revenue from Arizona’s cigarette tax is directed to several funds and dedicated to various purposes from there, including providing funding for the state tobacco prevention and cessation program and state Medicaid program. A small portion also goes to the state general fund.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
Two cents of the cigarette tax shall be deposited into the Smoke-Free Arizona Fund to fund enforcement of Arizona’s smokefree air law. Any money remaining after enforcement obligations have been met will be transferred to Arizona’s Tobacco Education and Prevention Program. This increase
in the cigarette tax was passed by voters in 2006.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 42-3251.02 & 36-601.01(L) (2006).

Eighty cents of the cigarette tax is distributed to
the Early Childhood Development and Education
Fund for use on specified early childhood education
programs. This increase in the cigarette tax was
also passed by voters in 2006.

Sixty cents of the cigarette tax is distributed to the
Tobacco Products Tax Fund. Forty-two cents of each
$1.00 in the fund is deposited in the Proposition 204
Protection Account which helps fund health insurance
coverage for more uninsured residents; five cents
of each $1.00 is deposited in the Health Research
Fund to be used for research into tobacco-related
diseases; 27 cents of each $1.00 is deposited in the
Medically Needy Account, which is used to provide
health insurance for low-income residents; 20 cents
of each $1.00 is deposited in the Emergency Health
Services Account where it is to be used for reimburse-
ment of uncompensated care, primary care services
and trauma center readiness costs as appropriated by
the legislature; four cents of each $1.00 is deposited
in a health care adjustment account; and two cents
of each $1.00 goes to the Health Education Account
for tobacco prevention programs. This increase in the
cigarette tax was passed by voters in 2002.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 36-770, 36-772, 36-774, 36-776 to 36-
778 & 42-3251.01 (2002).

Forty cents of the cigarette tax is deposited into
the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund. Twenty-
three cents of each $1.00 in the fund goes into a
Health Education Account where it is used for tobacco control and prevention programs; five
cents of each $1.00 in the fund goes into the Health Research Account where it is used for research on
preventing and treating tobacco-related disease and addiction; 70 cents of each $1.00 in the fund goes
into the Medically Needy Account (see above), and
two cents of each $1.00 goes into an adjustment ac-
count. This increase in the cigarette tax was passed
by voters in 1994.

The remaining 18 cents of the cigarette tax is dis-
tributed as follows: 19.44 percent to state school aid, until June 30, 2015—11.11 percent to the cor-
rections fund and the remainder to the general fund.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 42-3102 to 42-3104 (2010).

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

Chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco, and snuff:
22.25 cents/oz.;

Cavendish, plug, or twist tobacco: 5.45 cents/oz.;

On each 20 small cigars or fractional part weighing
not more than three pounds per thousand: 44.05
cents;

All other cigars: 21.8 cents/three cigars or 21.8
cents/cigar depending on the manufacturer’s retail
price.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 42-3052 (2002), 42-3251 (2002), 42-

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary**

Most of the revenue from taxes on tobacco products
other than cigarettes is dedicated in the same way
and for the same purposes as cigarette tax revenue.

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**

The revenue from the other tobacco product taxes
levied by Arizona Revised Statute section 42-3271
is deposited in the Early Childhood Development
and Education Fund where it is used in the same
manner as 80 cents of the cigarette tax (see above).

The revenue from the other tobacco product
taxes levied by Arizona Revised Statute section
42-3251.01 is deposited in the Tobacco Products
Tax Fund, where it is used in the same manner as
60 cents of the cigarette tax (see above).
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 42-3251.01 & 36-770 (2002).

The revenue from the other tobacco product
taxes levied in Arizona Revised Statute section 42-3271 is
deposited in the Tobacco Tax and Health Care
Fund where it is distributed in the same manner as
40 cents of the cigarette tax (see above).

The revenue from the other tobacco product
taxes levied in Arizona Revised Statute section 42-3052 is
deposited 50 percent to the Corrections Fund and
50 percent to the general fund.
## Tobacco Control Program Funding

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

- **FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs:** $19,817,000
- **FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs:** $1,774,145\(^*\)
- **FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs:** $21,591,145
- **Funding Level Recommended by CDC:** $68,100,000
- **Percentage of CDC Recommended Level:** 31.7%

\(^*\) Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Arizona’s tobacco prevention and cessation program comes from tobacco tax revenue.

**State Funding Details**

Arizona allocated $19,817,000 for tobacco control and prevention programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $22,119,300 was allocated.


## Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

The Arizona Attorney Generals’ office, through an interagency service agreement (ISA) with the Arizona Department of Health Services—Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (ADHS-TEPP), monitor compliance with and enforce laws restricting the availability and sale of tobacco products to minors. The attorney general’s office is required under this agreement to conduct compliance inspections, in coordination with local law enforcement agencies, of tobacco retailers in all 15 counties to determine whether they are illegally selling tobacco products to minors, and to recruit, train and coordinate youth volunteers to participate in these compliance inspections.

ISA between Arizona Attorney General and ADHS-TEPP (2009).

**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

A person who knowingly sells, gives or furnishes cigars, cigarettes or cigarette papers, smoking or chewing tobacco to a minor is guilty of a petty offense.


**Sign Posting Requirements**

No state law/regulation.

**Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes**

It is unlawful for a retail tobacco vendor to sell, furnish, give, or provide beedies or bidis to a minor. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class Three misdemeanor.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.01 (2000).

**Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products**

No state law/regulation.

**Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors**

- Minors who buy, possess, or accept tobacco products are guilty of a petty offense.


**Placement of Tobacco Products**

No state law/regulation.

**Internet Sales of Tobacco Products**

Any person accepting an order for a delivery sale shall comply with specific age-verification requirements including obtaining a certification from the consumer before delivery and verifying the information against a commercially available database or receiving a photocopy of a government-issued identification; specific disclosure requirements; specific shipping requirements including using a delivery service that requires a signature from the consumer or another person of legal minimum purchase age and proof in the form of a photographic government issued identification that the individual is the consumer or adult residing at the address; specific registration and reporting requirements; and specific tax collection requirements. Violation by an adult is a Class Five felony and for the first violation the person shall be fined $1,000 or five times the retail value of tobacco products involved, whichever is greater. For the second and subsequent violations, the fine is $5,000 or five times the retail value of the tobacco products involved, whichever is greater. An adult who knowingly submits a false certification is guilty of a Class Five felony and for each offense shall be fined $10,000 or five times
the retail value of the tobacco products involved, whichever is greater. A minor submitting a false certification is guilty of a petty offense. Failure to pay the appropriate taxes is a penalty of five times the retail value of the tobacco products involved in addition to any other penalty. Pipe tobacco and cigars are excluded from these requirements.


Note: Some parts of the above law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

It is unlawful for a person to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to any residence in this state, any tobacco products unsolicited by at least one adult who resides at that address. A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a Class Two misdemeanor and is subject to a civil penalty of up to $5,000 for each violation. Each delivery of a tobacco product shall constitute a separate violation.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.05 (2000).

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products stronger than state law.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

A person who knowingly gives or furnishes tobacco products to a minor is guilty of a petty offense.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is unlawful to manufacture, sell, or distribute in this state, either a package or other container of cigarettes with fewer than 20 cigarettes or a package of roll-your-own tobacco that contains less than 0.6 ounces of tobacco. This does not prohibit the sale or distribution of such products in specially licensed tobacco stores that only admit people over 21 years of age. A violation of this section is a Class Three misdemeanor.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.04 (2000).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass laws/ordinances restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products stronger than state law.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

Tobacco vending machines are restricted to bars and employee lounges that are not open to the public and if the business does not employ minors.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.02 (2000).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation of the restrictions on tobacco product vending machines is a petty offense.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.02 (2000).

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

Tobacco vending machines must have a sign measuring at least 80 square inches that states “IT IS ILLEGAL FOR A MINOR TO PURCHASE CIGARETTES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND, UPON CONVICTION, A FINE UP TO $300 MAY BE IMPOSED.”

ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-798.02 (2000).

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Local communities are specifically allowed to pass laws/ordinances further restricting the placement or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Distributors must be licensed by the Department of Revenue to sell tobacco products on which a tax is imposed. The license is non-transferable, valid for one year unless suspended or revoked and must be displayed in the applicant’s place of business.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes

No
License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
$25 annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
The state’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments are deposited in the Arizona Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund where it is used mostly to fund certain benefits under the state Medicaid program.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-2901.02 (2001).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
The Arizona Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund is established consisting of all monies received by Arizona from the Master Settlement Agreement between the state and certain cigarette companies. The Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund do not revert to the state general fund and are continuously appropriated. Monies in the fund are allocated to the following purposes in the following order: 1) to fully implement and fund programs and services required as a result of the expanded definition of an “eligible person” under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (state Medicaid program); 2) to health-related programs specified in section 5-22(E) of the Arizona Revised Statutes; and 3) any remaining funds can be used for expanded programs in the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 36-2901.02 (2001).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, cigarettes may not be sold or offered for sale in Arizona or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Arizona unless: 1) the cigarettes are tested pursuant to the test method and meet the performance standard prescribed in section 41-2170.01 Arizona Revised Statutes; 2) the manufacturer files a written certification with the state fire marshal pursuant to section 41-2170.02 Arizona Revised Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes are marked pursuant to section 41-2170.03 Arizona Revised Statutes.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 41-2170 to 41.2170.08 (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $1,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $25,000 and not to exceed $100,000 for each false certification.
ARIZ. REV. STAT. §§ 41-2170 to 41.2170.08 (2009).
Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $19,817,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Tobacco Tax: Extends a dedication of certain tobacco tax revenues to a state Corrections Fund through June 30, 2015.

S.B. 1107 enacted and effective 5/6/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in most public places and enclosed areas of places of employment, including almost all restaurants. See the definition of “public place” and “place of employment” under Arkansas Code section 20-27-1803 for more details on specific types of places covered.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences, except when used as a licensed child care, adult daycare, or health care facility; 2) designated guest smoking rooms in hotels/motels, except in hotels/motels with more than 25 rooms, no more than 20 percent of the rooms may be designated smoking; 3) all workplaces with fewer than three employees that are not public places; 4) a retail tobacco store, if secondhand smoke from the store does not infiltrate into places where smoking is prohibited; 5) areas within long-term care facilities that are designated by the facility as a smoking area or for supervised patient smoking only; 6) outdoor areas of places of employment; 7) all workplaces of any manufacturer, importer or wholesaler of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor and all tobacco storage facilities; 8) all restaurants and bars licensed by the state of Arkansas that prohibit at all times persons less than 21 years of age from entering the premises, if secondhand smoke does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; and 9) designated smoking areas on the gaming floor of any franchisee of the Arkansas Racing Commission.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

The above law is cumulative to and does not prohibit the enactment of any other general or local laws, rules, or regulations of state or local governing authorities or local ordinances prohibiting smoking that are more restrictive than or are in direct conflict with the state law prohibiting smoking in most public places and workplaces.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles and enclosed areas owned, leased, or operated by the state of Arkansas, its agencies and authorities, and any political subdivision of the state, municipal corporation, or local board or authority created by general, local, or special act of the General Assembly or by ordinance or resolution of the governing body of a county or municipal corporation individually or jointly with other political subdivisions or municipalities of the state.


Smoking any cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other tobacco product in the state Capitol building is prohibited. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $25.

ARK. CODE ANN. § 22-3-220 (2000).

Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of places of employment, including common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, health care facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms and all other enclosed areas. The prohibitions on smoking shall be communicated to all current employees by their employer within 30 days of the effective date of this act, and to each prospective employee upon application for employment. Workplaces with fewer than three employees as long as the workplace is not also a public place; workplaces of any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor and all tobacco storage facilities; and outdoor places of employment are all exempt from these requirements.


Schools

Smoking or use of tobacco in enclosed areas, buildings, or facilities of a public elementary or secondary school, or on any property owned or leased by a public school district is prohibited. A copy of this statute shall be posted in a conspicuous location at every entrance to each building owned or leased by a public school district and every school bus used to transport public school students. Violation of this
provision is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $10 to $100.


Smoking is prohibited on the campus of each state-supported institution of higher education. “Campus” means all property, including buildings and grounds that are owned or operated by the state-supported institution of higher education. Any person in violation is guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of $100 to $500.

ARK. CODE ANN. §§ 6-60-701 to 6-60-707 (2010).

To the extent not covered above, smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes educational facilities.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited entirely in all licensed child care facilities.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes health care facilities. “Health care facility” is defined as an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental or emotional, or other medical, physiological or psychological conditions, including weight control clinics, homes for the chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, dentists and all specialists within these professions. This includes the building or buildings in which a medical facility operates, together with all property owned or operated by a medical facility that is contiguous to the building or buildings in which medical services are provided. Health care facility does not include medical facilities as defined below, psychiatric hospitals or long-term care facilities.


Smoking is prohibited in and on the grounds of all medical facilities in the state. “Medical facilities” are defined as hospitals, including both inpatient and outpatient services, as well as hospital-owned and operated ambulatory surgery centers and free-standing medical clinics. Psychiatric hospitals are exempt. If a treating physician determines that an inpatient’s treatment will be substantially impaired by the denial to that patient of the use of tobacco, the physician may enter a written order permitting the use of tobacco by that patient. The order shall be consistent with the medical facilities staff by-laws, hospital regulations and any local ordinances. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor. Each medical facility shall post signs in prominent places in its facilities and on its property to explain the prohibition of smoking.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes restaurants. The term restaurant includes the bar area of a restaurant. Licensed restaurants that do not allow persons under 21 to enter at any time are exempt from these restrictions as long as smoke does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited.


Bars
Smoking is allowed in stand-alone bars as long as they do not allow people under 21 to enter at any time, and smoke does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited.


Private Vehicles
Smoking is prohibited in all motor vehicles in which a child who is less than six years of age and who weighs less than 60 pounds is restrained in a child passenger safety seat properly secured to the vehicle. Violation is subject to a fine not to exceed $25. Any person who proves to the court that they have entered into a smoking cessation program may have their fine eliminated for a first offense.


Penalties/Enforcement
“No Smoking” signs may be clearly and conspicuously posted by the owner, operator, manager or other person in control in every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited. The owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of any area where smoking is prohibited shall also remove all ashtrays from the area, unless an ashtray is permanently affixed to an existing structure. The Department of Health and Human Services and its authorized agents may enforce compliance with this subchapter and any rules and
regulations adopted and promulgated under this subchapter by the state Board of Health. Any person who violates any provision of this subchapter is guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than $100 or more than $500.


### Tobacco Taxes

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.15

Date last changed: March 1, 2009 – from 59 cents to $1.15

Year first enacted: 1925


Whenever there are two adjoining cities each with a population of 5,000 or more separated by a state line, the tax on cigarettes sold in such adjoining Arkansas city shall be at the rate imposed by law on cigarettes sold in the adjoining city outside of Arkansas not to exceed Arkansas’ existing cigarette tax. This exemption also applies to cigarettes sold in Arkansas within 300 feet of a state line, in any Arkansas city which adjoins a state line, or in any Arkansas city or incorporated town whose corporate limits adjoin an Arkansas border city as defined. This only applies to retail sales to individuals. One cent of the cigarette tax is exempted from this requirement.


A tax is also levied on the sale of cigarette papers of 25 cents per package of approximately 32 sheets.


**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $144,561,000

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

All other tobacco products: 68% of the manufacturer’s list price.


### Tobacco Control Program Funding

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $17,421,451
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,677,840 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $19,099,291
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $36,400,000
- Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 52.5%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Arkansas’ tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

**State Funding Details**

Arkansas allocated $17,421,451 for tobacco control and prevention programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $22,214,426 was allocated.

FY2011 Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Budget (H.B. 1041) enacted 2/26/10 and effective 7/1/10 and FY2011 Arkansas Tobacco Control Board—Youth Access Enforcement Budget (H.B. 1030) enacted 2/19/10 and effective 7/1/10.

### Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement with the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Health (ADHHS-DOH), the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board (ATCB) shall administer the enforcement of youth access laws in Arkansas, including conducting unannounced investigations in retail establishments that sell tobacco products.


Minors are allowed to be used in compliance checks as long as they appear to be under 18 years of age; if asked state their actual age and present their true identification; written consent has been received from a parent or guardian; and the minor is being directed by an employee of the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board or the state Office of
Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for any person to give, barter or sell tobacco products or cigarette papers to a minor less than 18 years of age. A person who violates the above is subject to a fine of not more than $100 per violation. An employee of an Arkansas retail cigarette and tobacco permit holder in violation is subject to a fine of not more than $100. A retail permit holder or license holder is subject to penalties as specified in the paragraph below.


The Arkansas Tobacco Control Board may assess penalties for selling tobacco products to minors or other youth access laws as follows: 1) after receipt of a notice from the Board or other enforcing agency as specified, a civil penalty not to exceed $250 for a first violation within a 48-month period; 2) a civil penalty not to exceed $500, and suspension of the permit or license to sell tobacco products for not more than two days for a second violation within a 48-month period; 3) a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 and suspension of the permit or license to sell tobacco products for not more than seven days for a third violation in a 48-month period; 4) a civil penalty not to exceed $2,000 and suspension of the license or permit to sell tobacco products for a period not to exceed 14 days for a fourth or subsequent violations in a 48-month period; and after five or more violations within a 48 month period, a license or permit may be revoked in addition to any civil penalties. The court shall consider specific factors when reviewing a possible violation, including whether the business has adopted a written policy prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors and has taken other specified actions to reduce illegal tobacco sales. An affirmative defense is available for a retailer or employee of a retailer if they reasonably relied on proof of age when making the sale.


A person who sells tobacco in any form or a cigarette paper may deny the sale of tobacco in any form or a cigarette paper to any person.


Sign Posting Requirements

Signs must be posted in a conspicuous place by persons who have been issued a permit or license under the Arkansas Tobacco Products Tax Act of 1977 stating that the sale of tobacco products or cigarette products by a minor is prohibited by law. Violators are subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

It is unlawful for a minor to use, possess, purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco in any form or cigarette papers. It is also unlawful to use falsified identification or someone else’s identification for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain tobacco products or cigarette papers. This does not apply if the minor is acting as an agent of a retail permit holder within the scope of employment. This also does not prohibit minors from participating in compliance checks as specified, provided parental consent is obtained.


Placement of Tobacco Products

It is unlawful for a person who has been issued a permit or license under the Arkansas Tobacco Products Act of 1977, to sell or distribute a cigarette product through a self-service display. “Self-service display” is defined as a display that contains a cigarette product that is located in an area where customers are permitted, and in which the cigarette product is readily accessible to a customer without the assistance of a salesperson. This does not apply to a retail tobacco store as defined. Violation is subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-27-227(g) (2009).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass
stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

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**Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products**

**Tobacco Product Samples**

It is unlawful for any manufacturer or any person who has been issued a permit or license under the Arkansas Tobacco Products Act of 1977 to distribute free samples or coupons for samples to any person under the age of 18 and in or on any public street or sidewalk within 500 feet of any playground, public school or other facility being used primarily by people under 18. Violation is subject to the same penalties as for selling tobacco products to minors.


**Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts**

The sale of individual cigarettes or “loosies” is prohibited. Individual cigarettes or “loosies” are defined as any cigarette not contained in its original, unopened pack. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling/distributing tobacco products to minors.


**State Preemption of Local Samples Laws**

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

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**Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines**

**Vending Machine Placement**

Tobacco product vending machines may only be placed in: 1) restricted areas within a factory, business, office or other structure to which members of the general public are not given access; 2) in premises that have a permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption; or 3) places where the vending machine is under the supervision of the owner or their employee.


**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**

The owner of a vending machine that violates the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to a minor.


**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**

It is unlawful for any person who has been issued a permit or a license under the Arkansas Tobacco Products Tax Act of 1977 to fail to display in a conspicuous manner on any tobacco product vending machine a sign stating that the sale of tobacco products to or purchase or possession of tobacco products by a minor is prohibited by law. Violators are subject to the same penalties as selling tobacco products to minors.


**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

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**Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**

**Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**

No person shall deal with, deliver or cause to be delivered to any retailer or consumer, or otherwise do business in tobacco products in this state without having registered with the Director of Arkansas Tobacco Control and obtained a permit or license for that purpose. Manufacturers need only to register with the Director of Finance and Administration. The Tobacco Control Board shall have responsibility for the issuance, suspension and revocation of licenses and permits. Selling cigarettes or tobacco products without the appropriate license is a Class C misdemeanor.


**License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**

Yes

**License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**

Yes
License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Between $20-$50 for retail cigarette/tobacco permits depending on weekly gross sales, $500 for wholesale cigarette permits, $500 for wholesaler permits for other tobacco products, and $100 for a vending machine permit plus $10 per machine for vending machine licenses.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Retail permit or license holders that sell tobacco products to minors shall be guilty of a violation and shall have their license or permit suspended for a period not to exceed two days for a second violation within a 48-month period, not to exceed seven days for a third violation within a 48-month period, and not to exceed 14 days for a fourth violation within a 48-month period. After five violations within a 48-month period, a license or permit may be revoked.


Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
Appeal bonds shall be determined under Arkansas Code section 16-68-301 et seq., and Arkansas Rules of Appellate Procedure—Civil, Rule 8, except that the maximum appeal bond that may be required in any civil action under any legal theory shall be limited to $25 million, regardless of the amount of the judgment. If a party proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the party who has posted a bond is purposely dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of evading ultimate payment of the judgment, the court may enter orders as are necessary to prevent dissipation or diversion, including requiring that a bond be posted equal to the full amount of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Annual Master Settlement Agreement payments in Arkansas are deposited in a separate special fund, and distributed based on Initiated Act 1, approved by voters in 2000, including a portion dedicated to the state tobacco control program.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
Initiated Act 1 was passed in November 2000 by the voters of Arkansas, which created a fund, held separate from the state Treasury, known as the Tobacco Settlement Cash Holding Fund, to be administered by the state Board of Finance. All monies received as part of the Master Settlement Agreement were directed to this fund. Beginning in 2002, tobacco settlement payments shall be distributed as follows: the first $5 million received in each calendar year shall be transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Debt Service Fund; and the amounts remaining shall be transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund. The funds in the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund will then be distributed as follows: 31.6 percent will go to the Prevention and Cessation program account to fund tobacco prevention and cessation programs administered by the Arkansas Department of Health, 15.8 percent to the Targeted State Needs program account, 22.8 percent to the Arkansas Biosciences Institute program account and 29.8 percent to the Medicaid Expansion program account.


Securitization
Initiated Act 1 also directed the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) to issue
Tobacco Settlement Revenue Bonds, the proceeds of which shall be used to finance capital improvement projects at the University of Arkansas School for Medical Sciences Biosciences Research Building, the Arkansas State University Biosciences Research Building, the School of Public Health, and such other capital improvement projects related to the provision of health care services, health education, or health-related research as may be designated by the General Assembly.


The Arkansas Cancer Research Center of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is designated as a Capital Improvement Project relating to health care services, health education, or health-related research for which tobacco settlement revenue bonds can be issued. Additional tobacco settlement revenue bonds can be issued under the following conditions: no more than $5 million per year may be used on debt service for the project, allocation to debt service on the project shall not commence until the bonds issued in 2001 are no longer outstanding and no more than $40 million in bonds may be issued for the project.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in section 20-27-2104(h) Arkansas Code, cigarettes shall not be offered for sale in Arkansas or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Arkansas unless: (1) The cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 20-27-2104 Arkansas Code; (2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Director of the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board under Section 20-27-2105 Arkansas Code; and (3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with Section 20-27-2106 Arkansas Code.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesaler, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $17,421,451 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Budget (H.B. 1041) enacted 2/26/10 and effective 7/1/10 and FY2011 Arkansas Tobacco Control Board—Youth Access Enforcement Budget (H.B. 1030) enacted 2/19/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed spaces of places of employment, except for designated break rooms that are separately ventilated directly to the outside and located in a non-work area where no one is required to enter as part of their work responsibilities. “Enclosed space” includes lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, elevators, stairwells, and restrooms that are a structural part of the building.
CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to this law include: 1) 65 percent of rooms in a hotel, motel, or similar transient lodging establishment; 2) a percentage of all lobby areas in hotel, motel, or similar establishments; 3) meeting and banquet rooms, except while food, beverage or exhibit functions are taking place; 4) retail or wholesale tobacco shops; 5) cabs of motor trucks when only smokers are present; 6) warehouse facilities; 7) theatrical production sites, if smoking is an integral part of the story; 8) medical research or treatment sites, if smoking is integral to those functions; 9) private residences when not in use as family day care centers; and 10) patient areas in long-term health care facilities.
CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Political subdivisions can enact local smoking ordinances that cover anyplace not covered by the definition of “place of employment”; otherwise, local ordinances are preempted. If the law is modified or repealed, local ordinances are once again allowed.
CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited by employees and members of the public inside buildings owned or leased by the state, a county, a city, a city and county, or a California Community College district or within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of these buildings. “Inside a public building” includes all indoor areas of the building, except for covered parking lots and residential space. Smoking is also prohibited in state-owned vehicles.
CA GOVT. CODE §§ 7596 to 7598 (2007).

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of places of employment, except for designated break rooms that are separately ventilated directly to the outside and located in a non-work area where no one is required to enter as part of their work responsibilities. Warehouse facilities and the cabs of motor trucks when only smokers are present are also exempt.
CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Schools
Smoking is prohibited at public school facilities. No school shall permit smoking or use of tobacco or any product containing tobacco or nicotine products, where the pupils are on campus, while they are attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of school-district employees. The possession of nicotine or use of any product containing tobacco or nicotine is considered grounds for suspension or expulsion.
CA EDUC. CODE §§ 48900 & 48901 (1986).

Signs stating “Tobacco use is prohibited” shall be prominently displayed at all entrances to school property.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited on the premises of licensed day care centers and during hours of operation in private residences licensed as family day care homes in areas of the day care home where children are present.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of places of employment, except for designated break rooms that are separately ventilated directly to the outside and located in a non-work area where no one is required to enter as part of their work responsibilities. Patient rooms in long-term health care facilities are exempt from this law.
CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).
By request from the director of a state hospital listed in section 4100 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, the Director of Mental Health may prohibit the possession or use of tobacco products on the grounds of the requesting facility, except on the premises of residential staff housing where patients are not present. The prohibition shall also include an exemption for departmentally-approved religious ceremonies. As part of the implementation plan for the policy change, the department shall provide any requesting patient with a smoking cessation plan that may include, at minimum, an individual medical treatment plan, counseling, prescription drugs, or nicotine replacement, as determined to be medically necessary and appropriate. The store or canteen at any facility subject to the prohibition shall also not sell tobacco products.

CA WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE § 4138 (2009).

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of places of employment, including restaurants, except for designated break rooms that are separately ventilated directly to the outside and located in a non-work area where no one is required to enter as part of their work responsibilities.

CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed places of employment, including bars, except for designated break rooms that are separately ventilated directly to the outside and located in a non-work area where no one is required to enter as part of their work responsibilities.

CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Private Vehicles
It is unlawful for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette in a motor vehicle, whether in motion or at rest, in which there is a person under 18 years of age in the vehicle. Violation is an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding $100 for each violation. A law enforcement officer shall not stop a vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether the driver is in violation.

CA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 118947 to 118949 (2008).

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Outdoor Playgrounds and Tot Lot Sandbox Areas:
Tobacco use is prohibited within 25 feet of any playground or tot lot sandbox area as defined. Disposing of cigarette butts, cigar butts, or any other tobacco related waste within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot sandbox area is also prohibited. Violation is an infraction and subject to a fine of $250 for each violation.


Prisons/Detention Facilities—Department of Corrections:
The possession or use of tobacco products by inmates under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections is prohibited except an exception is provided for departmentally approved religious ceremonies. The use of tobacco products by any other person on the grounds of any institution or facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections is prohibited, with the exception of residential staff housing where inmates are not present.


Juvenile Detention Facilities:
The possession or use of tobacco products by wards and inmates in all institutions and camps under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Youth Authority is prohibited except an exemption is allowed for departmentally approved religious ceremonies. The use of tobacco products by any other person on the grounds of any institution or facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Youth Authority is prohibited, with the exception of residential staff housing where inmates or wards are not present.

CA WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE § 1712.5 (2005).

Smoking Allowed Again if Standard for Secondhand Smoke Exposure Set by Certain Federal Agencies:
If a regulation is adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board reducing the permissible employee exposure level to second-hand smoke to a level that will prevent anything other than insignificantly harmful effects to exposed employees or by the federal Environmental Protection Agency establishing a standard for reduction of permissible exposure to secondhand...
smoke to an exposure level that will prevent anything other than insignificantly harmful effects to exposed persons than smoking in bar/taverns and gaming clubs would be allowed again subject to compliance with the applicable regulation.

CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

Penalties/Enforcement

Any violation of laws governing smoking in the workplace is an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed $100 for a first violation, $200 for a second violation within one year, and $500 for a third and for each subsequent violation within one year. Laws governing smoking in the workplace shall be enforced by local law enforcement agencies including, but not limited to, local health departments, as determined by the local governing body.

CA LABOR CODE § 6404.5 (2007).

II Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: 87 cents

Date last changed: January 1, 1999 – from 37 cents to 87 cents

Year first enacted: 1959


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $912,247,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Cigarette tax revenue in California goes mostly to specific programs as outlined below, including a portion of 25 cents of the cigarette tax going to the state tobacco control program. Revenue from 10 cents of the cigarette tax goes to the state general fund.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

Distribution of Cigarette Tax Revenues:

2 cents to the Breast Cancer Fund, for research, prevention and screening programs;

25 cents to programs funded under Proposition 99, which was enacted by voters in 1988 – 25 percent of this revenue is directed toward programs established under the Health Education Account and the Research Account, including an anti-smoking media campaign, project grants, public and private school-based programs, local and state-wide community-based health education programs, and behavioral and biomedical research. Most of the remaining revenues go toward medical care programs, including uncompensated health care for the medically indigent and a small portion to environmental resource programs;

50 cents goes to the California Children and Families First Trust Fund, for the purpose of promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

All other tobacco products: 41.11% of the wholesale price (changes annually July 1).


The Board of Equalization determines the other tobacco products tax rate annually, which is equivalent to the excise tax imposed on cigarettes.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

Revenue from the tax on other tobacco products equivalent to a cigarette tax of 87 cents per pack is directed to programs funded under Proposition 99, which was passed by voters in 1988, including tobacco prevention and cessation programs; and revenue from the tax on other tobacco products equivalent to a cigarette tax of 50 cents per pack is directed to the California Children and Families First Trust Fund. See “Cigarettes” section above for further details.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

- FY2011 State funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $75,037,000
- FY2011 Federal funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $14,658,605 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $89,695,605
- Fund level recommended by CDC: $441,900,000
- Percentage of CDC recommended level: 20.3%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for California’s tobacco control program comes from tobacco tax revenues.

State Funding Details

California appropriated $75,037,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $77,123,000 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 870) enacted and effective 10/8/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Department of Health Services is primarily responsible for enforcement of the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement (STAKE) Act, and shall establish and develop a program to reduce the availability of tobacco products to persons less than 18 years of age. As part of this enforcement, the department is required to conduct random, on-site sting inspections at retail sites and shall enlist the assistance of persons that are 15 and 16 years of age in conducting these inspections, subject to certain guidelines. In carrying out its responsibilities, the department may conduct inspections in response to public complaints or at retail sites where violations have previously occurred. The department may also enter into a contract to allow local law enforcement agencies to conduct these inspections in their local jurisdictions.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

Every person, firm, or corporation that knowingly sells, gives, or in any way furnishes tobacco products or paraphernalia, including blunt wraps to a minor is guilty of an infraction and shall be subject either to criminal action for a misdemeanor or to civil action punishable by a fine of $200 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense, and $1,000 for the third offense. If a defendant, or their employee or agent, demanded, was shown and reasonably relied upon a facsimile of or a reasonable likeness of a document issued by a federal, state, county, or municipal government, or subdivision or agency thereof it shall have a defense against prosecution. A specific violation prosecuted under this section shall not be subject to civil penalties that can be assessed by the Department of Health Services. No city or county shall adopt an ordinance or regulation inconsistent with this specific provision.


The Department of Health Services may assess civil penalties against any person, firm, or corporation that sells, gives, or in any way furnishes to another person who is under the age of 18 years tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia. Penalties range from $400 to $600 for the first violation to $5,000 to $6,000 for the fifth and subsequent violations within a five-year period. A person, firm or corporation against whom a civil penalty has been brought can not be prosecuted under section 308 of the California Penal Code (see above). Civil penalties in this section are assessed against the owner or owners of the business and not the employees.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE § 22958 (2008).

The person liable for selling or furnishing tobacco products to minors by a tobacco vending machine shall be the person authorizing the installation or placement of the tobacco vending machine upon premises they manage or otherwise control and under circumstances in which they have knowledge, or should otherwise have grounds for knowledge, that the tobacco vending machine will be utilized by minors.


Sign Posting Requirements

Signs must be posted at each point of purchase stating that selling tobacco products to anyone less than 18 years of age is illegal and subject to penalties, and that the law requires that all persons selling tobacco products check the identification
of any purchaser of tobacco products who reasonably appears to be under 18 years of age. The sign shall include a specified toll-free telephone number for persons to report unlawful sales to minors. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $200 for the first offense and $500 for subsequent offenses. A person, firm or corporation against whom a civil penalty has been brought can not be prosecuted under section 308 of the Penal Code.


Every tobacco retailer shall conspicuously post in their place of business the notice required above, and unless civil penalties have been assessed under section 22958 of the Business and Professions Code, shall be punished by a fine of $50 for the first offense, $100 for the second offense, $250 for the third offense, and $500 for the fourth and subsequent violations or imprisonment for not more than 30 days. No city or county shall adopt an ordinance or regulation inconsistent with this specific provision.


Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
No person shall sell, offer for sale, distribute, or import any tobacco product commonly referred to as “bidis” or “beedies,” unless that tobacco product is sold, offered for sale, or intended to be sold in a business establishment that prohibits the presence of persons under 18 years of age on its premises. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and a civil penalty of up to $2,000.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
All persons engaging in the retail sale of tobacco products shall check the identification of tobacco purchasers to establish the age of the purchaser, if the purchaser reasonably appears to be under 18 years of age.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE § 22956 (1994).

Purchase/ Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
Every minor who purchases, receives, or possesses any tobacco product or paraphernalia shall be punished by a fine of $75 and 30 hours of community service. No city or county shall adopt an ordinance or regulation inconsistent with this specific provision. This does not apply to minors participating in compliance inspections done under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Health Services or other enforcing agency.


Placement of Tobacco Products
It is unlawful for any person engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia to sell, offer for sale, or display for sale, tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia by self-service display. This shall not apply to the display in a tobacco store of cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, or dipping tobacco, provided that in the case of cigars they are generally not sold or offered for sale in a sealed package of the manufacturer containing less than six cigars. Violators are subject to the same civil penalties assessed for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE § 22962 (2007).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Any person selling, distributing or engaging in the non-sale distribution of tobacco products directly to a consumer in the state through the United States Postal Service or by any other public or private postal or package delivery service, including orders placed by mail, telephone, facsimile transmission, or the Internet, shall comply with the following provisions. Before distributing or selling the tobacco product through any of these means the distributor, seller or non-sale distributor shall attempt to match the name, address, and date of birth provided by the customer to information contained in records in a database of individuals whose age has been verified to be 18 years or older by reference to an appropriate database of government records kept by the distributor, a direct marketing firm, or any other entity. They shall also verify that the billing address on the check or credit card offered for payment by the purchaser matches the address listed in the database. If they are unable to verify that the purchaser is 18 years of age or older the person shall require the customer to submit an age-verification kit consisting of an attestation signed by the customer that they are 18 years of age or older and a copy of a valid form of government identification. They shall impose a two-carton minimum on each order of cigarettes, and shall require payment for the purchase of any tobacco product to
be made by personal check of the purchaser or the purchaser’s credit card. No money order or cash payment shall be received or permitted. They shall make a telephone call after 5 p.m. to the purchaser confirming the order prior to shipping the tobacco products. Finally, they shall deliver the tobacco product to the purchaser’s verified billing address on the check or credit card used for payment. No delivery described under this section shall be permitted to any post office box. Violation is subject to civil penalties that range from $1,000 to $2,000 for a first violation to $10,000 for a fifth or subsequent violation within a five-year period.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE § 22963 (2008).

Except as provided below, no person may engage in a retail sale of cigarettes in California unless the sale is a vendor-assisted, face-to-face sale. A person may engage in delivery sale of cigarettes or tobacco products as defined to a person in California if the delivery seller: 1) has fully complied with all of the requirements of Chapter 10A of Title 15 of the United States Code, otherwise known as the Jenkins Act; 2) obtains and maintains an applicable license as specified; 3) complies with any applicable state law that imposes escrow or other payment obligations on tobacco product manufacturers; and 4) complies with any Attorney General reporting requirements as specified. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to a fine not to exceed $5,000 and/or not to exceed one year in a county jail. In addition, a civil action may be brought to enforce this law, and violation is subject to a civil penalty of $200 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for each succeeding violation. This does not apply to public places where minors are prohibited by law.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

It is unlawful for any person, agent, or employee of a person in the business of selling or distributing smokeless tobacco or cigarettes to engage in the non-sale distribution of such products to any person in any public building, park or playground, or on any public sidewalk, street, or other public grounds or any private property that is open to the general public. Non-sale distribution is defined as giving smokeless tobacco or cigarettes to the general public at no cost, or at nominal cost, or to give coupons, coupon offers, gift certificates, gift cards, or other similar offers, or rebate offers for smokeless tobacco or cigarettes to the general public at no cost or at nominal cost. Distribution of any of the above in connection with the sale of another item, including tobacco products, cigarette lighters, magazines or newspapers shall not constitute non-sale distribution. Violators are liable for a civil penalty of not less than $200 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for each succeeding violation. This does not apply to public places where minors are prohibited by law.

CA PENAL CODE § 308.3 (2001).

No stamp or meter impression may be affixed to, or made upon, any package of cigarettes if the package does not comply with all requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (Title 15 United States Code Section 1331 and following) for the placement of labels, warnings or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is to be sold within the United States. Violation is subject to revocation of a distributor’s license and shall constitute unfair competition under Section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No broad provision prohibiting local communities from passing stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products. However, section 308 of the California Penal Code does prevent local communities from imposing fines for violation of certain youth access laws higher than in that specific statute.

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Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

A person, firm, corporation or business may not manufacture for sale, distribute, sell or offer to sell any cigarette, except in a package containing at least 20 cigarettes. A person, firm, corporation or business may not manufacture for sale, distribute, sell or offer to sell any roll-your-own tobacco, except in a package containing at least 0.6 ounces of tobacco. Violators are liable for a civil penalty of $200 for the first violation and up to $1,000 for subsequent violations.

CA PENAL CODE § 308.3 (2001).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No broad provision prohibiting local communi-
ties from passing stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products. However, section 308 of the California Penal Code does prevent local communities from imposing fines for violation of certain youth access laws higher than in that specific statute.

**Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines**

**Vending Machine Placement**

Cigarette or tobacco product vending machines may only be located in premises that have been issued an on-sale public premises license to sell alcoholic beverages and must be at least 15 feet away from the entrance to such establishments. Stronger local ordinances are specifically allowed.


**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**

Civil penalties for violation of the restrictions on tobacco product vending machines range from a $400 to $600 fine for the first violation, to a $5,000 to $6,000 fine for the fifth and subsequent violations within five years.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE § 22958 (2008).

**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**

No state law/regulation.

**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**

No broad provision prohibiting local communities from passing stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines. However, section 308 of the California Penal Code does prevent local communities from imposing fines for violation of certain youth access laws higher than in that specific statute.

**Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**

**Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**

Retailers, distributors, wholesalers, manufacturers and importers must be licensed to sell cigarettes or other tobacco products by the State Board of Equalization. Selling or purchasing cigarettes or tobacco products to or from any of the above without a license or from any of the above that has had its license suspended or revoked is a misdemeanor punishable by not more than a $5,000 fine, not more than one year in county jail or both. Failure to display a license by a retailer is a $500 fine.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 22970 to 22991 (2011).

In addition to the above, wholesalers and distributors must be licensed pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code.

CA REV. & TAX CODE §§ 30140 et seq. & 30155 et seq. (1979).

**License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**

Yes

**License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**

Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**

Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**

Yes

**License Fees**

Retailers: One-time fee of $100 per location;
Wholesalers & Distributors: $1,000 per year;
Manufacturers & Importers of Cigarettes: After January 1, 2004, a fee commensurate with their respective market share of cigarettes manufactured or imported by the manufacturer and sold in California in the next calendar year as estimated by the state Board of Equalization;
Manufacturers and Importers of Tobacco Products: Fee of $10,000 if manufacturing or importing chewing tobacco or snuff; fee of $2,000 if manufacturing or importing any other tobacco product.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 22970 to 22991 (2008).

**License Suspension for Sales to Minors**

No provisions.

**Smoking Protection Laws**

No person shall discharge an employee or in any manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because the employee or applicant engaged in any conduct delineated in this
chapter, including lawful conduct occurring during nonworking hours away from the employer’s premises. An aggrieved individual shall be entitled to reinstatement and reimbursement for lost wages and work benefits caused by such acts of the employer. This does not apply to a collective bargaining agreement or contract that protects an employer against any conduct that is actually in direct conflict with the essential enterprise-related interests of the employer and where breach of that contract would actually constitute a material and substantial disruption of the employer’s operation; and a firefighter against any disease that is presumed to arise in the course and scope of employment, by limiting their consumption of tobacco products on and off the job. This law also does not apply to employers with fewer than five employees, religious organizations and corporations not organized for private profit.


Advertising & Promotion

No tobacco product advertising shall be allowed in any state-owned and state-occupied building except advertising contained in a program, leaflet, newspaper, magazine, or other written material lawfully sold, brought or distributed within a state building. Advertising is defined as the display of any poster, sign, or other written or visual material that is intended to communicate commercial information or images to the public.

CA GOVT. CODE § 19994.35 (1993).

No person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other organization shall advertise or cause to be advertised any tobacco products on any outdoor billboard located within 1,000 feet of any public or private elementary school, junior high school, or high school, or public playground.

CA BUS. & PROF. CODE § 22961 (1997).

Note: Enforcement of section 22961 of the Business and Professions Code may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Reilly, decided in 2001.

Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

In order to secure and protect the moneys to be received as a result of the Master Settlement Agreement, in civil litigation under any legal theory involving a signatory, successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement that has not been brought to trial as of the effective date of this section, the amount of the required undertaking, bond, or equivalent surety to be furnished during the pendency of an appeal or any discretionary appellate review of any judgment granting legal, equitable, or any other form of relief in order to stay the execution thereon during the entire course of the appellate review shall be set in accordance with applicable laws and rules of the court, except that the total undertaking, bond, or equivalent surety that is required per case, whether individual, aggregate, or otherwise, of all appellants, collectively, may not exceed 100 percent of the verdict or $150 million whichever is less, regardless of the value of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

The rights to all of California’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments distributed to the state have been sold to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to obtain a lump sum payment up front. See Securitization section below for more information.

Securitization

The California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank is authorized to sell for, and on behalf of, the state, solely as its agent, all or any portion of the tobacco assets from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), or any residual interests therein, to a special purpose trust which is hereby established as a not-for-profit corporation solely for that purpose. The sale of MSA payments may be made all at once or from time to time, and is backed up by state assets if unanticipated revenue shortfalls occur. Revenue from the sale is deposited in the general fund except that the proceeds from the sale of any residual in-
Interests therein shall be deposited in the Tobacco Asset Sales Revenue Fund to be used as specified.

CA GOVT. CODE §§ 63049 to 63049.55 (2007).

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

*Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes*

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires a person shall not sell, offer, or possess for sale in California cigarettes not in compliance with the following requirements: 1) the cigarettes are tested by the manufacturer in accordance with the test method prescribed in subdivision (a) of section 14952 California Health and Safety Code; 2) the cigarettes meet the performance standard specified in subdivision (b) of Section 14952 California Health and Safety Code; 3) the cigarettes meet the marking requirements in Section 14954 California Health and Safety Code; and 4) a written certification is filed by the manufacturer with the State Fire Marshal in accordance with section 14953 California Health and Safety Code.

CA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 14950 to 14960 (2007).

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

Any manufacturer or any other person or entity that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale in violation of this part is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each sale. Any retailer, distributor, or wholesaler that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of this part is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for each sale or offer for sale of less than 50 packages of cigarettes and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for a sale or offer for sale of more than 50 packages of cigarettes. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of $10,000 in addition to any other penalty.

CA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 14950 to 14960 (2007).

**Legislative Activity**

*2010 Legislative Activity*

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $75,037,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 870) enacted and effective 10/8/10.

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access: Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes as defined to minors.

S.B. 882 enacted and effective 9/25/10.

Tobacco Settlement/Youth Access Laws: Amends requirements related to non face-to-face sales of tobacco products, the sale of bidis and state laws that help enforce the Master Settlement Agreement.

A.B. 2496 enacted 9/23/10 and effective 1/1/11.

Tobacco Product Licensing: Amends various provisions related to state licensing of entities dealing in tobacco products.

A.B. 2733 enacted 9/30/10 and effective 1/1/11.

**Preemption**

*Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws*

Only preempts the amount of fines localities may impose for violations of certain youth access laws.
**Smoking Restrictions**

**Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions**

Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, including most places of employment, restaurants, bars and casinos. See Colorado Revised Statute section 25-14-204 for a detailed list. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet or other distance specified by local communities of entryways to indoor areas where smoking is prohibited. The owner/manager of a place not specifically listed or exempted may post signs prohibiting smoking or limiting it to designated areas, which shall have the effect of including the place/area in the list of indoor areas where smoking is prohibited.


**Exceptions to the Law**

Exceptions to the law include: 1) private homes, private residences and private automobiles except if any such home, residence or vehicle is being used for child care or day care or if a private vehicle is being used for the public transportation of children or as part of health care or day care transportation; 2) limousines under private hire; 3) up to 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms rented to guests; 4) any retail tobacco business; 5) a cigar-tobacco bar as defined; 6) an airport smoking concession; 7) the outdoor area of any business; 8) a place of employment that is not open to the public and is under the control of an employer that employs three or fewer employees, provided that employees who request to work in a smokefree work area shall be provided with one; 9) a private non-residential building on a farm or ranch that has annual gross income of less than $500,000; and 10) designated smoking areas for residents of assisted living facilities and their guests, provided the area is fully enclosed and ventilated.


**Stronger Local Laws on Smoking**

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

A local authority may enact, adopt and enforce smoking regulations that cover the same subject matter as the above state law. No local authority may adopt any local regulation of smoking that is less stringent than the above state law, except a local authority may specify a radius of less than 15 feet for the area included within an entryway.


**Government Buildings**

Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, including public buildings, which are defined as any building owned or operated by the state, including the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state government; any county, city and county, city, town, or instrumentality thereof or any political subdivision of the state, a special district, an authority, a commission or an agency; or any other separate corporate instrumentality or unit of state or local government. Smoking is also specifically prohibited in public meeting places, government-owned or operated means of mass transportation, jury waiting and deliberation rooms and courtrooms.


**Private Workplaces**

Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, which includes almost all private places of employment. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet or other distance specified by local authority of entryways to places of employment. Places of employment that are not open to the public and have three or fewer employees are exempt, provided that employees in exempted places of employment are entitled to a smokefree work area upon request. Outdoor areas of places of employment are also specifically exempted.


**Schools**

The board of education of each school district must adopt policies and rules that mandate a prohibition of the use of all tobacco products on the grounds of all public nursery schools, day care centers, child care facilities, Head Start programs, kindergarten, and elementary and secondary education facilities through grade 12. This prohibition pertains to all students, teachers, staff, and visitors on school
property and at school-sponsored events. Smoking is also prohibited in all vehicles used by the school for the purpose of transporting students, workers, visitors, or any other persons. Signs regarding such prohibition and the consequences of violation shall be displayed prominently on all school property to ensure compliance. This does not apply to the use of a tobacco product in a limited classroom demonstration to show the health hazards of tobacco use. Schools are also allowed to enact more stringent policies or rules.


Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, including to the extent not covered by Colorado Revised Statute section 25-14-103.5 above, public and nonpublic schools. Smoking is also specifically prohibited in other educational and vocational institutions and within 15 feet or other distance specified by local authority of entryways to these places.


Child Care Facilities

The board of education of each school district must adopt policies and rules that prohibit the use of tobacco products on the property and in the vehicles of public nursery schools, day care centers, childcare facilities, and Head Start programs. This prohibition pertains to all students, teachers, staff and visitors.


Smoking is also prohibited in almost all indoor areas, specifically including all child day care facilities, and within 15 feet or other distance specified by local authority of entryways to child day care facilities.


Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, including health care facilities. Health care facilities specifically include hospitals, health care clinics, doctor’s offices and other health care-related facilities. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in assisted living facilities that are fully enclosed and ventilated, and to which access is restricted to residents or their guests. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet or other distance specified by local authority of entryways to health care facilities.


Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, including food service establishments, which are defined as any indoor area or portion thereof in which the principal business is the sale of food for on-premises consumption. The term includes restaurants, cafeterias, coffee shops, diners, sandwich shops and short-order cafes. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet or other distance specified by local authority of entryways to food service establishments.


Bars

Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor areas, including bars, which are defined as indoor areas primarily devoted to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and where the service of food is secondary to the consumption of such beverages. Cigar-tobacco bars are exempt. Cigar-tobacco bars are defined as bars that in the calendar year ending December 31, 2005, generated at least five percent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the on-site rental of humidors, not including any sales from vending machines. If a bar previously designated as a cigar-tobacco bar fails to meet these requirements in any calendar year after December 31, 2005, the bar shall lose the cigar-tobacco bar designation permanently. Also, a cigar-tobacco bar shall not expand its size or change its location from the size and location in which it existed as of December 31, 2005. Smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet or other distance specified by local authority of entryways to bars.


Penalties/Enforcement

It is unlawful for a person who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls the use of premises subject to the law prohibiting smoking in indoor areas to violate the provisions of that law. It is also unlawful for a person to smoke in a place subject to the provisions of the law prohibiting smoking in indoor areas. Violation is a Class 2 petty offense subject to a fine not to exceed $200 for a first violation within a calendar year, a fine not to exceed $300 for a second violation within a calendar year and a fine not to exceed $500 for each additional violation within a calendar year. Each day of a
continuing violation will be considered a separate offense.


**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: 84 cents

Date last changed: January 1, 2005 – from 20 cents to 84 cents

Year first enacted: 1964


From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011, the state sales tax applies to the sale of cigarettes. Local sales taxes still do not apply to the sale of cigarettes.

H.B. 09-1342 enacted 6/1/09 and effective 7/1/09.

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $189,185,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**

Revenue from 64 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed to the Tobacco Tax Cash Fund, and generally distributed to several specified programs/purposes from there, including the state tobacco prevention and cessation program. Revenue from the remaining 20 cents goes to the state general fund and old age pension fund.


**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**

The Tobacco Tax Cash Fund is created in the state treasury. All moneys from the cigarette tax (64 cents per pack) imposed pursuant to Art. X, Sect. 21 of the Colorado Constitution is deposited in this fund. All interest and income from moneies in the cash fund shall also be credited to the cash fund, except in FY2009 through FY2012 the interest and income shall be deposited in the state general fund. In each fiscal year, three percent of the money deposited in the fund plus three percent of the interest earned from moneys in the fund shall be appropriated to the state general fund, old-age pension fund and municipal and county governments to compensate for lost tax revenue from lower tobacco product sales, except in FY2009 through FY2012 only 3 percent of money in the cash fund shall be appropriated. The Health Care Expansion Fund, Primary Care Fund, Tobacco Education Programs Fund, and the Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Fund are created in the state treasury, which will receive 46 percent, 19 percent, 16 percent and 16 percent respectively of the moneys deposited in the fund plus the same respective percentages of the interest from moneies in the Tobacco Tax Cash Fund in each fiscal year, except in FY2009 through FY2012 as specified above. Any interest and income earned from moneies in the respective funds during FY2009 through FY2012 are also transferred to the state general fund. The Tobacco Education Programs Fund money is used to fund the state tobacco prevention/cessation program. This portion of the cigarette tax is levied pursuant to a constitutional amendment passed by voters in November 2004.


Note: The legislature has declared by resolution a state fiscal emergency for FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011), so cigarette tax revenues from the portion of the cigarette tax enacted by constitutional amendment can be used for certain specified health-related purposes in FY2011. Additional legislation authorized the appropriation of all moneys in the Health Disparities Grant Program Fund, Tobacco Education Programs Fund and the Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Fund, and $11,940,000 in the Primary Care Fund for any health-related purpose and to serve populations enrolled in the Children’s Basic Health Plan and the Colorado Medical Assistance program at January 1, 2005 enrollment levels in FY2011. In addition, $3,560,000 was transferred from the Primary Care Fund to the Primary Care Special Distribution Fund.


Of the revenue generated from the 20 cents of the cigarette tax enacted by the legislature pursuant to the statute cited below, 15 percent goes to the general fund and 85 percent goes to the old-age pension fund.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

All other tobacco products: 40% of the manufacturer’s list price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

Revenue from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes is distributed to the same funds and programs as cigarette tax revenue; half of the revenue goes to the Tobacco Tax Cash Fund and half to the state general fund/old-age pension fund.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

The revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes (20% of the manufacturer’s list price) imposed pursuant to Art. X, Sect. 21 Colorado Constitution is deposited in the Tobacco Tax Cash Fund. Moneys are then distributed to several funds from there, including the Tobacco Education Programs Fund, which funds the state tobacco prevention program. See “Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue” section for specific percentages and relevant details. This portion of the other tobacco products tax is levied pursuant to a constitutional amendment passed by voters in November 2004.


Note: The legislature has declared by resolution a state fiscal emergency for FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011), so tobacco tax revenues from the portion of the tobacco tax enacted by constitutional amendment can be used for certain specified health-related purposes in FY2011. Additional legislation authorized the appropriation of all monies in the Health Disparities Grant Program Fund, Tobacco Education Programs Fund and the Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Fund, and $11,940,000 in the Primary Care Fund for any health-related purpose and to serve populations enrolled in the Children’s Basic Health Plan and the Colorado Medical Assistance program at January 1, 2005 enrollment levels in FY2010. In addition, $3,560,000 was transferred from the Primary Care Fund to the Primary Care Special Distribution Fund.


Of the revenue generated from the other tobacco products tax (20% of the manufacturer’s list price) enacted by the legislature pursuant to the statute cited below, 15 percent is distributed to the general fund and 85 percent to the old-age pension fund.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $7,007,811
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,780,227 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $8,788,038
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $54,400,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 16.2%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Colorado’s tobacco control program comes from tobacco tax revenue.

State Funding Details

Colorado allocated $7,007,811 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $11,100,000 was allocated.


Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

Created the tobacco education, prevention, and cessation grant program to provide funding for community-based and statewide tobacco education programs designed to reduce initiation of tobacco use by children and youth, promote cessation of tobacco use among youth and adults, and reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. The program is funded by a portion of tobacco tax revenue.


Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
Compliance/Enforcement

The Division of Liquor Enforcement has the power to enforce all state statutes relating to the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products to minors. The Department of Revenue is authorized to share information on the identification and address of retailers that sell tobacco products with any state agency responsible for the enforcement of youth access laws. The division shall perform at least the minimum number of random inspections of businesses that sell cigarettes and tobacco products at retail as required by federal regulations.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

No retailer shall sell or permit the sale of cigarettes or tobacco products to minors. Violators receive a written warning for the first violation; a $250 fine for the second violation within a 24-month period; a $500 fine for a third violation within a 24-month period; a $1,000 fine for a fourth violation within a 24-month period; and $1,000 to $15,000 for a fifth and subsequent violations within a 24-month period. It is an affirmative defense if the employer has adopted and enforced a written policy against selling cigarettes to minors, required employees to verify the age of the tobacco product customer by way of photographic identification and had established and imposed disciplinary sanctions for noncompliance. This affirmative defense can only be used two times at each establishment within a 24-month period.


A person shall not give, sell, distribute or offer for sale to any person under 18 years of age any cigarettes or tobacco products. Violation is a Class 2 petty offense subject to a fine of $200. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the person furnishing the tobacco product was presented and reasonably relied upon a document that the individual was over 18.


Sign Posting Requirements

Any person who sells or offers to sell any cigarettes or tobacco products shall display a warning sign. The warning sign shall be displayed in a prominent place in the building at all times and shall read as follows: WARNING: IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANY PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND, UPON CONVICTION, A $100 FINE MAY BE IMPOSED. Failure to post such a sign is subject to a written warning for a first offense; $50 fine for a second violation within a 24-month period; $100 fine for a third violation within a 24-month period; $250 fine for a fourth violation in a 24-month period; and $250 to $1,000 fine for a fifth and subsequent violations in a 24-month period.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

Before selling a cigarette or tobacco product to any individual, a person shall request and examine a government-issued photo identification that establishes that the individual is 18 years of age or older. This requirement is waived if the person appears older than 30 years of age. Violation is a petty offense subject to a fine of $200.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

A minor who purchases or attempts to purchase any tobacco products commits a Class Two petty offense punishable by a fine of $100, or the court, in lieu of the fine, may sentence the person to participate in a tobacco education program. The court may allow a person convicted under this section to perform community service and be granted credit against the fine and court costs at a rate of $5 for each hour of work performed for up to 50 percent of the fine and court costs. It shall not be an offence if the minor was participating in a compliance check.


Possession of tobacco products by a person less than 18 years of age is prohibited. It shall not be an offense if the person was acting at the direction of a governmental agency authorized to enforce and ensure compliance with laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors. Violation is a noncriminal offense.


Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.
Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
A person shall not give, or distribute to any person under 18 years of age any cigarettes or tobacco products. Violation is a Class Two petty offense subject to a fine of $200. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the person furnishing the tobacco product was presented and reasonably relied upon a document that identified the individual as being over 18.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No retailer shall sell or offer to sell individual cigarettes, or any pack or container of cigarettes containing fewer than 20 cigarettes, or roll-your-own tobacco in any package containing less than 0.6 ounces of tobacco. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


No person shall import into Colorado any package of cigarettes that violates any federal requirement for the placement of labels, warnings, or other information, including health hazards, required to be placed on the container or individual package. Violation is a Class One misdemeanor.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Sale of cigarettes or tobacco products through vending machines is restricted to factories, businesses, offices or other places not open to the general public; places where persons under 18 are not permitted access; or establishments where the vending machine dispenses cigarettes through the operation of a device that enables an adult employee of the establishment to prevent the dispensing of cigarettes to minors.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violators are fined $25 for a first violation, $50 for the second violation within a 24-month period, $100 for the third violation within a 24-month period, $250 for a fourth violation in a 24-month period and $250 to $1,000 for a fifth and subsequent violations in a 24-month period.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
A warning sign shall be displayed on any tobacco vending or coin operated machine at all times and shall read as follows: “WARNING, IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANY PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO PURCHASE OR ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND, UPON CONVICTION, A $100 FINE MAY BE IMPOSED.” Penalties range from $25 for a first violation to $250 to $1,000 for a fifth and subsequent violations in a 24-month period.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or the required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesalers must be licensed by the Department of Revenue to sell cigarettes, and distributors must
be licensed by the department to sell other tobacco products. Licenses are to be renewed annually.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
$10 annually for each place of business for wholesalers and distributors.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws

It shall be a discriminatory or unfair employment practice for any employer to terminate the employment of any employee due to that employee engaging in any lawful activity off the premises of the employer during non-work hours unless such a restriction relates to a bona fide occupational requirement or is reasonably and rationally related to the employment activities and responsibilities of a particular employee or a particular group of employees, rather than to all employees of the employer; or is necessary to avoid a conflict of interest with any responsibilities to the employer or the appearance of such a conflict of interest. The sole remedy for a person claiming to be aggrieved by this section is a civil suit for damages.

COLO. REV. STAT. § 24-34-402.5 (1990).

Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

In any civil action brought under any legal theory, the amount of a supersedes bond necessary to stay execution of a judgment granting legal, equitable, or any other relief during the entire course of all appeals or discretionary reviews of the judgment by all appellate courts shall be set in accordance with applicable law; except that the total amount of the supersedes bonds that are required collectively of all appellants during the appeal of a civil action may not exceed $25 million regardless of the amount of the judgment appealed. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is intentionally dissipating or diverting assets outside the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding payment of the judgment, a court may enter orders that are necessary to protect the appellee or that require the appellant to post a bond in the amount up to the total amount of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Annual Master Settlement Agreement dollars in Colorado are deposited in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund, and then distributed to a number of different programs and funds as specified below. In the past few years, some of the dollars have been transferred to the state general fund to deal with a budget deficit.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
The Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund was created to receive annual Master Settlement Agreement payments. Interest from the investment of these funds starting in FY2002 is credited to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund. This money is available for expenditure by the legislature each year on specified programs, but in FY2007 and FY2008, up to
$1 million shall be transferred to the Colorado Autism Treatment Fund at the end of the fiscal year. Any money in the fund left unspent at the end of a fiscal year is transferred to the Short-Term Innovative Health Program Grant Fund. The Healthcare Supplemental Appropriations and Overexpenditures Account was also created in the cash fund. Interest earned on any moneys in the account is credited to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund. From the April 2007 MSA payment, $24.4 million of money not required for other programs shall be credited to the account, and is available for over-expenditures or supplemental appropriations to the Children’s Basic Health Plan Trust or Colorado Benefits Management System as specified for FY2007, FY2008, FY2009 or FY2010. If not appropriated/used as specified by April 15, 2010, the money will be transferred to the state general fund.


All disputed MSA payments as defined received from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011 are transferred to the general fund. Of the MSA payments received in FY2009 that are not disputed payments, $15.4 million in strategic contribution payments shall be allocated in FY2009 and $84.6 million of the remaining MSA payments shall be allocated in FY2010 to programs as specified in subsections 1 and 1.5 of section 24-75-1104.5 Colorado Revised Statutes. All remaining MSA dollars received in FY2009 that are not disputed payments and not allocated to tobacco settlement programs are transferred to the state general fund. On June 1, 2009, $1.1 million was transferred from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund to the state general fund; to accommodate the transfer, the allocation to the Short-Term Innovative Health Program Grant Fund shall be reduced by $1.1 million in FY2010.

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 24-75-1104.5(5&6) (2009).

Except as otherwise specified above, MSA money in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Cash Fund is distributed to the following programs per fiscal year starting in FY2004, except for $15.4 million in strategic contribution payments and in FY2011 and each fiscal year thereafter the lesser of $65 million or all other settlement monies shall be allocated in each fiscal year they are received by the state and in FY2010 the lesser of $65 million or all other settlement monies shall be transferred to the state general fund on June 30, 2010 and not allocated: 1) 12 percent to the Colorado Nurse Home Visitor Program, not to exceed $19 million in any fiscal year (changes in subsequent fiscal years); 2) 3 percent not to exceed $5 million to the Comprehensive Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program, except in FY2010, the transfer was limited to all grant monies committed on or before September 30, 2009, the remainder was transferred to the state general fund and in FY2011 all monies were transferred to the state general fund; 3) 24 percent not to exceed $30 million to the Children’s Basic Health Plan Trust; 4) $200,000 to the State Dental Loan Repayment Program; 5) 8 percent not to exceed $8 million to the Fitzsimmons Trust Fund; 6) 1 percent not to exceed $1 million in any fiscal year to the Colorado state veterans trust fund; 7) 5 percent not to exceed $8 million to the Read-to-Achieve Program; 7) 4 percent not to exceed $5 million to the Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program; 8) 3.5 percent not to exceed $5 million to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, except in FY2009, the transfer was reduced by $65,000, which was transferred to the state general fund; 9) $300,000 to pay the state’s share of the “Child Mental Health Treatment Act”; 10) $1 million to the Autism Treatment Fund to pay a portion of the state’s share of the annual funding required by the “Home and Community Based Services for Children with Autism Act”; and 11) 2 percent not to exceed $2 million to the Colorado HIV and AIDS Prevention Grant Program.

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 24-75-1104.5(1) (2010).

In FY2008 and each fiscal year thereafter, any MSA payments received and allocated in the current fiscal year and the portion of all other settlement monies received by the state in the preceding fiscal year remaining after the programs in the paragraph above have been fully funded are distributed as follows: 1) 49 percent to the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center; 2) 12 percent to Offender Mental Health Services Fund; 3) 8.5 percent to the Colorado Indigent Care Program through a special account in the Comprehensive Primary and Preventative Care Fund, except in FY2010 all this money was transferred to the state general fund; 4) 7 percent to the Public Health Services Support Fund, except in FY2009, the transfer was reduced by $140,070, which was transferred to the state general fund; 5) 13.5 percent to the
Children’s Basic Health Plan Trust; 6) 4.5 percent to the Supplemental State Contribution Fund; 7) 4 percent to the Supplemental Tobacco Litigation Settlement Moneys Account of the Colorado Immunization Fund; 8) 3 percent to the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse as specified, except in FY2009, the transfer was reduced by $61,186, which was transferred to the state general fund; 9) 6 percent to the Short-Term Innovative Health Program Grant Fund plus additional monies as specified, and 10) 1 percent to the Supplemental Tobacco Litigation Settlement Moneys Account of the Pediatric Specialty Hospital Fund, except in FY2009 $317,000 was transferred, in FY2010 $283,000 was transferred and in FY2011 $307,000 was transferred with the difference in each fiscal year being transferred to the state general fund.

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 24-75-1104.5(1.5) (2010).

The Tobacco Litigation Settlement Trust Fund was also created. In FY2006 only, the principal of the trust fund will be up to 21 percent of the money based on the previous fiscal year settlement payment amount minus the required appropriation to the general fund. The principal of the fund shall not be expended for any purpose except that money may be appropriated to the Children’s Basic Health Plan Trust. The interest shall be credited to the fund, but shall be available for expenditure when the amount of interest is sufficient to fund current programs funded through MSA money.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (g) of subsection 2 of 24-33.5-1214 Colorado Revised Statutes, no cigarettes shall be sold or offered for sale in Colorado, or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Colorado, after July 31, 2009, unless: (A) The cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in subsection 2 of 24-33.5-1214 Colorado Revised Statutes; (B) A written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in accordance with subsection 3 of 24-33.5-1214 Colorado Revised Statutes; and (C) The cigarettes have been marked in accordance with subsection 4 of 24-33.5-1214 Colorado Revised Statutes.

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-33.5-1202 & 24-33.5-1214 (2009).

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than at retail, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.

COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-33.5-1202 & 24-33.5-1214 (2009).

**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $7,007,811 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Tobacco Taxes: Transfers money from certain accounts receiving dollars from the tobacco taxes enacted by constitutional amendment to other specified health-related purposes in FY2010 pursuant to the declaration of a state fiscal emergency in Senate Joint Resolution 35, approved in 2009.

H.B. 10-1320 enacted and effective 4/15/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Declares a state fiscal emergency for FY2011, which allows revenue from the portion of the cigarette/tobacco products taxes enacted by constitutional amendment to be used for specified health-related purposes.


Tobacco Taxes: Transfers money from certain accounts receiving dollars from the tobacco taxes enacted by constitutional amendment to other specified health-related purposes in FY2011, including over $15 million dedicated to the state tobacco control program.

Tobacco Taxes: Transfers money in the Primary Care Fund from tobacco taxes passed by constitutional amendment to other specified health-related purposes in FY2011.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Makes changes to the way MSA dollars are allocated in certain fiscal years, and transfers MSA dollars in certain fiscal years to the state general fund.

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**Smoking Restrictions**

**Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions**

Smoking is prohibited in many public places, specifically including: state and local government buildings; any area of a health care institution; any area of a retail food store; any restaurant; any bar/tavern; within a school building while school is in session or student activities are being conducted; any passenger elevator; in any dormitory of any public or private institution of higher education; and any dog racing track or off-track betting facility. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any smoking area in any building.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-342 (2003).**

**Exceptions to the Law**

Exceptions to the law include: 1) correctional facilities; 2) designated smoking areas in psychiatric facilities; 3) public housing projects; 4) classrooms where demonstration smoking is taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson; 5) smoking rooms provided by employers pursuant to section 31-40q Connecticut General Statutes, 6) outdoor areas of restaurants subject to certain conditions; and 7) tobacco bars as defined. The operator of a hotel, motel or similar lodging may allow guests to smoke in not more than 25 percent of their rooms.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. § 31-40q (2003).**

**Stronger Local Laws on Smoking**

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically not allowed, see below.

The provisions of the state law restricting smoking shall supersede and preempt the provisions of any municipal law or ordinance relative to smoking effective prior to, on, or after October 1, 1993.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 19a-342 & 31-40q (2003).**

**Government Buildings**

No person shall smoke in any building or portion of any building owned or leased and operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-342 (2003).**

**Private Workplaces**

Each employer with fewer than five employees in a business facility shall establish one or more work areas where smoking is prohibited, sufficient to accommodate nonsmokers who request to utilize such an area. Signs shall be posted to clearly designate the boundaries of each nonsmoking area. In the areas within the business facility where smoking is permitted, existing physical barriers and ventilation systems shall be used to the extent practicable to minimize the effect of smoking in adjacent nonsmoking areas. Each employer with five or more employees shall prohibit smoking in any business facility under said employer’s control, except that an employer may designate one or more smoking rooms. Each employer that provides a smoking room shall provide sufficient nonsmoking break rooms for nonsmoking employees. Each smoking room designated by an employer shall be located in a non-work area where no employee, as part of their work responsibilities, is required to enter, and such room shall be for the use of employees only. Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit an employer from designating an entire business facility as a nonsmoking area.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. § 31-40q (2003).**

**Schools**

Smoking is prohibited in school buildings when school is in session or student activities are being conducted. Exempt are classrooms where demonstration smoking is taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson. No person shall smoke in any dormitory in any public or private institution of higher education.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-342 (2003).**

No passenger or employee shall possess a lighted cigarette while traveling upon or engaged in the operation of a school bus.

**CONN. GEN. STAT. § 53-198 (1985).**

**Child Care Facilities**

Smoking is prohibited in all child day care centers or group day care homes and outdoor areas, except in designated smoking areas. Smoking areas must be enclosed, properly ventilated, and away from any children present at the day care facility. Signs must be posted at the entrance stating that smoking is prohibited except in designated areas.

**CT ADMIN CODE § 19a-79-7(d)(6) (1993).**
In family day care facilities, the provider or staff members may not smoke while engaged in caregiving activities requiring direct physical contact with children, including, but not limited to feeding, diapering, dressing and rocking. The provider shall make it known in advance if smoking will be occurring in the facility to parents who are considering placing their children in the provider’s care. The provider shall also ensure that all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, ashes, butts, lighters and matches are kept out of the reach of children.

CT ADMIN CODE § 19a-87b-9 (1993).

Health Care Facilities
No person shall smoke in any area of a health care institution. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in psychiatric facilities.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-342 (2003).

Restaurants
No person shall smoke in any indoor area of a restaurant. An exemption is made for the outdoor portion of the restaurant, provided, in the case of any seating area maintained for the service of food at least 75 percent of the outdoor seating capacity is an area in which smoking is prohibited.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-342 (2003).

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in bars. Tobacco bars are exempt, provided no tobacco bar shall expand in size or change its location from its size or location as of December 31, 2002. “Tobacco bar” means a bar that in the calendar year ending December 31, 2002, generated 10 percent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-342 (2003).

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $3.00
Date last changed: October 1, 2009 – from $2.00 to $3.00
Year first enacted: 1935

Sales and use tax will no longer be imposed on specially formulated gum, inhalants, or similar products designed to aid in the cessation of a smoking habit.

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $308,460,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Snuff: 55 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
All other tobacco products: 27.5% of the wholesale sales price.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-330(c) (2009).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

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* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Connecticut’s tobacco control programs/initiatives comes from Master Settlement Agreement dollars transferred to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund.
State Funding Details
The Connecticut Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board of Trustees allocated $400,000 for tobacco control and prevention programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $6,050,000 was allocated.

Allocation made by decision of the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Oct. & Nov. 2010.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products
Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall prepare a report on enforcement efforts undertaken to enforce youth access laws. Such report shall include the number of unannounced inspections conducted by the commissioner, a summary of enforcement actions taken pursuant to said sections and an assessment of the progress made in the previous fiscal year in reducing the availability of tobacco products to minors.


Penalties for Sales to Minors
Any person employed by a dealer or distributor who sells, gives, or delivers tobacco in any form to a minor, other than a minor who is delivering or accepting delivery in their capacity as an employee, shall be assessed a civil penalty by the Commissioner of Revenue Services of not more than $200 for the first offense and $250 for subsequent offenses within 18 months. Any dealer or distributor who has sold, given or delivered cigarettes or tobacco products to a minor, other than a minor who is delivering or accepting delivery in their capacity as an employee, or if their employee has done so, shall be assessed a civil penalty of $350 for the first violation, $750 for the second violation within 18 months, and a fine of $750 and license suspension for at least 30 days for the third offense within 18 months.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-295a(b&c) (2007).

If the owner of an establishment where a cigarette vending machine is located has sold, given or delivered or allowed to be sold, given or delivered tobacco products to a minor, other than a minor who is delivering or accepting delivery in their capacity as an employee, from that machine, they are subject to the same civil penalties as dealers of tobacco products above, except on a third violation within 18 months, the vending machine will be immediately removed from the establishment, and may not be placed there again for a period of one year.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-295a(d) (2007).

Any person who sells, gives, or delivers tobacco to a minor shall be fined not more than $200 for the first offense, $350 for a second offense within 18 months, and not more than $500 for each subsequent offense within 18 months. A seller or seller’s agent or employee may perform a transaction scan to check the validity of a driver’s license or identity card presented by a cardholder as a condition for selling, giving away, or otherwise distributing tobacco to the cardholder. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution if all the following occurred: A cardholder attempting to purchase tobacco products presented an official piece of identification; a transaction scan of the ID indicated that it was valid; tobacco products were sold or given away in reasonable reliance upon the ID presented and the completed scan. However, this does not excuse the seller from exercising reasonable diligence to determine whether the person attempting to purchase tobacco products is 18 years of age or older and whether the description and picture appearing on the ID presented by a cardholder is that of the cardholder.


Sign Posting Requirements
Signs must be posted and maintained at each point of sale stating that it is illegal to sell or give tobacco products to minors and illegal for minors to purchase tobacco products or misrepresent their age to do so. Retailers in violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than $100.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-286a (2007).

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
Each retailer of cigarettes or tobacco products or employee of such retailer shall require a person who is purchasing or attempting to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products, whose age is in question, to exhibit proper proof of age. If a person fails to pro-
vide such proof of age, such retailer or employee shall not sell cigarettes or tobacco products to the person. As used in this section, “proper proof” means a motor vehicle operator’s license, a valid passport or an identity card.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

Any minor who purchases tobacco products or mis-represents their age to purchase tobacco products shall be fined not more than $50 for the first offense and $90 to $100 for subsequent offenses.

If the Commissioner of Revenue Services finds, after a hearing, that a minor has purchased cigarettes or tobacco products, the commissioner shall assess such minor a civil penalty of not more than $100 for the first violation and not more than $150 for any subsequent offenses.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-295a(a) (2007).

Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

The transport of cigarettes by tobacco product manufacturers to anybody in the state is prohibited except to: 1) cigarette distributors and dealers; 2) an export warehouse proprietor or operator of a customs bonded warehouse; or 3) a person who is an officer, employee or agent of the United States Government, this state or a department, agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the United States or of this state, when such person is acting in accordance with such person’s official duties. A common or contract carrier is barred from transporting cigarettes to a residential dwelling and anybody who is not reasonably believed to be one of the above persons. Persons selling cigarettes shall require, as a condition of delivery, that the customer who is receiving the cigarettes shall sign an acknowledgment of receipt and provide proper proof of age. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and, for a second or subsequent violation, shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

The Commissioner of Revenue Services may authorize a dealer or distributor to give or deliver any cigarette or tobacco product, in connection with the promotion or advertisement of such product without receiving monetary compensation from the person receiving the tobacco product, provided, the distribution is on the premises of a licensed dealer or at any event or establishment with an area limited to adult access only, the sample of cigarettes contains no less than two cigarettes, and the taxes on such cigarettes have been paid. The licensed dealer or distributor shall be liable for any gift or delivery of tobacco to minors on their premises by any person conducting a promotion or advertisement.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

The sale of cigarettes other than in an unopened package containing 20 or more cigarettes originating with the manufacturer which bears the health warning required by law is prohibited. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $50 for a first offense, $250 for a second offense and $500 for the third and subsequent offenses. The license to sell tobacco products may also be suspended or revoked.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.
Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
No cigarettes may be dispensed from any machine other than a cigarette vending machine or a restricted cigarette vending machine. A cigarette vending machine may be placed only in an area, facility or business which is accessible to adults only or may be placed in an area frequented by persons of all ages provided the machine is placed in an area accessible to adults only.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation of the restrictions on the placement of vending machines is subject to a civil penalty of $250 for a first violation and $500 for a second violation within 18 months. A third violation within 18 months is subject to a civil penalty of $500 and removal of the vending machine for a period of one year.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Notice must be posted and maintained on the front of each vending machine and restricted vending machine stating that it is illegal to sell or give tobacco products to minors and it is illegal for minors to purchase tobacco products or misrepresent their age to do so. Violation is punishable by a fine of not more than $100.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 12-286a (2007).

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of and the required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Dealers (retailers), distributors, including vending machine operators and manufacturers who sell cigarettes must be licensed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services. All licenses are renewable annually unless suspended or revoked. Any person who knowingly sells, offers for sale or possesses with intent to sell any cigarettes, without a license, shall be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned for not more than three months, or both, for each offense. Each day of such unauthorized operation may be deemed a separate offense. Any person who fails to secure or renew a license shall forfeit as a penalty for each day of operation without such license the sum of $5.


Distributors who deal in tobacco products other than cigarettes must also be licensed by the Commissioner of Revenue Services. The license must be displayed on the premises covered by the license.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Dealers/Retailers (includes persons operating fewer than 25 cigarette vending machines): $50 annually;

Distributors: (includes persons operating 25 or more cigarette vending machines): $1,000 annually;

For distributors who sell cigarettes as a distributor exclusively to retail stores which such distributor is operating the fee is $315 to $1,250 annually depending on the number of retail stores operated;

Distributors of tobacco products other than cigarettes: $200 annually.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The Commissioner of Revenue Services may suspend the license of any dealer or distributor for not
less than 30 days for a third violation of selling or
distributing tobacco products to minors, following
a hearing.

Smoking Protection Laws
No employer or agent of any employer shall require,
as a condition of employment that any employees or
prospective employees refrain from using tobacco
products outside the course of their employment,
or otherwise discriminate with respect to compensa-
tion, terms, conditions or privileges of employ-
ment. Any nonprofit organization or corporation
whose primary purpose is to discourage use of
tobacco products by the general public shall be
exempt from the provisions of this section.
CT GEN. STAT. ANN. § 31-40s (2003).

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt
regulations that specify the manner in which said commissioner shall obtain information from public
sources concerning the nicotine yield ratings for
each brand of tobacco product including, but not
limited to, cigarettes, sold or offered for sale in
this state.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-74a (1999).

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.

Note: No appeal bond is required to appeal mon-
eyary judgments in lawsuits.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All of Connecticut’s annual Master Settlement
Agreement payments are deposited in a Tobacco
Trust Fund. Most of the money is transferred to the
state general fund from there, but a portion of the
money goes to several funds, including the Tobacco
and Health Trust Fund where funding for tobacco
control programs is allocated from.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—
Detailed Information
A Tobacco Settlement Fund was created where all annual Master Settlement Agreement (MSA)
Payments are deposited. In FY2002, and each fiscal year thereafter, $12 million is dedicated to the
Tobacco and Health Trust Fund, $4 million is dedicated to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund,
an unspecified amount each year to the general fund, and any remainder to the Tobacco and Health
Trust Fund. In addition to the above, in FY2005, and each fiscal year thereafter, $100,000 is appropriated to the Department of Revenue
Services and $25,000 is appropriated to the office of the Attorney General for the enforcement of MSA complimentary enforcement legislation and in FY2008 to FY2015, $10 million is transferred
to the Stem Cell Research Fund.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4-28e (2005).

A Tobacco and Health Trust Fund was created, which consists of money transferred from the
Tobacco Settlement Fund, and money from various other sources. The trust fund is administered
by a board of 17 trustees, except the board’s duties were suspended during FY2004 and FY2005. In
FY2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, the board may recommend authorization of disbursement
for such purposes of up to one-half of the annual disbursement from the Tobacco Settlement Fund
to the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund from the previous fiscal year, pursuant to section 4-28e, up
to a maximum of $6 million per fiscal year, and the net earnings from the principal of the trust fund
from the previous fiscal year.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4-28f (2008).

Note: For FY2010 and FY2011, $1,991,982 and
$1,841,982 respectively was transferred from the
Tobacco and Health Trust Fund to various speci-
fied programs, and an additional $10 million will be transferred after May 1 of each fiscal year to the
state general fund.
H.B. 6802 (2nd special session 2009) enacted (became law
without governor’s signature) 9/8/09 and effective 10/1/09.
Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, on and after July 1, 2008, no holder of a cigarette manufacturer’s license shall sell cigarettes, or offer cigarettes for sale, to consumers within Connecticut, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, unless such cigarettes shall: (1) Have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 29-418 Connecticut General Statutes; (2) have been listed in a written certification submitted to the Office of the State Fire Marshal in accordance with section 29-419 Connecticut General Statutes; and (3) be sold in packages marked in accordance with section 29-421 Connecticut General Statutes.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
The Commissioner of Revenue Services may suspend or revoke the holder’s cigarette manufacturer’s license for violation of the above requirements setting a fire safety standard for cigarettes in the same manner as provided in section 12-295 of the Connecticut General Statutes for the suspension or revocation of the license of a dealer or distributor. Civil penalties apply to specific violations of reporting requirements as well.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Any stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking enacted after October 1, 1993 are not allowed.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Allocation made by decision of the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Oct. & Nov. 2010.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is not permitted in any indoor enclosed area to which the general public is invited or permitted, including restaurants, bars and gaming facilities; see the state law cited below for a more detailed list.

Exceptions to the Law
The only exceptions to the law are for: 1) private homes and automobiles, except when being used for child care or day care or when a vehicle is being used for the public transportation of children or as part of health care or day care transportation; 2) indoor areas where private social functions are being held when seating arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the function; 3) privately-hired limousines; 4) up to 25 percent of hotel rooms rented to guests; and 5) fund-raising functions sponsored by volunteer fire, ambulance or rescue companies, or by a fraternal benefit society.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in all public buildings. A “public building” is defined as any building owned or operated by the state, including the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state government; any county, city, town, village or any other political subdivision of the state, public improvement or special district, public authority, commission, agency or public benefit corporation; or any other separate corporate instrumentality or unit of state or local government. Smoking is also specifically prohibited in public meetings, jury waiting and deliberation rooms, and courtrooms.

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in all workplaces.

Schools
Smoking is specifically prohibited in all public and nonpublic schools. Smoking is also prohibited in any other educational and vocational institutions.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all child day care facilities, including home-based child care facilities.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all health care facilities, including hospitals, clinics and doctor’s offices. Smoking is also prohibited in retirement communities and nursing homes, not including private residences.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in all “food service establishments” which are defined as any indoor area open to the public or portion thereof in which the principal business is the sale of food for on-premises consumption, including, but not limited to, restaurants, cafeterias, coffee shops, diners, sandwich shops or short order cafes. A food service establishment shall not include the bar area of such establishment. Any establishment which has been licensed by the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission as a “restaurant” is considered a “food service establishment.”

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in “bars,” which are defined as any indoor area open to the public operated primarily for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and where the service of food is secondary to the consumption of such beverages. Any establishment which has been licensed by the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission as a “taproom or tavern,” is considered a “bar.”

Penalties/Enforcement
Where smoking is permitted, the person in charge
shall display signs stating “Warning: Smoking Permitted.” Violators of Delaware's Clean Indoor Air Act will be fined $100 for a first offense and at least $250 for each subsequent offense. The Delaware Department of Labor and Department of Health are responsible for the regulation, implementation, and enforcement of the Clean Indoor Air Act.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 16, §§ 2905 to 2907 (2002).

**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.60

Date last changed: July 31, 2009 – from $1.15 to $1.60

Year first enacted: 1949

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 30, § 5305(a) (2009).

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $123,039,000

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

Moist snuff: 54 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;

All other tobacco products: 15% of the wholesale price.


**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $8,272,120

FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,467,847*

FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $9,739,967

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $13,900,000

Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 70.1%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Delaware’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and the state general fund.

**State Funding Details**

Delaware appropriated $8,272,120 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $10,059,500 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 310) enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

The Department of Safety and Homeland Security or its delegates shall be responsible for conducting annual, random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed to test compliance. Persons under the age of 18 may be enlisted by the department or its delegates to test compliance provided that such persons may be used only under the direct supervision of the department, its employees or delegates and only when written parental consent has been provided. The department shall adopt and publish guidelines for the use of persons under 18 in inspections. The department may enter into an agreement with any local law enforcement agency for delegation of inspection and enforcement within the local agency’s jurisdiction.


**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any tobacco product to another person who has not attained the age of 18 years or to purchase any tobacco product on behalf of another such person, except that this section shall not apply to the parent or guardian of another such person. Violators shall be fined $250 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense, and $1,000 for the third and all subsequent offenses within 12 months. The court may also order the Department of Finance to suspend the defendant’s license for sale of tobacco products for a period not to exceed six months for the second and subsequent violations. It shall be an affirmative defense that the purchaser or recipient of tobacco products who had not reached the age of 18 years presented to the accused proof of age which set forth information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that such individual was 18 years of age or older. The person in charge of the establishment where the violation occurred shall be guilty of the violation and shall be subject...
to the fine only if the retail licensee has received written notice of the above provisions from the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. The person in charge of the establishment where the alleged violation occurred shall have an affirmative defense if such person or entity can establish that, prior to the date of the violation, they had adopted and enforced a written policy against selling tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age; had informed its employees of the applicable laws regarding the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age; required employees to sign a form indicating that they have been informed of and understand the written policy required herein; required employees to verify the age of tobacco product customers by means of photographic identification; and had established and enforced disciplinary sanctions for noncompliance. This affirmative defense is available only twice at one retail location during any 12-month period.

DELAWARE

Sign Posting Requirements
A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products shall post conspicuously at each point of purchase a notice stating that selling tobacco products to anyone under 18 is illegal, that the purchase of tobacco products by anyone under 18 is illegal, and that a violator is subject to fines. The notice shall also state that all persons selling tobacco products are required, under law, to check the proof of age of any purchaser of tobacco products under the age of 27 years. The notice shall include a toll-free number to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security to report unlawful sales to minors. Owners who fail to post a notice shall be subject to a fine of $100.

DELAWARE

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products shall have the right to demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient of such products. Such person shall demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient who is under 27 years of age. “Proof of age” means a driver’s license or other identification with a photograph of the individual affixed thereon that indicates that the individual is 18 years old or older. Violation is subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

DELAWARE

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It shall be unlawful for any person who is not 18 or older to purchase tobacco products, to accept receipt of a sample, to exchange a coupon for a tobacco product, or to present or offer another person a purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually their own proof of age, for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product. Violators shall be fined $50 or ordered to perform 25 hours of community service for the first offense, $50 fine and 50 hours of community service for the second and all subsequent offenses within 12 months of prior offenses.

DELAWARE

Placement of Tobacco Products
It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, operates, or manages a business establishment where tobacco products are offered for sale over the counter at retail to maintain such products in any display accessible to customers that is not under the control of a cashier or other employee. This prohibition shall not apply to business establishments to which persons under the age of 18 are not admitted, unless accompanied by an adult, tobacco vending machines as permitted under existing law or to tobacco stores. “Under the control” means customers cannot readily access the tobacco products without the assistance of a cashier or other employee. A display that holds tobacco products behind locked doors shall be construed as under the control of a cashier or other employee. Violators are subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

DELAWARE

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Puts restrictions on sales of tobacco products by mail, over the phone, or by the Internet by requiring prior to delivery a copy of government issued identification and a certification that this information is true and uses a delivery service that either limits delivery to that purchaser and requires the purchaser to sign personally to receive the delivery or requires a signature of an adult at the purchaser’s address to deliver the package. Reporting of deliv-
ery sales of tobacco products to the Department of Finance is required. Cigars and pipe tobacco are exempt from most of the above requirements. A first violation of this subchapter is a $1,000 fine or five times the retail value of any tobacco product involved, whichever is greater; a second and subsequent violation is a fine of $5,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this subchapter, or who knowingly and falsely submits a certification in another person’s name, shall, for each such offense, be fined $10,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. Failure to collect or remit taxes in connection with a delivery sale is five times the retail value of any tobacco product involved in addition to any other penalty.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 30, §§ 5361 to 5369 (2007).

Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
All stronger municipal or county ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products enacted after June 30, 1996 are preempted by state law.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No person shall distribute a tobacco product for commercial purposes unless the product is in a sealed package provided by the manufacturer with the required health warning and tax stamp. No person shall distribute any pack of cigarettes containing fewer than 20 cigarettes. Violators are subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
All stronger municipal or county ordinances restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products enacted after June 30, 1996 are preempted by state law.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or permit the distribution of tobacco products through the operation of a vending machine in a public place, except in a taproom, tobacco shop, or in premises in which a person who has not attained the age of 18 years is prohibited by law from entering. A tobacco vending machine must be operated a minimum of 25 feet from any entrance to the premises and must be directly visible to the owner or supervisor of the premises.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violators are subject to the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
All stronger municipal or county ordinances restricting placement of and required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines enacted after June 30, 1996 are preempted by state law.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
No person shall engage in or conduct the business of manufacturing, purchasing, selling, consigning or distributing tobacco products in Delaware or acting as an affixing agent without having first obtained the appropriate license or licenses from the Department of Finance. Licenses are to be renewed annually. Selling tobacco products without a license is subject to a fine of $100 to $1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 90 days.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
- Wholesalers – each place of business: $200 annually;
- Retailers – each place of business: $5 annually;
- Vending machine operators – each machine: $3 annually.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
By court order, the Department of Finance may suspend the license for the sale of tobacco products for a period not to exceed six months for the second and subsequent violations of certain laws restricting youth access to tobacco products.


Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No person, firm, corporation, partnership or other organization shall advertise any tobacco products within 200 feet of any public or private school, excluding institutions of higher education. This section shall not apply to advertisements inside of a commercial establishment, except outward-facing advertisements placed in windows. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the display of any message or advertisement opposing the use of tobacco products. Any message or advertisement opposing the use of tobacco products that is placed within 200 feet of a school may not contain the brand name of any tobacco product or the name of any tobacco company. This section shall not be construed to prohibit an advertisement stating that a commercial establishment sells tobacco products, provided that the advertisement is on the premises or property of the commercial establishment and does not identify any tobacco product brand or any tobacco product manufacturer by name. Whoever is found to be in violation of this section by the Superior Court shall be fined up to $1,000 for the first offense and up to $5,000 for each subsequent offense.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 6, § 2507 (2000).

Note: Enforcement of the above law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Reilly, decided in 2001.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Annual Master Settlement Agreement payments are deposited in a fund called the Delaware Health Fund, and then directed to specific health-related programs from there, including tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—
Detailed Information

A special fund is created in the Department of Finance called the Delaware Health Fund. All annual payments received from the Master Settlement Agreement between the state of Delaware and certain cigarette companies shall be deposited or transferred into the fund. Interest or other income earned on moneys in the Delaware Health Fund shall be deposited or transferred to the fund, and moneys in the fund do not lapse or revert to the state general fund. Moneys from the Delaware Health Fund shall be expended for specific health-related purposes, including tobacco prevention and cessation programs and initiatives. See the statute cited below for more information. No money shall be expended from the Delaware Health Fund unless included in the annual state appropriations act.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Delaware or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Delaware unless: 1) such cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in title 16, section 7117 Delaware Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the State Fire Marshal in accordance with title 16, section 7118 Delaware Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with title 16, section 7119 Delaware Code.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 16, §§ 7116 to 7125 (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale in violation of the above standard shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of such cigarettes sold or offered for sale, provided that in no case shall the penalty against any such person or entity exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above standard shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of such cigarettes sold or offered for sale provided that in no case shall the penalty against any retail dealer exceed $25,000 during any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not exceeding $250,000 for each violation.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 16, §§ 7116 to 7125 (2009).

Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products enacted after June 30, 1996 are not allowed under state law.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $8,272,120 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 310) enacted and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
The Department of Health is authorized to conduct inspections of all “places of employment” and “public places” to ensure that the activity of smoking in such places, which is hereby prohibited, is not taking place. A “public place” is defined as an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including restaurants and bars/taverns. The definition excludes a private residence, unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility. An economic hardship waiver is also available under certain conditions, and smoking can be restricted outside buildings. See the Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions section for more details.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) a retail store that is used primarily for the sale of tobacco products and accessories in which the total annual revenue generated by the sale of non-tobacco products or accessories is no greater than 25 percent of total revenue, provided, that it does not share space with any other establishment; 2) tobacco bars as defined; 3) an outdoor area of a restaurant, tavern, club, brew pub, or nightclub; 4) hotel and motel rooms; 5) a medical treatment, research, or nonprofit institution where the activity of smoking is conducted for the purpose of medical research or is an integral part of a smoking cessation program; 6) theatrical productions; and 7) cigar smoking at special events at hotels once a year for one day if they follow certain requirements.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Laws were approved by the District of Columbia city council/mayor, and there is no lawmaking body beneath the council/mayor.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in “places of employment,” which includes places of public employment. “Place of employment” is defined as an enclosed area under the control of a public employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias and hallways.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in “places of employment,” which are defined as an enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways and vehicles owned by a private employer, if the vehicle is used by more than one person, and excludes a private residence, unless it is used as a child care, adult day care or health care facility.


Schools
Smoking is prohibited in educational facilities.


The use of tobacco and tobacco products on public school premises shall be prohibited at all times, except that adults may use tobacco and tobacco products in designated smoking areas on public school premises established pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the Superintendent of Schools.

DC MUN. REG. § 3502.5 (1992).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in child care facilities. Child care and adult day care facilities in private residences are specifically included.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in health care facilities. Health care facilities in private residences are specified in the language of the law. A medical treatment, research, or nonprofit institution where the activity of smoking is conducted for the purpose of medical research or is an integral part of a smoking cessation program is exempt.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants.

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in “public places” the definition of which includes brew pubs, clubs, nightclubs and taverns. “Tobacco bars,” which are defined as restaurants, taverns, brew pubs, clubs or nightclubs that generate 10 percent or more of their total annual revenue from the on-site sale of tobacco products, excluding sales from vending machines, or the rental of on-site humidors and outdoor areas of any of these types of establishments are permanently exempted.

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Economic Hardship Waiver from Smoking Restrictions for Public Places and Workplaces:
The Mayor may grant an economic hardship waiver from the requirements of the above law; provided, that prior to the granting of a waiver, the applicant establishes, to the satisfaction of the Mayor, that compliance with the requirements has caused or will cause undue financial hardship. An economic hardship waiver shall be based on regulations to be issued by the Mayor. Public places and places of employment who receive an economic hardship waiver shall have been in existence on or before January 1, 2007; not permit smoking in an area that exceeds 25 percent of the total area if the place of employment or public place is a restaurant; and be subject to conditions or restrictions as may be necessary to minimize the adverse effects of smoking.

Smoking Restrictions Outside Buildings:
A property owner or ground-floor commercial tenant has the authority to post signs on their property stating that smoking is not permitted on public space within a specified distance from and abutting the building wall. That distance shall not be greater than 25 feet or the distance to the far side of the adjacent public sidewalk, if any, whichever is less. Signs will not apply to sidewalk cafes unless the sign has been posted by, or with the consent of, the owner or operator of the sidewalk café. No specific penalties mentioned for violation.
DC CODE ANN. § 7-1701, sect. 4c (2010).

Penalties/Enforcement
In any place, elevator or vehicle in which smoking is prohibited, the owner, manager, or person in charge of the place shall post or cause to be posted specified warning signs. Signs shall be visible to the public at the entrance to the area and on the interior of the area in sufficient number in a manner that gives notice to the public of the applicable law. Smoking in a prohibited area is subject to a fine of $100 to $1,000 for a first offense, and $200 to $1,000 for subsequent offenses. Obscuring, removing, defacing, mutilating or destroying any posted sign is subject to a fine of $500. Failing to post or maintain the required warning signs and failing to notify a person observed to be smoking to stop the activity shall be punishable by a fine of $500; each day the violation continues is a separate offense. The D.C. Department of Health is the designated enforcement agency.

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.50
Date last changed: October 1, 2009 – from $2.00 to $2.50
Year first enacted: 1949
DC CODE ANN. § 47-2402(a) (2009).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $32,916,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Little Cigars (weighing less than 4 1/2 lbs./thousand): 12.5 cents per little cigar;

All Other Tobacco Products (excluding cigars, premium cigars and pipe tobacco): 12% of the gross receipts from the sale of or charges for the tobacco product plus $0.75/oz. and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.
Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $569,000
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $3,256,394 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $3,825,394
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $10,500,000
- Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 36.4%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

City funding for the District of Columbia's tobacco control program comes from the Community Health Care Financing Fund, which was created with Master Settlement Agreement dollars.

State Funding Details

The District of Columbia allocated $569,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011) from Master Settlement Agreement dollars. In FY2010, $850,000 was allocated to operate the city quitline/phone tobacco cessation counseling service.

B18-728 passed by the City Council 5/26/10 and signed by mayor 6/28/10; not yet reviewed and approved by U.S. Congress.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

No provisions in city law.

Penalties for Sales to Minors

No person shall sell, give or furnish any tobacco products to any person less than 18 years of age. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of between $100 and $500, and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days for the first offense. A person who commits subsequent violations shall be fined $500 to $1,000, imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both. Any license to sell cigarettes may be suspended for the first or second violation, and shall be revoked for a third violation.

DC CODE ANN. § 22-1320(3) (2010).

Sign Posting Requirements

The owner or person in charge of a place of business that sells tobacco products shall post a warning sign that states: “NO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE SHALL PURCHASE ANY CIGARETTE OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT. SALES CLERKS WILL ASK FOR PROOF OF AGE FROM ANY PERSON SEEKING TO PURCHASE ANY CIGARETTE OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT WHO APPEARS TO BE UNDER 27 YEARS OF AGE. THE UNITED STATES SURGEON GENERAL HAS ISSUED A WARNING THAT SMOKING CAUSES LUNG CANCER, HEART DISEASE, EMPHYSEMA AND MAY COMPLICATE PREGNANCY.” The sign shall clearly state the maximum fine for a violation of this section. The sign shall be visible to the public at the entrance to the area and on the interior of the area in sufficient number to give notice of the law to the public.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

Any person who sells any cigarette or other tobacco product that has reasonable cause to believe that a person that attempts to purchase the product is under 27 years of age shall require that the purchaser present identification that indicates their age. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by the same penalties as for selling or furnishing tobacco products to minors.

DC CODE ANN. § 22-1320(3) (2010).

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

No person under 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or attempt to possess any cigarette or other tobacco product. No person under 18 years of age shall falsely represent their age, or possess or present as proof of age an identification document which is in any way fraudulent, for the purpose of purchasing, possessing, or consuming cigarettes or other tobacco products. This does apply to persons under 18 handling or transporting cigarettes or other tobacco product under the terms of their employment. Persons under 18 that purchase or possess cigarettes or other tobacco products are subject to a civil penalty of $50. Persons under 18 that
falsely represent their age or use a false identification document are subject to a civil penalty of $100 for a first offense, $200 for a second offense; and $300 for a third and subsequent offense. The mayor may issue rules increasing the amounts of these fines.

DC CODE ANN. § 22-1320(4) (2010).

Placement of Tobacco Products

No person shall sell or distribute cigarettes or other tobacco products, except cigars, through a self-service display as defined. This does not apply to vending machines that sell tobacco products as allowed under existing DC law and self-service displays in tobacco specialty stores that make 75% or more of their sales from tobacco products and accessories. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of between $100 and $500, and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days for the first offense. A person who commits subsequent violations shall be fined $500 to $1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 90 days.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No city law/regulation.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

No cigarette or other tobacco product shall be sold to individual customers from mobile vending motor vehicles and trailers that sell retail food products ready for immediate consumption, except cigarettes may be sold at hotdog stands and construction site food wagons by vendors who are licensed pursuant to D.C. Official Code section 47-2404. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of between $100 and $500, and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days for the first offense. A person who commits subsequent violations shall be fined $500 to $1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 90 days.

DC CODE ANN. § 22-1320(7) (2010).

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Laws were approved by the District of Columbia city council/mayor, and there is no lawmaking body beneath the council/mayor.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

No person, agent, or employee of any person shall, in the course of doing business, distribute any free cigarettes or other tobacco products to any person on any public street, public sidewalk, public park, playground, in a public building, other public property, or private property open to the public, except that free cigarettes or other tobacco products may be distributed at a tobacco store, a convention, or a conference catering to adults. Violators will be fined not less than $250 per violation.

DC CODE ANN. § 22-1320(4) (2010).

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

No person shall sell or distribute to any person within the District of Columbia any cigarettes except in packages containing no less than 20 cigarettes. This does not apply to tobacco specialty stores that make 75% or more of their sales from tobacco products and accessories. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of between $100 and $500, and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days for the first offense. A person who commits subsequent violations shall be fined $500 to $1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 90 days. Any license to sell cigarettes may also be suspended for the first or second violation, and shall be revoked for a third violation.


Cigarettes may not be sold in numbers less than the number contained in the original package. The sale of loose cigarettes from opened or original packages is prohibited. Violation is subject to a fine of 500 percent of the retail value of the cigarettes involved or $5,000, whichever is greater.

DC MUN. REGS. tit. 9, § 1016 (2000).

No person shall sell or distribute in the District any cigarettes the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by or under federal law regarding warnings and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged, or imported for sale, distribution, or use in the United States, including the precise warning labels specified in section Four of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Violation is subject to a fine of up to $5,000 and/or up to three years in prison.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Laws were approved by the District of Columbia city council/mayor, and there is no lawmaking body beneath the council/mayor.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
Cigarette or other tobacco product vending machines are restricted to licensed taverns or nightclubs, establishments that restrict admittance to persons less than 18 years of age or a licensed restaurant. These vending machines shall be located in an area that is in the immediate vicinity, plain view and control of a responsible employee, so that any tobacco purchase is readily observable by an employee. These vending machines can also not contain any non-tobacco product other than matches.

DC CODE ANN. § 47-2404(b)(3) (2010).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to loss of the license to operate a vending machine.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
All cigarette and other tobacco products vending machines shall display the warning sign required in retail establishments, see Sign Posting section.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Laws were approved by the District of Columbia city council/mayor, and there is no lawmaking body beneath the council/mayor.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products
Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Cigarette wholesalers, retailers, and vending machine operators must obtain a license from the Mayor. Licenses must be renewed at least annually unless suspended or revoked. Licenses are required for each place of business and vending machine.

DC CODE ANN. § 47-2404 (2010).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Fees
Wholesaler’s license: $50 annually;
Retailer’s license: $15 annually;
Vending machine operators’ license: $15 for each machine.
The mayor may adjust license fees by regulation.

DC CODE ANN. § 47-2404 (2010).

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The Mayor may suspend any license issued under this law to any person convicted of a first or second violation of selling, giving or furnishing tobacco products to minors and shall revoke the license for a third or subsequent offense.


Smoking Protection Laws
No person shall refuse to hire or employ any applicant for employment, or discharge or otherwise discriminate against any employee with respect to compensation or any other term, condition, or privilege of employment, on the basis of the use of tobacco products by the applicant or employee. An employee or applicant for employment who is aggrieved by violation of this section shall have the right to a private cause of action against the person after exhausting all other options. The person is entitled to recover any damages, including lost or back wages and salary.

DC CODE ANN. § 7-1703.3 (1993).

Advertising & Promotion
The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which runs the District of Columbia’s subway and bus system, has prohibited tobacco and alcohol advertising on all system rail cars and buses.
Product Disclosure
No city law/regulation.

Divestment
No city law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
No city law/regulation.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
The District of Columbia has sold the rights to almost all of the annual payments it was supposed to receive from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) to a Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation for lump sum payments up front, see Securitization section below for more details. A portion of the money from one of the lump sum payments was put into a Community Health Care Financing Fund, and some money has been allocated from that fund for city tobacco prevention programs.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
A Community Health Care Financing Fund was established within the city general fund where proceeds from the 2006 sale of future MSA payments and other revenue as specified was deposited. Money in the fund shall be used to directly pay to promote health care and for the delivery of health care related services in the District, including the construction of health care facilities and the operation of health care related programs. The monies were then allocated for a number of specific purposes, including a three-year tobacco prevention and cessation program called the DC Tobacco-Free Families Campaign. That program is no longer operating due to loss of funding, but additional money has been allocated from that fund for tobacco control programs/initiatives. See law cited below for more details.


Securitization
In 2000, the District of Columbia securitized most of its Master Settlement Agreement revenue, and in 2006 transferred additional money to the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation. Proceeds from the initial bond sale went into a trust to pay off some of the city’s debt, and an additional bond sale by the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation was authorized in 2006 to finance the costs of the National Capital Medical Center, healthcare related issues, other capital projects, or for debt defeasance.

DC CODE ANN. §§ 7-1801.01 et seq. & 7-1831.01 et seq. (2006).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarette may be sold or offered for sale in the District of Columbia unless: 1) It has been tested in accordance with the test method and meets the performance standard specified in section 7-1753 District of Columbia Code; 2) the manufacturer has filed a written certification with the Mayor, or the Mayor’s delegate, in accordance with section 7-1754 District of Columbia Code; and 3) it has been marked in accordance with subsection (b) of section 17-1754 District of Columbia Code.

DC CODE ANN. §§ 7-1751 to 7-1757 (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer or wholesale dealer, who knowingly fails to comply with any of the provisions of this act, or regulations promulgated pursuant to this act, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each violation, not to exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer, who knowingly fails to comply with any of the provisions of this act, or regulations promulgated pursuant to this act, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000 for each violation, not to exceed $25,000 during any 30-day period. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation and, unless provided otherwise by regulation, the prescribed penalty shall be applicable to each separate violation. In addition to any other penalty, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership, or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

DC CODE ANN. §§ 7-1751 to 7-1757 (2009).
Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $569,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

B18-728 passed by the City Council 5/26/10 and signed by mayor 6/28/10; not yet reviewed and approved by U.S. Congress.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in most public places and workplaces, including private workplaces, restaurants and non-tribal gaming facilities.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.201 et seq. (2003).

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to this law include: 1) stand-alone bars as defined, 2) retail tobacco shops as defined, 3) designated hotel rooms, 4) tobacco manufacturing facilities, 5) customs smoking rooms in an international airport in-transit lounge under the authority and control of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the United States Department of Homeland Security, 6) smoking cessation programs approved by the Department of Health or medical or scientific research conducted therein, and 7) membership associations as defined as long as no one is engaged in work.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.201 et seq. (2003).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are not allowed, see below.

Regulation of smoking is expressly preempted to the state and supersedes any municipal or county ordinance on the subject.


Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed indoor workplaces, including state and local government workplaces. “Enclosed indoor workplace” means any place where one or more persons engage in work, and which place is predominantly or totally bounded on all sides and above by physical barriers.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.203 & 386.204 (2003).

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed indoor workplaces. “Enclosed indoor workplace” means any place where one or more persons engage in work, and which place is predominantly or totally bounded on all sides and above by physical barriers.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.203 & 386.204 (2003).

Schools
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed indoor workplaces, including all educational facilities. It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to smoke tobacco in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.203, 386.204 & 386.212 (2003).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed, indoor workplaces, including child care facilities.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.203 & 386.204 (2003).

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed, indoor workplaces, including health care facilities.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.203 & 386.204 (2003).

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed, indoor workplaces, including restaurants. The bar areas of a restaurant are included.

FLA. STAT. ch. 386.203 & 386.204 (2003).

Bars
Stand-alone bars are specifically exempted. “Stand-alone bar” is defined as a separate establishment that makes no more than 10 percent of its gross revenue from the sale of food.


Penalties/Enforcement
A person who smokes in a nonsmoking area commits a non-criminal violation, punishable by a fine of no more than $100 for the first violation and $500 for subsequent violations. Signs designating smoking areas must be posted in appropriate areas. The Department of Health or other enforcement authority as specified, upon notification of observed violations, shall issue to the person in charge of such enclosed indoor workplace, a notice to comply. If such person fails to comply within 30 days, the department or division shall assess a civil penalty against them of not less than $250 and not to exceed $750 for the first violation and not less than $500 and not to exceed $2,000 for each
subsequent violation. If a person refuses to comply after being assessed the penalty, the appropriate enforcement authority may file a complaint in the specific county circuit court to force compliance. The Department of Health, the Division of Hotels and Restaurants or the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall enforce this part based upon each department’s specific areas of regulatory authority and shall adopt, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, rules specifying procedures to be followed by enforcement personnel in investigating complaints and notifying alleged violators.

**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

- Tax/surcharge per pack of 20: $1.339
- Date last changed: July 1, 2009 – from 33.9 cents to $1.339
- Year first enacted: 1943

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $420,641,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**

Revenue from $1.00 per pack of the tax/user fee on cigarettes is deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund within the Agency for Health Care Administration. The revenue from the remaining 33.9 cents per pack is distributed to several specified funds/programs and the state general fund.

**Revenue from the $1.00 surcharge on cigarettes levied by section 210.011 Florida statutes shall be deposited in the Health Care Trust Fund within the Agency for Health Care Administration.**

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

- Tax/surcharge on all other tobacco products except cigars: 85% of the wholesale sales price.

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary**

Revenue from the tax on most tobacco products other than cigarettes goes to the Health Care Trust Fund within the Agency for Health Care Administration and the state general fund.

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**

Revenue from the 25 percent of the wholesale sales price tax on tobacco products levied by section 210.30 Florida statutes shall be deposited in the state general fund.

Revenue from the 60 percent of the wholesale sales price surcharge on tobacco products levied by section 210.276 Florida statutes shall be deposited in the Health Care Trust Fund within the Agency for Health Care Administration.

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $61,293,054
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $6,206,179
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $67,499,233
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $210,900,000
- Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 32%

*Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.
Source of Funding
State funding for Florida’s tobacco control program comes from tobacco settlement dollars.

State Funding Details
Florida appropriated $61,293,054 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $65,841,232 was appropriated. 
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 5001) enacted 5/28/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
Requires the state Department of Health conduct a comprehensive, statewide tobacco education and prevention program consistent with the recommendations for effective program components contained in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s 1999 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs, as amended by the CDC. The program is required to have a number of components, for more information see the statute cited. A 23-member Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council was also created within the department to provide advice as to the direction and scope of the program. The council will have several members from public health organizations, including the American Lung Association of Florida.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
18

Compliance/Enforcement
The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco is the designated enforcement authority for all youth access laws and the sign posting requirement. Law enforcement officers may also enforce all youth access laws. A county or municipality may designate certain of its employees or agents as tobacco product enforcement officers. An applicant for a permit, by accepting the permit when issued, agrees that the place or premises covered by the permit is subject to inspection and search without a search warrant by the division or its authorized assistants, and by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, or police officers, to determine compliance with this chapter.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
It is unlawful to sell, deliver, barter, or furnish, directly or indirectly, any tobacco product to any person less than 18 years of age. Violation is a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable by a fine of $500, repeat violations within one year are a misdemeanor of the first degree punishable by a $1,000 fine for a second violation, $2,000 fine and 20 day suspension of the retailer’s permit for a third violation, and revocation of a retailer’s cigarette permit for a fourth and subsequent violations. All civil penalties may be substituted with license or permit suspensions using the ratio of one day for each $50. A person charged with a violation has a complete defense if a prudent person would believe the buyer or recipient to be 18 years of age or older; the buyer falsely evidenced that they were 18 years of age or older; and carefully checked specified forms of identification and acted in good faith and in reliance upon the representation and appearance of the buyer or recipient in the belief that the buyer or recipient was 18 years of age or older.

The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco may mitigate penalties imposed against a dealer because of an employee’s illegal sale of a tobacco product to a minor if they qualify as a responsible retail dealer; the dealer provided the training program required to the employee before the violation occurred; and the dealer had no knowledge of that employee’s violation at the time of the violation and did not direct, approve, or participate in the violation.

Sign Posting Requirements
Any dealer that sells tobacco products shall post a clear and conspicuous sign in each place of business stating that the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 is against Florida law and proof of age is required for purchase. At the check-out counter a sign must contain the following language: “IF YOU ARE NOT BORN BEFORE THIS DATE (INSERT DATE AND YEAR) YOU CANNOT BUY TOBACCO PRODUCTS.” Failure to comply with this requirement is a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable by a $500 fine.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.008 (1997).
Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

It is unlawful for minors to knowingly possess any tobacco product or misrepresent their age for the purpose of purchasing, or attempting to purchase a tobacco product from a person or a vending machine. Penalty for the first violation within a 12-week period is 16 hours of community service or a $25 fine and the minor must attend a school approved anti-tobacco program. Penalty for the second violation in a 12-week period is a $25 fine. Third or subsequent violations within a 12-week period can result in suspension or revocation of a person’s driver’s license. Any law enforcement officer designated as a tobacco product enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation to minors possessing or attempting to purchase tobacco products.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.11 (2001).

Placement of Tobacco Products

The sale or delivery of tobacco products is prohibited, except when under the direct control or line of sight of the dealer or the dealer’s agent or employee. These provisions shall not apply to an establishment that prohibits persons less than 18 years of age on the licensed premises, or to the sale or delivery of cigars and pipe tobacco. Violation is subject to an administrative fine of up to $1,000 and possible suspension of the permit to sell tobacco products.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.006 & 569.007 (1997).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

A retailer must obtain an appropriate license from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco before accepting a delivery sale of tobacco products defined as sales of tobacco products by phone, fax, mail, delivery service or the Internet. Delivery sales of tobacco products to persons under 18 are prohibited. Each person accepting an order for a delivery sale must comply with: 1) specific age verification requirements, including obtaining a certification with certain information from the prospective customer and making a good faith effort to verify the information in the certification against a commercially available database as specified or by obtaining a photocopy or other image of government-issued ID; 2) specific disclosure requirements; 3) specific shipping requirements, including use of a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery which obligates the delivery service to require a person over 18 to sign for the shipping container and show photo ID if they appear to be under age 27; 4) specific registration and reporting requirements; 5) specific tax collection requirements; 6) specific licensing and tax stamp requirements; and 7) all laws of this state generally applicable to sales of tobacco products occurring entirely in this state which impose excise taxes and assessments. Violation of the above requirements by an adult is a misdemeanor of the first degree punishable as specified and is subject to: a $1,000 fine or five times the retail value of the tobacco products involved, whichever is greater, for a first offense; and a $5,000 fine or five times the retail value of the tobacco products involved, whichever is greater, for a second or subsequent offense. An adult knowingly submitting a false certification is also a misdemeanor of the first degree punishable as specified and is also subject to for each violation a fine of $10,000 or five times the retail value of the tobacco products involved, whichever is greater. Violation by a person under 18 is a misdemeanor of the 3rd degree punishable as specified.


Note: Some parts of this law may not be able to be enforced due to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

Retail dealers can qualify as responsible retail tobacco products dealers if they provide a training program for their employees that addresses the use and sale of tobacco products, including the laws concerning sales to minors and methods and procedures to prevent such sales.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.008 (1997).

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.
Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
The gift of sample tobacco products to any person under the age of 18 is prohibited. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors. A person charged with a violation has a complete defense if a prudent person would believe the buyer or recipient to be 18 years of age or older or the buyer falsely evidenced that they were 18 years of age or older.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.0075 (1997).

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any cigarettes the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by or under federal law regarding warnings and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged, or imported for sale, distribution, or use in the United States, including but not limited to the precise warning labels specified in the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Violation is a felony of the third degree subject to a fine not to exceed $5,000 and/or up to five years in prison.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
Sales from a vending machine are only permissible from a machine that is equipped with an operational lock-out device which is under the control of the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee who directly regulates the sale of items through the machine. The lock-out device must include a mechanism to prevent the machine from functioning if the power source for the lock-out device fails or if the lock-out device is disabled, and a mechanism to ensure that only one tobacco product is dispensed at a time. This provision does not apply to establishments that prohibit persons under age 18 on the licensed premises or to sales of cigars or pipe tobacco.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.007 (1997).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is subject to an administrative fine of up to $1,000 and possible suspension of the permit to sell tobacco products.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesale dealers and manufacturers of cigarettes must obtain a cigarette permit from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. All places of business must be listed on the application for a cigarette permit. Distributors must also obtain a license to sell tobacco products other than cigarettes from the division. A separate application is required for each place of business.


Retail tobacco dealers and vending machine owners must obtain permits from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco for each place of business where they sell tobacco products. Retail permits must be renewed annually. Selling tobacco products at retail without a license is a noncriminal violation subject to a fine of $500.

FLA. STAT. ch. 569.003 & ch. 569.005 (1997).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes
License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retail or vending machine license: $50 annually;
Wholesale dealers and manufacturers of cigarettes: $100 annually;
Distributors of tobacco products other than cigarettes: $25 annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may suspend a retailer’s permit to sell tobacco products for 20 days for a third violation or revoke the permit for a fourth violation if the retailer or their employee violates state laws concerning sale of tobacco to minors, sampling, or placement of tobacco vending machines.

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
In any civil action involving a signatory or a successor, parent or affiliate of a signatory to Florida’s tobacco settlement agreement, the bond required to be furnished during the pendency of all appeals or discretionary appellate reviews of any judgment in such litigation shall be set pursuant to applicable laws or court rules, except that the total cumulative value of the bond to stay execution of the judgment may not exceed $100 million for all appellants collectively, regardless of the total value of the judgment. In civil actions against the same entities above, brought by or on behalf of persons who claim or have been determined to be members of a former class action that was decertified in whole or in part, the trial courts shall automatically stay the execution of any judgment, upon provision of security as required, see statute cited for further details. If, after notice and hearing, a plaintiff proves by a preponderance of the evidence that a defendant who posted such bond or equivalent surety is purposefully dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of the judgment, the court may enter necessary orders as to that defendant to protect the plaintiff, including an order that the bond or equivalent surety be posted in an amount up to the full amount of the judgment against that defendant. This section does not apply to any past, present, or future action brought by the State of Florida against one or more signatories to the settlement agreement.
FLA. STAT. ch. 569.23 (2009).

In any civil action that is brought as a certified class action, the trial court, upon the posting of a bond or equivalent surety as provided in this section, shall stay the execution of any judgment, or portion thereof, entered on account of punitive damages pending completion of any appellate review of the judgment. The required bond or equivalent surety acceptable to the court for imposition of the stay shall be the lower of: the amount of the punitive-damages judgment, plus twice the statutory rate of interest; or 10 percent of the net worth of the defendant as determined by applying generally accepted accounting principles to the defendant’s financial status as of December 31 of the year prior to the judgment for punitive damages; provided that in no case shall the amount of the required bond or equivalent surety exceed $100 million, regardless of the amount of punitive damages. If, at any time after notice and hearing, the court finds that a defendant who has posted a bond or equivalent surety is purposefully moving assets with the intent to avoid the punitive damages judgment, the court shall increase the bond or equivalent surety to the amount of the punitive damages judgment, plus twice the statutory rate of interest. If the defendant does not post the additional bond required by the court, the stay shall be revoked.
FLA. STAT. ch. 768.733 (2000).
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

Money from the state of Florida’s tobacco settlement is initially deposited into a trust fund in the Department of Financial Services, and then transferred to a number of trust funds from there. Fifteen percent of the money is required to be allocated to a state tobacco prevention and control program by a constitutional amendment approved in 2006.


Note: Florida was one of four states that settled separately in its lawsuit with the major tobacco companies, prior to the Master Settlement Agreement.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment in November 2006 that will dedicate 15 percent of future tobacco settlement payments, adjusted for inflation each year, to the state tobacco control and prevention program. Implementing legislation was approved in May 2007 and the program took effect in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2007 (FY2008).


Securitization

Created the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation as a not-for-profit public benefit corporation to purchase any or all of the state’s right to the tobacco settlement agreement and issue bonds to pay the purchase price therefore which will be used to fund the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund. Issuance of bonds by the Corporation is subject to approval by the legislature. The total principal amount of bonds issued shall not exceed $3 billion and the amount of bonds issued in any single fiscal year shall not exceed $1.5 billion beginning with FY 2001.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in paragraph (f) of subsection 4 of section 633.042 Florida Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Florida, or sold or offered for sale to persons located in Florida, unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in subsection 4 of section 633.042 Florida Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in accordance with subsection 5 of section 633.042 Florida Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with subsection 6 of section 633.042 Florida Statutes.

FLA. STAT. ch. 633.042 (2010).
Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.

FLA. STAT. ch. 633.042 (2010).

Preemption
Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
State law supersedes any municipal or county ordinance on the subject of the regulation of smoking.

Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $61,293,054 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 5001) enacted 5/28/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Tobacco Control Program Requirements: Makes small changes to state law specifying requirements for the state tobacco control program.
H.B. 5309 enacted 5/28/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking-Related Pipes/Devices: Prohibits the sale of certain specified smoking-related pipes and devices at retail unless certain conditions are met.
S.B. 366 enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in many enclosed public places. “Public places” are defined as an enclosed area to which the public is invited or permitted; see the statute cited below for a more detailed list of places this definition covers. A private residence is not a public place unless it is used as a licensed child care, adult day care or health care facility. An owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of an establishment, facility, or outdoor area may declare that entire establishment, facility, or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) 20 percent of hotel/motel rooms; 2) retail tobacco stores as defined, provided that secondhand smoke from such stores does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; 3) long-term care facilities as defined; 4) outdoor areas of places of employment; 5) smoking areas in international airports; 6) private and semiprivate rooms in health care facilities; 7) all workplaces of any entity dealing with tobacco products; 8) bars and restaurants as specified; 9) convention facility meeting and assembly rooms in convention facilities not owned, leased or operated by state or local government when these places are used for private functions as specified; 10) smoking areas designated by employers as specified; 11) parts of workplaces open to the general public by appointment only; and 12) private clubs, military officer clubs and noncommissioned officer clubs.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

This chapter shall be cumulative to and shall not prohibit the enactment of any other general or local laws, rules, and regulations of state or local governing authorities or local ordinances prohibiting smoking which are more restrictive than or in direct conflict with this chapter.


Government Buildings

Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed facilities of, including buildings owned, leased, or operated by, the state of Georgia, its agencies and authorities, and any political subdivision of the state, municipal corporation, or local board or authority created by general, local, or special act of the General Assembly or by ordinance or resolution of the governing body of a county or municipal corporation individually or jointly with other political subdivisions or municipalities of the state.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed areas within some places of employment, including, but not limited to, common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, and all other enclosed facilities. Such prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all current employees by July 1, 2005, and to each prospective employee upon their application for employment. Exceptions include outdoor areas of places of employment, and all workplaces of any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor and all tobacco storage facilities. Designated smoking areas are allowed in workplaces if they are located in a non-work area where no person is required to enter as part of their work responsibilities, have a separate ventilation system that exhausts directly to the outside, and is for use by employees only. Additionally, smoking is allowed in common work areas, conference and meeting rooms, and private offices in private places of employment, other than medical facilities, that are open to the general public by appointment only; except that smoking shall be prohibited in any public reception area of such place of employment.


Schools

Smoking is prohibited in educational facilities.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in many enclosed public places and enclosed areas within places of employment, which includes all child care facilities. The term “place of employment” also includes home-based child care facilities.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in health care facilities. “Health care facility” means an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including, but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, homes for the chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. Long-term care facilities as defined are exempt as well as private and semiprivate rooms in healthcare facilities as long as all patient(s) have permission to smoke from their treating physician.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants unless the restaurant denies access to persons under 18 and does not employ persons under 18. Smoking is also allowed in private rooms in restaurants if the room is enclosed, separately ventilated from the rest of the building and the air is exhausted directly to the outside.

Bars
Smoking is allowed in bars unless the bar allows access to persons under 18 and/or employs persons under 18. Smoking is also allowed in private rooms in bars if the room is enclosed, separately ventilated from the rest of the building and the air is exhausted directly to the outside.

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Smoking tobacco in any form is prohibited in a public transit bus, rapid rail car, rapid rail station or intermodal bus station. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to a fine of $50 to $100 for a first violation and $100 to $250 fine and/or ten days in jail for the second and subsequent violations.

Penalties/Enforcement
“No-smoking” signs may be clearly and conspicuously posted and ashtrays must be removed by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited. A person who smokes in a nonsmoking area is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of $100 to $500. The Department of Human Resources and the county boards of health and their duly authorized agents are authorized and empowered to enforce compliance and are allowed to enter upon and inspect the premises of any establishment or business at any reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 37 cents
Date last changed: July 1, 2003 – from 12 cents to 37 cents
Year first enacted: 1923

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $204,783,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
All revenue from the state tax on cigarettes goes to the state general fund.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Loose or Smokeless tobacco: 10% of the wholesale cost price;
Cigars: 23% of the wholesale cost price;
Little cigars (weighing not more than 3 lbs./thousand): 5 cents/20 cigars.
Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes goes to the state general fund.

### Tobacco Control Program Funding

#### Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $116,500,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 4.6%

*Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

### Source of Funding

State funding for Georgia’s tobacco prevention and control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement dollars.

### State Funding Details

Georgia allocated $2,040,172 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $2,149,875 was allocated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 948) enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10.

### Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

#### Compliance/Enforcement

The State Revenue Commissioner, acting through special agents or enforcement officers, shall annually conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed. Persons under the age of 18 years may be enlisted to test compliance; provided, however, that such persons may be used to test compliance only if the testing is conducted under the direct supervision of such special agents or enforcement officers, and written parental consent has been provided. Any other use of persons under the age of 18 years to test compliance with this article shall be unlawful and the person or persons responsible for such use shall be subject to specified penalties.

GA CODE ANN. § 16-12-175 (2000).

#### Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly sell or barter, directly or indirectly, any cigarettes or tobacco-related objects to a minor; to knowingly allow a minor to operate a vending machine that dispenses tobacco products; to purchase any cigarettes or tobacco products or objects for any minor unless the minor is the child of the purchaser; or to advise, counsel or compel any minor to smoke, inhale, chew, or use cigarettes or tobacco related objects. Violation is a misdemeanor. This shall not apply with respect to the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, or tobacco related objects by a person when such person has been furnished with proper identification showing that the person to whom the cigarettes, tobacco products, or tobacco-related objects are sold is 18 years of age or older.


### Sign Posting Requirements

Any person owning or operating a place of business where tobacco products are sold shall in a conspicuous place post a sign containing the following statement: “SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR TOBACCO RELATED OBJECTS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.” Any person who fails to comply with this requirement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

GA CODE ANN. § 16-12-172 (1993).

### Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

In any case where a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in doubt as to whether or not the person to whom cigarettes or tobacco related objects are to be sold or otherwise furnished is actually 18 years of age or older, it shall be the duty of the person selling or otherwise furnishing such cigarettes or tobacco related objects to request to see and to be furnished with proper identification in order to verify the age of such person. “Proper identification” means any document issued by a governmental agency containing a description of the person, such person’s photograph, or both, and giving such person’s date of birth and includes, without being limited to, a passport, military identification card, driver’s license, or a state identification card. Violation is a misdemeanor. The failure to make such request and verification in any case where the person to whom the cigarettes or tobacco related objects are sold or otherwise furnished is less than 18 years of age may be considered by the
trier of fact in determining whether the person selling or otherwise furnishing such cigarettes or tobacco related objects did so knowingly.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

It shall be unlawful for any minor to purchase, attempt to purchase or possess for personal use cigarettes or tobacco related objects, except this shall not apply when a parent or guardian of such minor gives the cigarettes or tobacco related objects to the minor and possession is in the home of the parent or guardian and such parent or guardian is present. It is also unlawful for minors to misrepresent their age or identity to purchase cigarettes or tobacco related objects. A minor who commits an offense may be punished by requiring 20 hours of community service, requiring attendance at a lecture or discussion on the health hazards of smoking, or a combination of both.


Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

It is unlawful for a person to distribute tobacco product samples at no cost to any person under 18 years of age, or for any person under this age to receive such samples. A person distributing tobacco product samples shall require proof of age if an ordinary person would conclude that an individual is younger than 18. Samples also may not be distributed on public streets, sidewalks, or parks within 500 feet of schools or playgrounds when they are being used primarily by persons under 18 years of age. Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

No tax stamp may be affixed to, or made upon, any package of cigarettes or loose or smokeless tobacco if the package differs in any respect with the requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes or loose or smokeless tobacco that is to be sold within the United States. Violation is a misdemeanor. In addition, the applicable license to deal in tobacco products may be revoked upon violation.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

The sale of cigarettes or tobacco related objects from vending machines is restricted to locations not readily accessible to minors, including, but not limited to: 1) factories, businesses, offices; 2) places where alcoholic beverages are offered for sale; 3) areas where minors are not permitted; and 4) rest areas adjacent to roads and highways of the state. Vending machines are also permitted in areas under continuous supervision of an employee of the establishment who will observe the purchase of tobacco products from the machine. Non-tobacco products, other than matches, are not allowed to be dispensed from vending machines that dispense tobacco products.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is a misdemeanor. The sentence for a first offense shall be a fine not to exceed $300.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

Any person who maintains in such person’s place of
business a vending machine which dispenses cigarettes, tobacco products, or tobacco related objects shall place or cause to be placed in a conspicuous place on such vending machine a sign containing the following statement: “THE PURCHASE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR TOBACCO RELATED OBJECTS FROM THIS VENDING MACHINE BY ANY PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.” Violation constitutes a misdemeanor provided, however, penalty for the first offense is a fine not to exceed $300.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Cigarette and cigar manufacturers, dealers (retailers), and distributors must be licensed to sell tobacco products from the state Revenue Commissioner. A separate license shall be required for each place of business. Each license, except a dealer’s license, shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the next succeeding year unless suspended or revoked. Dealer’s licenses are valid indefinitely unless suspended or revoked.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products

Yes – retailers that sell cigars only

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products

Yes – distributors of cigars only

License Fees

Tobacco dealers/retailers: Free of charge;
Manufacturer, importer and distributor licenses: initial $250 annual fee per place of business, annual renewal fee of $50;
Cigarette and other tobacco product vending machine licenses: $1 per machine annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors

No provision.

Smoking Protection Laws

No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

The “Civil Litigation Improvement Act of 2000” limited the amount of the supersedeas bond for the punitive damages portion of a civil judgment to $25 million, and provided that such limitation shall not apply if the court finds after notice and hearing that the appellant has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant is purposefully dissipating or secreting its assets or diverting assets outside the jurisdiction of the United States.

GA CODE ANN. § 5-6-46 (2000).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

Proceeds from the Master Settlement Agreement between the state of Georgia and certain cigarette companies are distributed each year through the annual appropriations process except for any money directed to the One Georgia Authority, see Securitization section below.
Securitization

The One Georgia Authority was created as an instrumentality of the state, and not a state agency, and a public corporation performing an essential governmental function. The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of facilitating economic development, for the improvement of public health, safety, and welfare and for other public purposes through the provision of financing and financial assistance. Any bonds, revenue bonds, or securities of any kind issued may only be secured by obligation of a business, enterprise, or proceeds paid to the state of Georgia pursuant to funds received by the state from the tobacco settlement. The Authority shall not have outstanding at any one time bonds and notes for financing of enterprises exceeding $1 billion.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (h) of Georgia Code section 25-14-3, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Georgia or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Georgia, unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in Georgia Code section 25-14-3; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer in accordance with Georgia Code section 25-14-4; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with Georgia Code section 25-14-5.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.


Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $2,040,172 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 948) enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and partially enclosed places open to the public, including all restaurants and bars, see section 328J-3 Hawaii Revised Statutes for a detailed list. Smoking is also prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas of places of employment, and enclosed or partially enclosed areas and in seating areas of sports arenas, outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheaters. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences, except when used as a licensed child care, adult day care, or health care facility; 2) 20 percent of hotel/motel rooms rented to guests as specified; 3) retail tobacco stores as defined, provided that smoke from these places shall not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; 4) private and semiprivate rooms in nursing homes and long-term care facilities as specified; 5) outdoor areas of places of employment; 6) all areas covered by this chapter when smoking is part of a production being filmed; and 7) state correctional facilities, provided that smoking is only allowed by employees and volunteers of a correctional facility in an area outside the secure confines of the facility restricted from access by inmates or detainees.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or in any manner affect a county smoking ordinance; provided that the ordinance is at least as protective of the rights of nonsmokers as this chapter, and nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a county from enacting ordinances more stringent than this chapter.


Government Buildings
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas, including buildings and vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the state or any county. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. Smoking areas for employees and volunteers are allowed outside the secure confines of state correctional facilities.


Private Workplaces
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas of places of employment. “Place of employment” is defined as an area under the control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including but not limited to auditoriums, cafeterias, classrooms, clubs, common work areas, conference rooms, elevators, employee lounges, hallways, medical facilities, meeting rooms, private offices, restrooms, and stairs. A private residence is not a “place of employment” unless it is used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. Outdoor areas of places of employment are exempt.


Schools
Use of tobacco is prohibited in all public schools and at all public school functions, grades kindergarten through 12th grade. The Department of Education shall provide affected public employees with breaks throughout the work day during which they may smoke at locations off-campus. The Department of Education shall also provide a smoking cessation program for public employees who are interested in participating.


To the extent not covered above, smoking shall
be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public, including both public and private educational facilities. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public, including licensed child care and adult day care facilities. Home-based child care facilities are included. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public, including health care facilities. “Health care facility” is defined as an office or institution, including all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and wards, which provides care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including but not limited to hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. Health care facilities in private residences are specifically included. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Restaurants
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public, including restaurants. “Restaurant” is defined as an eating establishment, including but not limited to coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, and private and public school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term “restaurant” includes a bar area within the restaurant and outdoor areas of restaurants. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Bars
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed or partially enclosed areas open to the public, including bars and nightclubs. “Bar” is defined as an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises regardless of whether food is served, including but not limited to taverns, cocktail lounges, and cabarets, including outdoor areas of bars. “Nightclub” is defined as an establishment in which live entertainment is provided or facilities for dancing by patrons either by live entertainment or recorded music may be provided, regardless of whether alcoholic beverages are served. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 20 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed or partially enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Penalties/Enforcement
Clearly legible signs that include the words “Smoking Prohibited by Law” or the international “No Smoking” symbol shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in and at the entrance to every place open to the public and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of that place. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited shall be guilty of a violation and fined not more than $50. Police officers
are empowered to issue citations. A person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls any place or facility designated by this chapter and fails to comply with this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and fined not more than $100 for a first violation, not more than $200 for a second violation within one year of the first violation and $500 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation. Violation may also result in the suspension or revocation of any permit or license issued to the person or the place for the premises on which the violation occurred. Each day on which a violation occurs will be considered a separate offense. Enforcement of this law will be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health.


## Tobacco Taxes

### Tax on Cigarettes

- **Tax rate per pack of 20:** $3.00
- **Date last changed:** July 1, 2010 – from $2.60 to $3.00
- **Year first enacted:** 1939

HAW. REV. STAT. § 245-3 (2010).

Note: The cigarette tax is scheduled under legislation passed in 2010 to increase by an additional 20 cents on July 1, 2011, which will bring Hawaii’s total cigarette tax to $3.20 per pack.


### Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $104,434,000

### Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

All cigarette tax revenue is directed to the state general fund except revenue from 80 cents of the cigarette tax is deposited in several funds related to cancer research, the state trauma system, community health centers and emergency medical services.


### Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

- All moneys collected shall be paid into the state treasury as state realizations, provided that of the moneys collected under the tax imposed pursuant to:
  1. section 245-3(a)(8) Hawaii statutes after June 30, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2013—2 cents per cigarette to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund (HCRSF), 0.75 cents per cigarette to the Trauma System Special Fund (TSSF), 0.75 cents per cigarette to the Community Health Centers Special Fund (CHCSF), and 0.5 cents per cigarette to the Emergency Medical Services Special Fund (EMSSF);
  2. section 245-3(a)(11) Hawaii statutes after June 30, 2013—2 cents per cigarette to the HCRSF, 1.5 cents per cigarette to the TSSF, 1.25 cents per cigarette to the CHCSF and 1.25 cents per cigarette to the EMSSF.


### Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

- **Little cigars (less than 4 pounds/thousand):** 15 cents/cigar;
- **Large cigars:** 50% of the wholesale price;
- **All other tobacco products:** 70% of the wholesale price.

HAW. REV. STAT. § 245-3 (2010).

### Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from the taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes is directed to the state general fund.


## Tobacco Control Program Funding

### Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

- **FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs:** $9,294,332
- **FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs:** $1,168,456 *
- **FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs:** $10,462,788
- **Funding Level Recommended by CDC:** $15,200,000
- **Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level:** 68.8%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

### Source of Funding

State funding for Hawaii’s tobacco prevention and control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

### State Funding Details

Expected non-federal expenditure of $9,294,332 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs.


Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
Hawaii established a Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Board to develop, in collaboration with the state Department of Health, a strategic plan for tobacco prevention and control.

HAW. REV. STAT. § 328L-6 (1999).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

18

Compliance/Enforcement
The Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division has a cooperative agreement with the University of Hawaii, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii to give technical assistance to police departments in conducting tobacco sale inspections to enforce section 709-908 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. They are required to complete a minimum number of compliance checks per contract year, and recruit minor volunteers ages 15 to 17 to assist with the inspections. The Cancer Research Center must follow certain requirements concerning minor volunteers such as obtaining written parental consent and ensure that minors do not carry false identification or lie during compliance checks.


The Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, has a cooperative agreement with police departments across the islands to enforce HAW REV. STAT. § 709-908 by conducting a certain number of inspections by minor volunteers of places where tobacco products are sold at retail.

Annual Memorandums of Agreement with Police Departments (2010).

Penalties for Sales to Minors
No person shall sell or furnish tobacco to a minor less than 18 years of age. Any person who violates this law shall be fined not more than $500 for the first offense and $500 to $2,000 for subsequent offenses. Retail clerks and not the owner of the store are cited for violations.


Sign Posting Requirements
Signs using the statement, “THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 IS PROHIBITED,” shall be posted at or near the point of sale where tobacco products are sold in letters at least one-half inch high. Any person who violates this law shall be fined $500 for the first offense and $500 to $2,000 for subsequent offenses.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
Any minor under the age of 18 who purchases any tobacco product shall be fined $10 for the first offense and $50 or 48 to 72 hours of community service for subsequent offenses. This provision does not apply if a person under the age of 18, with parental notification, is participating in a controlled purchase as part of a law enforcement activity or a study authorized by the Department of Health.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
It is unlawful to ship cigarettes to a person or entity that is not: 1) licensed to sell or possess tobacco products by the state, 2) an export warehouse proprietor or 3) an operator of a customs-bonded warehouse. This does not apply if the cigarettes are exempt from taxes, all applicable Hawaii taxes are paid, or the person or entity has fully complied with the federal Jenkins Act and includes a specified notice on the shipping container. Violation is a Class C felony if 1,000 or more cigarettes are shipped illegally, and a misdemeanor if less than 1,000 cigarettes are shipped illegally. A delivery service is exempt if it is not a knowing participant.
in violating this law. Other tobacco products are excluded from these requirements.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
It is unlawful to distribute sample tobacco products on or in any public street, sidewalk, or park or within 1,000 feet of any school attended by minors. The distribution of tobacco promotional materials or tobacco coupons within 1,000 feet of any school attended by minors is prohibited. This statute does not apply to commercial establishments where distribution is not visible to the public or establishments that prohibit minors. Violators will be fined not more than $1,000.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
It is unlawful to sell single cigarettes or packs of cigarettes containing less than 20 cigarettes. It is unlawful to sell cigarettes other than in sealed packages originating with the manufacturer and bearing the health warning required by law. Violators will be fined no more than $2,500 for the first offense and $100-$5,000 for any subsequent offense. Knowingly violating this section is a Class C felony.


It shall be unlawful for an entity to possess, keep, store, retain, transport, sell, or offer to sell, distribute, acquire, hold, own, import, or cause to be imported into the state any cigarette the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by federal law regarding warnings and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged, or imported for sale, distribution, or use in the United States, including, but not limited to, the specific warning labels specified in the federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Any person who knowingly violates this section shall be guilty of a Class C felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than $10,000, and/or may be imprisoned for one to five years.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
The sale of cigarettes from vending machines is prohibited unless the vending machine is located in a bar, cabaret, or any other establishment for which the minimum age of admission is 18. It is also unlawful to sell cigarettes from a lunch wagon within 1,000 feet of any public or private elementary or secondary grounds.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violations are subject to a fine of up to $1,000 per day for each violation.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
A sign stating “THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 IS PROHIBITED” shall be posted on or near any vending machine in letters at least one-half inch high. A person who fails to post the appropriate sign shall be fined $500 for the first offense and $500 to $2,000 for subsequent offenses.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of and sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.
**Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**

**Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of a wholesaler or dealer in the state without having received a license issued by the Department of Taxation; provided that this section shall not be construed to supersede any other law relating to licensing of persons in the same business. The license shall be renewable annually on July 1st for the 12 months ending the succeeding June 30th. The license may be suspended, revoked or not renewed by the department for specified reasons.


Every retailer engaged in the retail sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products shall obtain a retail tobacco permit. Permits shall be valid for one year, from December 1 to November 30, and renewable annually. A separate retail tobacco permit shall be obtained for each place of business owned, controlled, or operated by a retailer. A retail tobacco permit shall be non-assignable and nontransferrable from one entity to another, and shall be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place at the place of business. Sales of cigarettes and tobacco products from vending machines are subject to the licensing requirements. Beginning March 1, 2007, a person or entity that knowingly fails to obtain the required permit and, for the purposes of retail sale, recklessly sells, possesses, stores, acquires, distributes, or transports 5,000 or more cigarettes is guilty of unlawful tobacco retailing in the 1st degree punishable as a misdemeanor for the 1st offense and a Class C felony for subsequent offenses within five years of the first offense. A person or entity that knowingly fails to obtain the required permit and, for the purposes of retail sale, recklessly sells, possesses, stores, acquires, distributes, or transports fewer than 5,000 cigarettes or any tobacco products is guilty of unlawful tobacco retailing in the 2nd degree punishable as a petty misdemeanor for the 1st offense and a misdemeanor for subsequent offenses within five years of the first offense.

HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 245-2.5 to 245-2.7 (2009).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees

- Wholesalers and dealers: $2.50 per license application;
  Retailers: $20 per permit.
  HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 245-2 & 245-2.5(c) (2005).

License Suspension for Sales to Minors

No provision.

**Smoking Protection Laws**

No state law/regulation.

**Advertising & Promotion**

No state law/regulation.

**Product Disclosure**

No state law/regulation.

**Divestment**

No state law/regulation.

**Liability**

**Tobacco Industry Liability**

In civil litigation under any legal theory involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), the supersedeas bond to be furnished to stay the execution of the judgment during the entire course of appellate review shall be set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total bond that is required of all appellants collectively shall not exceed $150 million, regardless of the amount of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid the payment of a judgment, a court may require the appellant to post a bond in
In any civil action brought under any legal theory, the amount of a supersedeas bond or other form of security necessary to stay execution of a judgment granting legal, equitable, or any other form of relief during the entire course of all appeals or discretionary review of that judgment by all appellate courts shall be set in accordance with applicable law, except that the total amount of the supersedeas bond or other form of security that is required of any party shall not exceed $25 million regardless of the amount of the judgment that is appealed. If the party posting the bond is a “small business concern,” the required supersedeas bond is capped at $1 million. If a party in whose favor the judgment has been entered proves to a court by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant who has posted a supersedeas bond is intentionally dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding payment of the judgment, a court may require the appellant to post a supersedeas bond in an amount up to the total amount of the judgment appealed. This statute does not apply to MSA signatories, which are covered by a separate, existing statute (see above).


Note: On June 1, 2009, $20 million and on July 1, 2010 & July 1, 2011 up to $7.2 million was transferred from the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to the state general fund to plug state budget deficits in FY2010 and FY2011. Any interest earned through short-term investment of moneys in the Tobacco Settlement Special Fund and Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2015 can be deposited into the state general fund as well.

S.B. 884 enacted 5/28/09 and effective 6/1/09 & H.B. 2542 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) and effective 7/6/10.

There is established the Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund as a separate fund of a nonprofit entity having a board of directors and qualifying under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, into which shall be deposited a set percentage of the annual MSA payments. Up to 50 percent of the total market value of the trust fund on the preceding June 30th, may be spent for tobacco prevention and control, including but not limited to, reducing cigarette smoking and tobacco use among youth and adults through education and enforcement activities, and controlling and preventing chronic diseases where tobacco is a risk factor.

the manufacturer has filed a written certification with the state Fire Council in accordance with section 132C-4(a) Hawaii Revised Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 132C-4(b) Hawaii Revised Statutes.

HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 132C-1 to 132C-8 (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesaler or any other person or entity that knowingly sells cigarettes, except by licensed retail sales, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. A manufacturer that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.

HAW. REV. STAT. §§ 132C-1 to 132C-8 (2009).

■ Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Expected non-federal expenditure of $9,294,332 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in 2010/2011.


Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by an additional 20 cents on top of a 20 cent increase passed in 2009. This means the tax will increase by 40 cents total on July 1, 2010 to $3.00 per pack.


Tobacco Settlement/Tobacco Taxes: Transfers up to $7.2 million from the Hawaii Tobacco Settlement Special Fund to the state general fund on July 1, 2010. Changes the way a portion of cigarette tax revenue is distributed.

H.B. 2542 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) and effective 7/6/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Changes the definition of little cigars and large cigars for tobacco tax purposes.

S.B. 1230 enacted 5/11/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in most public places, publicly-owned buildings or offices or at public meetings. Major exceptions include stand-alone bars and smoking rooms in small workplaces, see below.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) bars as defined; 2) retail tobacco stores as defined; 3) buildings owned and operated by social, fraternal, or religious organizations when used by the membership of the organization, their guests or families, or any facility that is rented or leased for private functions from which the public is excluded and for which arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the function; 4) hotel and motel rooms designated as smoking rooms; 5) theatrical production sites, if smoking is an integral part of the story in the theatrical production; 6) certain areas of owner-operated businesses; 7) any office or business, other than child care facilities, located within the proprietor's private home as specified; 8) Idaho state veterans homes in designated areas, provided that physical barriers and ventilation systems are used to reduce smoke in adjacent nonsmoking areas; and 9) designated employee break rooms established by a small business owner employing five or fewer employees subject to certain conditions.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances on smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to prevent local, county or municipal governments from adopting ordinances or regulations more restrictive than the provisions contained herein.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in any publicly-owned buildings or offices. These are defined as any enclosed indoor place or portion of a place owned, leased or rented by any state, county or municipal government, or by any agency supported by appropriation of, or by contracts or grants from, funds derived from the collection of federal, state, municipal or county taxes.


By Executive Order, smoking is prohibited in all state-owned or state-leased buildings, facilities, or areas occupied by state employees except for custodial care and full-time residential facilities. Policies governing smoking in custodial care and full-time residential facilities may be determined by the directors of such facilities.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in many private workplaces. However, small businesses with five or fewer employees can establish designated employee break rooms as long as the following conditions regarding break rooms are met: 1) it is not accessible to minors; 2) it is separated from other parts of the building by a floor to ceiling partition; 3) it is not the sole means of entrance or exit to the establishment or its restrooms and is located in an area where no employee is required to enter as part of the employee’s work responsibilities; the term “work responsibilities” does not include custodial or maintenance work performed in a break-room when it is unoccupied; and 4) “Warning: Smoking Permitted” signs are prominently posted in the smoking break-room and properly maintained by the employer. Smoking is also allowed in areas of owner-operated businesses with no employees other than the operator, that are not commonly open to the public, and any office or business, other than child care facilities, located within the proprietor’s private home when all such offices and/or businesses occupy less than 50 percent of the total area within the private home. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an employer from prohibiting smoking in an enclosed place of employment.


Schools

Smoking is prohibited in public or private elementary or secondary school buildings and educational
facilities and within 20 feet of entrances and exits of such buildings or facilities.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in any child care facility subject to licensure under the laws of Idaho, including those operated in private homes, when any child cared for under that license is present.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in hospitals and within 20 feet of public entrances and exits to such facilities. Smoking is also prohibited in the common areas of nursing homes.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants. Restaurant is defined as an eating establishment including, but not limited to, coffee shops, cafes, cafeterias, and private and public school cafeterias, which give or offer for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term restaurant shall include a bar area within a restaurant.

Bars
Smoking is allowed in bars. Bar is defined as any indoor area open to the public operated primarily for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and where: the service of food is incidental to the consumption of such beverages, or no person under the age of 21 years is permitted except employees, musicians and singers, and all public entrances are clearly posted with signs warning patrons that it is a smoking facility and that persons under 21 years of age are not permitted. The term bar does not include any area within a restaurant.

Penalties/Enforcement
Any employer or other person in charge of a public place or publicly-owned building, or the agent or employee of such person, who observes a person smoking in apparent violation shall ask the person to extinguish all lighted tobacco products. If the person persists in violating, the employer, person in charge, agent or employee shall ask the person to leave the premises. Any person who refuses to either extinguish all lighted tobacco products or leave the premises is guilty of an infraction and is subject to a fine not to exceed $50. Any violation may be reported to a law enforcement officer.

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 57 cents
Date last changed: June 1, 2003 – from 28 cents to 57 cents
Year first enacted: 1945

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $43,976,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from the state cigarette tax is distributed to several specific purposes, most of them not health-related, see below. A small amount of money from the Cancer Control Fund is used for tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
Revenues from the cigarette tax are distributed as follows: 5.1746 cents to the public school income fund to provide substance abuse programs in the state public schools, and 5.1746 cents to the Department of Juvenile Corrections for county juvenile probation services. After that an unspecified amount is distributed to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims. Then 17.3 percent of the balance is distributed to a permanent building fund, 0.4 percent is distributed to the central tumor registry account, 1 percent is distributed to the cancer control account, an amount equal to the annual general fund appropriation for bond levy equalization pursuant to section 33-
906 IDAHO CODE is distributed annually to the state general fund, and all remaining monies go to a permanent building fund to be used to repair, remodel and restore the state capitol building. Once that project has been certified as completed, remaining monies go to an economic recovery reserve fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 40% of the wholesale sales price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes goes to the state general fund, substance abuse programs in public schools and county juvenile probation services.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
1) The revenue from the other tobacco products tax imposed by IDAHO CODE section 63-2552 is distributed as follows: an unspecified amount to the state refund account sufficient to pay current refund claims and the balance is distributed to the general fund;

2) The revenue from the other tobacco products tax imposed by IDAHO CODE section 63-2552a is distributed as follows: 50 percent to the public school income fund to pay for substance abuse programs in the public schools and 50 percent to the Department of Juvenile Corrections for county juvenile probation services.


Source of Funding
State funding for Idaho’s tobacco prevention and control program comes from Master Settlement Agreement dollars and state cigarette tax revenue.

State Funding Details
Idaho allocated $2,346,900 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from the state’s annual MSA payment and state cigarette tax revenue. In FY2010, $1,775,700 was allocated.


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Compliance/Enforcement
The Department of Health and Welfare must conduct at least one random, unannounced inspection per year at all locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed at retail to ensure compliance. These inspections must be done with the assistance of a minor except permittees that hold a “minor exempt permit.” A “minor exempt permittee” is a permittee whose revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption comprise at least 55 percent of total revenues; or whose products and services are primarily obscene, pornographic, profane or sexually oriented; or if minors are not allowed in the location and such prohibition is posted clearly on all entrance doors. Minors may assist with random, unannounced inspections with the written consent of a parent or legal guardian. When assisting with these inspections, minors shall not provide false identification, nor make any false statement regarding their age. Each year, the department shall conduct random, unannounced inspections equal to the number of permittees multiplied by the violation percentage reported for the previous year multiplied by a factor of ten.


Tobacco Control Program Funding
Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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| Funding Level Recommended by CDC | $16,900,000 |
| Percentage of CDC Recommended Level | 22.5% |

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.
Penalties for Sales to Minors
It is illegal to sell, distribute or offer tobacco products to minors. For a non-permittee, selling or distributing tobacco products to a minor is subject to a fine of $100. Any permittee who sells or distributes tobacco products to minors shall be notified in writing about the potential fines for further violations for a first violation. For a second violation, a permittee shall not be fined if the permittee can show that a training program was in place for the employee and the permittee has a form signed by that employee on file stating that they understand the tobacco laws dealing with minors and the unlawful purchase of tobacco, but if no training program is in place the permittee will be fined $200. For a third violation within two years, the permittee shall be fined $200 and the permit may be suspended for up to seven days. If the violation is by an employee, at the same location, who was involved in any previous citation for violation, the permittee shall be fined $400. Effective training and employment practices by the permittee, as determined by the Department of Health and Welfare shall be a mitigating factor in determining permit suspension. For a fourth and subsequent violations within a two year period, the permittee shall be fined $400 and the permit shall be revoked until such time that the permittee demonstrates an effective training plan, but in no case shall the revocation be for less than 30 days. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the person furnishing the tobacco product was presented with and relied on a photographic identification identifying the purchaser as being 18 years of age or older.

Sign Posting Requirements
Retailers may display a sign within a place of business where tobacco products are sold or distributed. The sign must state: “STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD. PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED. ANYONE WHO Sells OR Distributes TOBACCO TO A MINOR IS SUBJECT TO STRICT FINES AND PENALTIES. MINORS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES AND PENALTIES.”

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is illegal for a minor to purchase, receive, possess, sell, distribute, use or consume tobacco products. It is unlawful for a minor to provide false identification, or make any false statement regarding their age in an attempt to obtain tobacco products. This does not bar minors from participating in compliance checks. A minor may possess but not sell or distribute tobacco products in the course of employment, for duties such as stocking shelves or carrying purchases to customers’ vehicles. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not exceeding six months and/or a fine not exceeding $300. In addition, the court may require the minor and the minor’s parents or legal guardian to attend tobacco awareness programs or perform community service in programs related to tobacco awareness.

Placement of Tobacco Products
It is unlawful to sell or distribute tobacco products from self-service displays. Customers are not allowed access to tobacco products except through the assistance of the seller. Stores with tobacco products compromising at least 75 percent of total merchandise are exempt from requiring vendor assisted sales, if minors are not allowed in the store and such prohibition is posted clearly on all entrance doors. Tobacco product permittees are subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section upon violation except a permittee shall be fined $200 for a second violation and notified in writing of penalties for further violations.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No permittee shall mail or ship tobacco products in connection with a delivery sale order unless, before mailing or shipping such tobacco products, the permittee accepting the delivery sale order first obtains from the prospective customer a certification which includes proof of age that the purchaser is at least 18 years old, the credit or debit card used for payment has been issued in the purchaser’s name, and the address to which the cigarettes are being sent.
shipped match the credit card company’s address for the cardholder. Prior to making delivery sales or shipping tobacco products in connection with any such sales, every business shall obtain a permit from the Department of Health and Welfare. Violation by a permittee or non-permittee is subject to the same penalties as other youth access laws.


Note: Some parts of the above law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in state law restricting youth access to tobacco products shall be construed to prohibit local units of government from passing ordinances which are more stringent than state law. Provided however, local units of government shall not have the power to require a permit or license for the sale or distribution of tobacco products.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

It is illegal to sell or distribute tobacco products for free or below cost to members of the general public in public places or at public events. Tobacco product permittees are subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section upon violation except a permittee shall be fined $200 for a second violation and notified in writing of penalties for further violations.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is illegal to sell or distribute tobacco products other than in the federally required sealed package provided by the manufacturer with all the required warning labels and health warnings. Tobacco product permittees are subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section upon violation except a permittee shall be fined $200 for a second violation and notified in writing of penalties for further violations.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in state law restricting youth access to tobacco products shall be construed to prohibit local units of government from passing ordinances which are more stringent than state law. Provided however, local units of government shall not have the power to require a permit or license for the sale or distribution of tobacco products.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

It is unlawful to sell or distribute tobacco products from a vending machine.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Tobacco product permittees are subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section upon violation, except a permittee shall be fined $200 for a second violation and notified in writing of penalties for further violations.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances restricting placement of and sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in state law restricting youth access to tobacco products shall be construed to prohibit local units of government from passing ordinances which are more stringent than state law. Provided however, local units of government shall not have the power to require a permit or license for the sale or distribution of tobacco products.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Wholesalers must obtain a permit from the state Tax Commission to sell cigarettes. The permit is non-assignable and will remain in force indefinitely. Failure to possess a valid permit is subject to, after receiving a written notice from the state Tax Commission, a civil penalty of $100, with each day constituting a separate offense. A permit is also required of all distributors of tobacco products other than cigarettes.


Retailers must obtain a tobacco permit to sell or distribute tobacco products from the state Department of Health and Welfare. Permits shall be issued annually and a separate permit is required for each place of business. Any person who sells tobacco products without a permit is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in county jail, and/or a $300 fine. If the sale or distribution of tobacco products was to a minor, the fine shall be no less than $500 or more than $1,000. The court may impose an additional fine of $1,000 per day beginning the day following the date of citation as long as the illegal tobacco sales or distribution continues.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Wholesalers: $50;
Retailers: Free of Charge.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Any permittee who sells or distributes tobacco products to minors may have his permit suspended for seven days for a third violation. Effective training and employment practices by the permittee shall be a mitigating factor in determining permit suspension. For the fourth and subsequent violations the permit shall be revoked until such time that the permittee demonstrates an effective training plan to the Department of Health and Welfare, but in no case shall the revocation be for less than 30 days.


Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability
If a plaintiff in a civil action obtains a judgment for punitive damages, the supersedeas bond or cash deposit requirements shall be waived as to that portion of the punitive damages that exceeds $1 million if the party or parties found liable seek a stay of enforcement of the judgment during the appeal. If the plaintiff proves by a preponderance of the evidence that a party bringing an appeal, for whom the supersedeas bond or cash deposit requirement has been waived, is purposefully dissipating its assets or diverting assets outside the jurisdiction of the United States courts, the waiver may be rescinded and the bond or cash deposit requirements may be reinstated for the full amount of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Eighty percent of Idaho’s annual Master Settlement
Agreement payment is deposited in the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund and the remaining 20 percent is deposited in the Idaho Millennium Fund. A small percentage from each fund is then transferred each fiscal year to the Idaho Millennium Income Fund, and money in that fund can be appropriated by the legislature. A portion of this money usually is allocated to tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

There is hereby created in the state treasury the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund. The fund shall consist of 80 percent of the moneys received by the state of Idaho on and after January 1, 2007, pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), money provided by legislative appropriations, or other specified sources. The moneys received annually for deposit to the fund, including earnings, shall forever remain inviolate and intact. On the 1st business day of July, the state treasurer shall distribute to the Idaho Millennium Income Fund five percent of the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund’s average monthly fair market value of the first 12 months of the preceding 24 months.


There is hereby created in the state treasury the Idaho Millennium Fund. The fund shall consist of 20 percent of the moneys after January 1, 2007, received pursuant to the MSA, funds provided by legislative appropriation, or other specified sources. Money in the fund is not subject to appropriation or distribution, except as provided below. On the first business day of July, the state treasurer shall distribute to the Idaho Millennium Income Fund five percent of the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund’s average monthly fair market value for the first 12 months of the preceding 24 months. The balance of the Millennium Fund shall not exceed $100 million, and any amount in excess will be transferred to the Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund.


There is hereby created in the state treasury the Idaho Millennium Income Fund. The fund shall consist of distributions from the Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund, the Idaho Millennium Fund and such moneys that may be provided by legislative appropriations. The uses of this fund shall be determined by legislative appropriation.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (7) of section 39-8903 Idaho Code, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Idaho or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Idaho unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 39-8903, Idaho Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 39-8904, Idaho Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 39-8905, Idaho Code.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity that knowingly sells cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Local communities cannot issue or require a permit or license for the sale or distribution of tobacco products.
**Legislative Activity**

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $2,346,900 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

No person shall smoke in a public place or in any place of employment, including restaurants, bars and casinos or within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, window that opens or ventilation intake serving a public place or place of employment. See the definitions of public place and place of employment in the statutes cited below for more details on locations covered.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences or dwelling places, except when used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility or any other home-based business open to the public; 2) retail tobacco stores as defined; 3) up to 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms subject to certain conditions; 5) enclosed laboratories, not open to the public, in an accredited university or government facility where smoking is exclusively conducted for the purpose of medical or scientific health-related research; and 6) common smoking rooms in long-term care facilities operated under the authority of the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs or licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act as specified. The definition of smoking in the law does not include smoking that is associated with a native recognized religious ceremony, ritual, or activity by American Indians that is in accordance with the federal American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Any home-rule unit of local government, any non-home rule municipality or any non-home rule county within the unincorporated territory of the county in this state may regulate smoking in public places, but that regulation must be no less restrictive than state law. In addition, any home rule unit of local government, any non-home rule municipality, or any non-home rule county within the unincorporated territory of the county may regulate smoking in any enclosed indoor area used by the public or serving as a place of work if the area does not fall within the definition of a “public place” under state law.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/65 (2008).

Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes places open to the public owned by the state of Illinois or any public entity. Smoking is also prohibited in places of employment, the definition of which includes all public places of employment. For the above, smoking is also prohibited within 15 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. No person may smoke in any vehicle owned, leased, or operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in all places of employment as defined, including a minimum distance of 15 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. A private residence or home-based business, unless used to provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar social service care on the premises, is not a “place of employment”. Retail tobacco stores are also exempt, and the definition includes an enclosed workplace that manufactures, imports, or distributes tobacco or tobacco products as specified.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Schools

Each school board and Board of Education in cities of over 500,000 people shall prohibit the use of tobacco on school property by any school personnel, student or other person when such property is being used for any school purposes. The school board may not authorize or permit any exception to the prohibition at any place or at any time, including without limitation outside of school buildings or before or after the regular school day. “School purposes” include but are not limited to, all events, activities or other use of school property that are
authorized by school officials including all interscholastic or extracurricular athletic, academic or other sponsored events in which pupils participate.


To the extent not covered in the law above, smoking is prohibited in educational facilities. Smoking is also specifically prohibited in any portion of the living quarters, including, but not limited to, sleeping rooms, dining areas, restrooms, laundry areas, lobbies, and hallways, of a building used in whole or in part as a student dormitory that is owned and operated or otherwise utilized by a public or private institution of higher education.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking tobacco products is prohibited in any area of an operating child care center regardless of whether children are present. Smoking tobacco products is prohibited in any area of a day care home, or group day care home in which daycare services are being provided, while those children are present. This does not prohibit smoking in the home in the presence of a person’s own children or of children to whom day care services are not then being provided. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor and in case of an association or corporation, imprisonment may be imposed upon its officers who knowingly participated in the violation. It is a violation if any person responsible for the operation of a day care center, day care home, or group day care home knowingly allows or encourages any violation.


Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, including child care facilities. This specifically includes private residences or home-based businesses that provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care or other similar social service care on the premises.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places the definition of which includes hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities and clinics as defined. Smoking is still allowed in common smoking rooms in long-term care facilities operated under the authority of the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs or licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act that are accessible only to residents who are smokers and have requested in writing to have access to the common smoking room where smoking is permitted and the smoke shall not infiltrate other areas of the long-term care facility.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Patients, individuals who accompany a patient and emergency medical services personnel may not smoke while inside an ambulance or SEMSV. The Department of Public Health may impose a civil penalty on an individual who violates this subsection in the amount of $100.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants. Restaurant is defined as an eating establishment, including, but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands and private and public school cafeterias, that gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, and a kitchen or catering facility in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The definition specifically includes a bar area within a restaurant.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in bars/taverns. Bar is defined as an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and that derives no more than 10 percent of its gross revenue from the sale of food consumed on the premises. “Bar” includes, but is not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, adult entertainment facilities, and cabarets.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 82/1 et seq. (2011).

Penalties/Enforcement
“No Smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited shall be fined $100 for a first offense and $250 for each subsequent offense. A person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment and allows smoking to occur shall be fined $250 for the first
violation, $500 for the second violation within one year after the first violation and $2,500 for each additional violation within one year after the first violation. Each day a violation occurs is a separate offense. The state Department of Health, state-certified local public health departments and local law enforcement agencies shall enforce the provisions of this act through the issuance of citations as specified and may assess the fines above. A telephone number will be established to report violations. An action may be instituted in circuit court to enjoin repeated violations.


**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: 98 cents

Date last changed: July 1, 2002 – from 58 cents to 98 cents

Year first enacted: 1941


**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

- Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $562,578,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**

Portions of cigarette tax revenue are directed to the Common School Fund, the School Infrastructure Fund, the Long Term Care Provider Fund; and the General Revenue Fund.


**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**

Except for $9 million in revenue from 8 cents of the cigarette tax and all revenue from 14 cents of the cigarette tax dedicated to the Common School Fund, revenue from the cigarette tax is distributed each month as follows:

1) There shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund an amount that, when added to the amount paid into the Common School Fund above for that month, equals $29,200,000; then from the moneys remaining, if any amounts required to be paid into the General Revenue Fund in previous months remain unpaid, those amounts shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund;

2) From the moneys remaining, $5,000,000 per month shall be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund; then, if any amounts required to be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund in previous months remain unpaid, those amounts shall be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund;


**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

All other tobacco products: 18% of the wholesale purchase price.

35 ILL. COMP. STAT. 143/10-10 (1995).

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary**

All the revenue from the excise tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes goes to the Long Term Care Provider Fund in the state Treasury.

35 ILL. COMP. STAT. 143/10-10 (1995).

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $9,500,000
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $7,825,070 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $17,325,070
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $157,000,000
- Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 11%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Illinois’ tobacco prevention and control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

**State Funding Details**

Illinois appropriated $9,500,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $8,500,000 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 859) enacted and effective 7/11/10.

**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission is designated as the agency responsible for complying with federal regulations regarding sales of tobacco products to minors, including conducting the required compliance inspections. The commission also created the Kids Can’t Buy ‘Em Here (KCBEH) Campaign. Approximately $1 million in grants are awarded to some, but not all, communities each year for retailer education and to perform tobacco compliance checks on retailers.

Illinois Liquor Control Commission KCBEH Campaign website (2010).

Penalties for Sales to Minors

No person shall sell, buy for, distribute samples of or furnish any tobacco product to a person less than 18 years of age. Violators are guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined $200 for the first offense, $400 for the second offense in a 12-month period and $600 for subsequent offenses within a 12-month period.


No person shall knowingly sell, deliver or give away cigarette papers or other tobacco accessories to minors. No person shall knowingly offer, sell, barter, exchange, deliver or give away cigarette paper except from premises or an establishment where other tobacco products are sold. Violators shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 685/1 et seq. (2001).

Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes

No person shall knowingly sell, barter, exchange, deliver, or give away a bidi cigarette to another person, or shall a person cause or permit or procure a bidi cigarette to be sold, bartered, exchanged, delivered, or given away to another person. Violation is a petty offense for which the offender may be fined for a first offense up to $500, for a second offense within a two-year period not less than $250 and not more than $500 and for a third or subsequent offense within a two-year period not less than $500 and not more than $1,000.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

No person under 18 years of age shall buy any tobacco product, or in the furtherance or facilitation of obtaining any tobacco product display or use a false or forged identification card or transfer, alter, or deface an identification card. It is not a violation if the minor purchases a tobacco product as part of an enforcement action or effort to determine compliance. Violators are guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined $200 for the first offense, $400 for the second offense within a 12-month period and $600 for subsequent offenses within a 12-month period.


No minor under 18 years of age shall possess any tobacco product. It is not a violation if a minor possesses a tobacco product as part of an enforcement action or effort to determine compliance or as a person employed by a retailer of tobacco products. Violation is a petty offense and subject to: 15 hours of community service and a fine of $25 for a first violation; 25 hours of community service and a fine of $50 for a second violation within 12 months of the first violation; and 30 hours of community service and a fine of $100 for a third or subsequent violation within 12 months of the first violation. If convicted or placed on supervision for a violation, the court may order that minor and their parents or legal guardian to attend a smoker’s education or
youth diversion program if available.

Any minor who uses false or forged identification to obtain cigarette papers or other tobacco accessories shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.
720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 685/1 et seq. (2001).

Placement of Tobacco Products
All single packs of cigarettes must be sold from behind the counter, in an age restricted area or in a sealed display case. Any other tobacco products must be sold in the line of sight, which means visible to a cashier or other employee. These restrictions do not apply to a retail tobacco store that derives 90 percent of its revenue from tobacco and tobacco related products, does not allow people under 18 to enter the premises unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and posts a sign on the main entrance stating that persons under the age of 18 are prohibited from entering unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Violation is a petty offense subject to a fine of $100 to $1,000.
720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 677/1 et seq. (2005).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
It is unlawful for any person engaged in the business of selling cigarettes to ship or cause to be shipped any cigarettes in Illinois unless: the person shipping the cigarettes is licensed as a distributor or the person delivers the cigarettes to a licensed distributor; or ships them to an export warehouse proprietor or an operator of a customs bonded warehouse. A common or contract carrier may transport cigarettes to any individual person in Illinois only if the carrier reasonably believes such cigarettes have been received from a person who is licensed as a distributor. A common or contract carrier may not complete the delivery of any cigarettes unless the purchaser displays a government-issued identification that shows the person is at least 18, and signs a written statement certifying the purchaser’s address and age. First violation is a Class A misdemeanor and the Illinois Department of Revenue shall impose a civil penalty of $5,000. Second and subsequent violations are a Class Four felony and a civil penalty of $5,000 for each violation.
720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 678/1 et seq. (2004).

Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
A person shall not distribute without charge samples of any tobacco product to any other person, regardless of age: 1) within a retail establishment selling tobacco products, unless the retailer has verified the purchaser’s age with a government issued identification; 2) from a lunch wagon; or 3) on a public way as a promotion or advertisement of a tobacco manufacturer or tobacco product. This does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product sample in any adult-only facility. Violators are guilty of a petty offense and shall be fined $200 for the first offense, $400 for the second offense within a 12-month period and $600 for subsequent offenses within a 12-month period.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
The sale or distribution by any person of a tobacco product, including but not limited to, a single or loose cigarette that is not contained within a sealed container, pack, or package as provided by the manufacturer, which bears the health warning required by federal law, is prohibited. Violation is subject to a fine of $200 for a first offense, $400 for a second offense within 12 months, and $600 for the third and subsequent offenses within 12 months.
720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 675/1(d) & 675/2 (2009).

It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute in this state; to acquire, hold, own, possess, or transport, for sale or distribution in this state; or to import, or cause to be imported into this state for sale or distribution in this state any cigarettes the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to federal law regarding warnings and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged, or
imported for sale, distribution, or use in the United States, including but not limited to the precise warning labels specified in the federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of 500 percent of the retail value of the cigarettes involved or $5,000, whichever is greater. A distributor who violates this provision may also have their license suspended or revoked.

35 ILL. COMP. STAT. 130/3-10 (2000).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Tobacco product vending machines are restricted to: 1) places to which minors under 18 years of age are not permitted access; 2) places where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed on the premises and vending machine operation is under the direct supervision of the owner or manager; or 3) places where the vending machine can only be operated by the owner or an employee over age 18 either directly or through a remote control device if the device is inaccessible to all customers. Other products except matches may not be sold in tobacco product vending machines.

720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 675/1(b) (2010).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to a fine of $200 for a first offense, $400 for a second offense within 12 months, and $600 for the third and subsequent offenses within 12 months.

720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 675/2 (2009).

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No person may sell cigarettes at retail using a cigarette vending machine unless a sign with the message “SURGEON GENERAL’S WARNING: SMOKING BY PREGNANT WOMEN MAY RESULT IN FETAL INJURY, PREMATURE BIRTH, AND LOW BIRTH WEIGHT” printed on a white card in red letters at least one-half inch in height, is displayed in plain view on the machine. Failure to post such a warning sign is a business offense for which a fine of up to $1,000 each day may be imposed.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 85/1 et seq. (2001).

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Distributors must obtain a license from the Department of Revenue to sell cigarettes and other tobacco products. All licenses are valid for one year from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
$250 annually for cigarettes; no charge for other tobacco products.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provision.

Smoking Protection Laws
It shall be unlawful for an employer to refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise disadvantage any individual, with respect to
compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because the individual uses lawful products off the premises of the employer during nonworking hours. This does not apply to any employer that is a non-profit organization that, as one of its primary purposes or objectives, discourages the use of one or more lawful products by the general public; or to the use of those lawful products which impairs an employee’s ability to perform the employee’s assigned duties. It is also not a violation for an employer to offer, impose or have in effect a health, disability or life insurance policy that makes distinctions between employees for the type of coverage or the price of coverage based upon the employees’ use of lawful products provided that differential premium rates charged employees reflect a differential cost to the employer; and employers provide employees with a statement delineating the differential rates used by insurance carriers.


Advertising & Promotion

All outdoor billboard advertisements for smokeless tobacco shall bear one of the following statements in capital letters: “WARNING: THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE MOUTH CANCER. WARNING: THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE GUM DISEASE AND TOOTH LOSS. WARNING: THIS PRODUCT IS NOT A SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO CIGARETTES.” The manufacturer, packager or importer of the product shall rotate the warnings every four months. Any outdoor billboard advertisement that does not conform to these provisions shall be deemed a nuisance affecting the public health. No other warning, format or type style in any outdoor billboard advertisement shall be required by any state or local statute or regulation.

410 ILL. COMP. STAT. 75/2 (1987).

Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Approximately 55 percent of Illinois’ annual tobacco settlement payments were authorized to be sold to the Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority in 2010 for a lump sum payment up front. That lump sum payment and the remaining 45 percent from the annual tobacco settlement payment are deposited into several accounts in the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund, and used as specified or as appropriated by the legislature.

S.B. 3660 article 3, enacted and effective 7/1/10 & 30 ILL. COMP. STAT. 105/6z-43 (2010).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
Legislation was approved in 2010 that authorized the sale of approximately 55 percent of Illinois’ Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments to the Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority for a lump sum payment up front. See Securitization section below for more details.

S.B. 3660 article 3, enacted and effective 7/1/10.

There is created a special fund in the state treasury known as the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund which shall contain three accounts: 1) the General Account, 2) the Tobacco Settlement Bonds Proceeds Account and 3) the Tobacco Settlement Residual Account. All monies received by Illinois from the MSA shall be deposited in the several accounts of the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund. Monies shall be deposited in the second and third accounts as specified in the Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority Act, except not less than $2.5 million annually shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Residual Account for enforcement of the MSA by the state. All other monies available for deposit shall go into the general account.

30 ILL. COMP. STAT. 105/6z-43 (2010).

Securitization

During fiscal years 2010 and 2011, the state may sell, convey, or otherwise transfer to the Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority, approximately 55 percent of the tobacco settlement revenues received.
by the state in exchange for the net proceeds of bonds and a right to the residual interest in tobacco settlement revenues. No greater than $1,750,000 in bonds can be issued. Unless otherwise directed by statute, the net proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Bond Proceeds Account to be used for the payment of outstanding obligations of the state General Revenue Fund or to supplement the Tobacco Settlement Residual Account to pay for appropriated obligations of the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund for State fiscal year 2011 through 2013. Any residual interest in tobacco settlement revenues received by the state shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Residual Account, and be used for appropriated obligations of the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund as specified.

S.B. 3660 article 3, enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, on and after the effective date of this Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Act, no cigarettes shall be sold or offered for sale to any person in Illinois unless: 1) cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method prescribed in chapter 425 section 8/15 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2) the cigarettes meet the performance standard specified in chapter 425, section 8/20 Illinois Compiled Statutes; and 3) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Office of Attorney General in accordance with chapter 425, section 8/30 Illinois Compiled Statutes.

425 ILL. COMP. STAT. 8/1 et seq. (2008).

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

Any manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity that knowingly sells cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each sale. Any retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for each sale or offer for sale of less than 1,000 cigarettes and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for each sale or offer for sale of more than 1,000 cigarettes. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of $10,000 in addition to any other penalty.

425 ILL. COMP. STAT. 8/1 et seq. (2008).

**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $9,500,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 859) enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars/Securitization:** Sells to investors through bonds issued by the Railsplitter Tobacco Settlement Authority the rights to all or a portion of the annual payments received by Illinois as part of the Master Settlement Agreement. Specifies where proceeds from the issued bonds will be deposited.

S.B. 3660 enacted and effective 7/1/10.

**Smokefree Air:** Removes the exemption from the Illinois smokefree workplace law for private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes, but allows smoking in common rooms in nursing homes under certain conditions.

S.B. 851 enacted 7/28/10 and effective 1/1/11.

**Tobacco Licensing:** Requires secondary distributors (as defined) of cigarettes to obtain a license, and specifies the fee for and requirements of that license.

H.B. 5833 enacted and effective 7/12/10.

**Novelty Lighters:** Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters in Illinois as specified and defined.

H.B. 5139 enacted and effective 7/22/10.

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Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in “public buildings.” A “public building” is an enclosed structure or part of an enclosed structure: 1) occupied by an agency of state or local government; 2) used as a classroom building or a dining area at a state educational institution; 3) used as a public school; 4) licensed as a health facility under Indiana Code sections 16-21 or 16-28; 5) used as a station for paid firefighters or paid police officers; 6) licensed as a child care center or child care home or registered as a child care ministry under Indiana Code section 12-17.2; 7) licensed as a hospital under Indiana Code section 16-21 or a county hospital subject to Indiana Code section 16-22; or 8) used as a provider’s office. Smoking is prohibited in a school bus during a school week or when it is being used for specified purposes. Smoking is also prohibited in the retail area of a grocery or drug store.


Exceptions to the Law
Smoking is allowed in designated areas in most public places and workplaces, so places where smoking is prohibited are the exception.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below. A county, city, town, or other governmental unit is not prohibited from adopting an ordinance more restrictive than the above requirements regarding smoking.


Government Buildings
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in “public buildings,” the definition of which includes an agency of state or local government. “Agency” is defined as a board, commission, department, agency, authority, or other entity exercising a part of the executive, administrative, legislative, or judicial power of the state or local government.


Private Workplaces
No restrictions.

Schools
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in “public buildings.” Public schools and classroom buildings and dining areas at state educational institutions are included in the definition of “public buildings.” Smoking is also prohibited in a school bus during a school week or while the school bus is being used for the transportation of school children to and from the following: school, school athletic games or contests, or other school functions.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in “public buildings.” Places licensed as a child care center or child care home or registered as a child care ministry are included in the definition of “public buildings.”


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in “public buildings.” Places licensed as a health facility or a hospital, a county hospital or used as a healthcare provider’s office are included in the definition of “public buildings.”


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in the dining area of a restaurant that is designated and posted as the restaurant’s nonsmoking area by the restaurant’s proprietor. The proprietor of a restaurant shall post conspicuous signs at each entrance to the restaurant, informing the public of the establishment’s smoking policy.


Bars
No restrictions.

Penalties/Enforcement
The official in charge of a public building shall post a conspicuous sign that reads “Smoking is Prohibited By State Law Except In Designated Smoking Areas” or other similar language. A per-
son who smokes in a nonsmoking area commits a Class B infraction punishable by a fine of up to $1,000 for the first offense which becomes a Class A infraction punishable by a fine of up to $10,000 if the person has three previous violations within the preceding 12 months. Also the person may be removed by the official in charge of the public building for failing to refrain from smoking when asked to do so.


**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: 99.5 cents

Date last changed: July 1, 2007 – from 55.5 cents to 99.5 cents

Year first enacted: 1947

IND. CODE § 6-7-1-12(a) (2007).

A tax is also imposed on all cigarette papers, wrappers, or tubes, made or prepared for the purpose of making cigarettes. On cigarette papers, the tax is one half cent per 50 papers, and for tubes, the tax is 1 cent per 50 tubes or fractional part thereof.

IND. CODE § 6-7-1-12(b) (2002).

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $494,731,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**

Cigarette tax revenue is distributed to a number of programs and purposes, see below; over half of the revenue is distributed to the state general fund as well.


**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**

Cigarette tax revenue is distributed as follows:

1) 4.22 percent to the “Cigarette Tax Fund,” which is then allocated to the Department of Natural Resources for specified purposes, the Clean Water Indiana Fund and to cities and towns in Indiana based on population;

2) 0.6 percent to the “Mental Health Centers Fund,” which is then allocated to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction for specified purposes;

3) 53.68 percent to the General Fund;

4) 5.43 percent to the Pension Relief Fund;

5) 27.05 percent to the Indiana check-up plan trust fund;

6) 2.46 percent to the state general fund for the purpose of paying appropriations for Medicaid Current Obligations, for provider reimbursements;

7) 4.1 percent to the state general fund for the purpose of paying any appropriation for a health initiative; and

8) 2.46 percent to the state general fund for the purpose of reimbursing the state general fund for a specified tax credit.


**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

All other tobacco products: 24% of the wholesale price

IND. CODE § 6-7-2-7 (2007).

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary**

Twenty-five percent of the revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes is deposited in the affordable housing and community development fund. The remaining revenue is distributed the same way as cigarette tax revenue (see above).

IND. CODE §§ 6-7-2-17 & 6-7-1-28.1 (2007).

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $9,230,412

FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,661,032 *

FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $10,891,444

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $78,800,000

Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 13.8%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Indiana’s tobacco prevention and cessation program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

**State Funding Details**

Indiana allocated $9,230,412 to tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1,
2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $10,859,308 was appropriated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennial budget.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1001a) enacted 6/30/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).

Note: $10,859,308 was originally appropriated for FY2011 as well, but was reduced to $9.2 million due to across-the-board budget cuts.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

The Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Executive Board is created to direct the expenditure of dollars from the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Trust Fund. The governing board consists of government and health officials, including representatives of the American Lung Association in Indiana. The Executive Board will develop a long range state plan to coordinate state efforts to reduce the use of tobacco products, based on Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs as published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. An advisory board was also created to assist the executive board as specified.

IND. CODE §§ 4-12-4 et seq. (2000).

Penalties for Sales to Minors

A retail establishment that sells or distributes tobacco to a minor commits a Class C infraction. For a sale to take place the buyer must pay the seller for the tobacco products. Violation is subject to civil penalties ranging from up to $200 if an establishment has received no citations/summons in the previous 180 days to up to $1,000 if an establishment has been issued three or more citations/summons in the previous 180 days. A person who violates this law at least six times in any 180-day period commits habitual illegal sale of tobacco, a Class B infraction, and the tobacco sales certificate may be suspended by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. The commission may mitigate civil penalties against a certificate holder if they have a training program for their employees that cover specific topics. It is not a defense that the person to whom the tobacco was sold or distributed did not smoke, chew, or otherwise consume the tobacco. It is a defense if the buyer produced a driver’s license or photo ID that showed the buyer was of legal age to make the purchase; and the appearance of the purchaser or recipient was such that an ordinary prudent person would believe that the purchaser or recipient was not less than the legal age. It is also a defense if the accused retail establishment sold or delivered the tobacco to a person who acted in the ordinary course of employment or a business concerning tobacco: agriculture, processing, transporting, wholesaling, or retailing. Unless a person buys or receives tobacco under the direction of a law enforcement officer as part of an enforcement action, a person who sells or distributes tobacco is not liable for a violation of this section unless the person less than 18 years of age who bought or received the tobacco is also issued a citation or summons.


A person who knowingly sells or distributes tobacco to a minor or purchases tobacco for delivery to another person who is a minor commits a Class C infraction punishable by a fine of up to $500. For a sale to take place the buyer must pay the seller for the tobacco products. It is not a defense that the person to whom the tobacco was sold or distributed did not smoke, chew, or otherwise consume the tobacco. The same affirmative defenses available to retailers are also available to persons who sell tobacco products to minors (see above). Unless a person buys or receives tobacco under
the direction of a law enforcement officer as part of an enforcement action, a person who sells or distributes tobacco is not liable for a violation of this section unless the person less than 18 years of age who bought or received the tobacco is also issued a citation or summons.


Sign Posting Requirements
A location selling tobacco at retail shall post and maintain in a conspicuous place signs stating: 1) “The sale of tobacco to persons under 18 years of age is forbidden by Indiana law”; 2) “Smoking by Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, and Low Birth Weight”; and 3) that displays a toll free number for assistance to callers in quitting smoking. Violation is a Class C infraction punishable by a fine of up to $500 for the owner or person who has control over the establishment.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
A minor who purchases, accepts tobacco for personal use or possesses tobacco commits a Class C infraction for which a fine of up to $500 may be adjudged. It is a defense to prosecution if the accused person acted in the ordinary course of employment in a business concerning tobacco agriculture, tobacco processing, tobacco transporting, tobacco wholesaling, or tobacco retailing.


Placement of Tobacco Products
The owner of a retail establishment that sells or distributes cigarettes through a self-service display, other than a coin operated machine, commits a Class C infraction. As used in this section, “self-service display” means a display that contains cigarettes in an area where a customer is permitted and has access to cigarettes without assistance from a sales person. This does not apply to a self-service display in a retail establishment that has a primary purpose to sell cigarettes and prohibits entry by persons less than 18 years of age.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
A merchant may not mail or ship cigarettes as part of a delivery sale unless, before mailing or shipping the cigarettes, the merchant: obtains from the prospective customer a written statement signed by the prospective customer stating the customer’s address and date of birth, makes a good faith effort to verify the information by using a federal or commercially available data base and receives payment for the delivery sale by a credit or debit card issued in the name of the prospective purchaser. Merchants that are not cigarette manufacturers are prohibited from making delivery sales to Indiana residents or retailers that are not distributors except under specified circumstances. Violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000. A merchant who mails or ships cigarettes as part of a delivery sale shall use a mailing or shipping service that requires the customer or a person at least 18 years of age designated by the customer to sign to accept delivery of the cigarettes; and to present a valid driver’s license or identification card unless the person appears to be over 27 years of age. Violation by a delivery service is up to a $1,000 fine. Violations by merchants range from $1,000 to $2,000 for a first violation to $10,000 for a fifth violation in five years. Signing another person’s name to a certification is a $1,000 fine.

IND. CODE §§ 24-3-5 et seq. (2005).

Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
A retail establishment whose primary purpose is the sale of tobacco products may not allow an individual who is less than 18 years of age to enter the retail establishment. The retail establishment must conspicuously post on all entrances signs that state: 1) “It is unlawful for a person less than 18 years old to enter this store”; and 2) displays a toll free number for assistance to callers in quitting smoking. Violation is a Class C infraction subject to the same penalties as a retail establishment that sells tobacco products to minors. The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission may mitigate civil penalties against a certificate holder if they have a training program for their employees that cover specific topics related to tobacco sales.

Businesses, whose primary activity is the sale of tobacco or tobacco products and accessories, may not operate within 200 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school, as measured between the nearest point of the premises occupied by the tobacco business and the nearest point of a building used by the school for instructional purposes. A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor. This section does not apply to businesses operating as a tobacco business before April 1, 1996.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

Regulation of the sale, distribution, or display of tobacco products may only be authorized by the general assembly. An ordinance, bylaw, or rule, of any county, city, township, other political subdivision or agency of the state, is void.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

A retail establishment that distributes tobacco to a minor commits a Class C infraction punishable by the graduated civil penalties listed under the 1st paragraph of the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section. All provisions and affirmative defenses from that section apply to the distribution of tobacco products by retailers as well.


A person that knowingly distributes tobacco to a minor commits a Class C infraction punishable by a civil penalty of up to $500. All provisions and affirmative defenses from the 2nd paragraph of the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section apply to the distribution of tobacco products by persons as well.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is unlawful for a person to sell cigarettes other than in an unopened package originating with the manufacturer that bears the health warning required by federal law. A violation of this law is a Class C infraction punishable by a fine of up to $500.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

Regulation of the sale, distribution, or display of tobacco products may only be authorized by the general assembly. An ordinance, bylaw, or rule, of any county, city, township, other political subdivision or agency of the state, is void.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

Tobacco product vending machines are restricted to areas of licensed premises accessible to persons over 18 years of age; private industrial or office locations; private clubs, if they are accessible only to persons over age 18; and riverboats where entry is limited to persons who are at least 21 years of age and on which lawful gambling is authorized. Vending machines cannot be located in these areas if a vending machine is placed in or directly adjacent to an entranceway or an exit, or placed in a hallway, a restroom, or another common area that is accessible to persons who are less than 18 years of age.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is a Class C infraction punishable by a civil penalty of $50 for a first violation; $250 for a second violation within 90 days; and the vending machine shall be impounded upon a third violation within 90 days. An owner of a retail establishment may not be issued a citation or summons for a violation more than once every two business days for each business location. The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission may mitigate civil penalties against a certificate holder if they have a training program for their employees that cover specific topics related to tobacco sales.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

The following notices must be posted on vending machines located in a public place: 1) “If you are under 18 years of age, you are forbidden, by Indiana law, to buy tobacco from this machine” or a substantially similar message; 2) “Smoking by Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, and Low Birth Weight”; and 3) a toll free number for assistance to callers in quitting smoking. Failing to post a notice on a vending machine is a Class C infraction.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances restricting placement of and sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

Regulation of the sale, distribution, or display of tobacco products may only be authorized by the general assembly. An ordinance, bylaw, or rule, of any county, city, township, other political subdivision or agency of the state, is void.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Retailers must obtain a tobacco sales certificate from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to sell tobacco products. A separate certificate is required for each place where tobacco products are sold or distributed. A certificate is valid for one year after the date of issuance and is nontransferable. Selling tobacco products at retail without a certificate is a Class A infraction.

IND. CODE §§ 7.1-3-18.5 et seq. (2003).

Distributors must obtain a registration certificate to sell cigarettes or a license to sell other tobacco products from the Department of State Revenue. All registration certificates and licenses shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance unless revoked or suspended. A separate registration certificate or license is required for each place of business. Distributing cigarettes without a registration certificate or other tobacco products without a license is a Class B misdemeanor.

IND. CODE §§ 6-7-1-16 (1992); 6-7-1-23 (1978); 6-7-2-8 (1987) & 6-7-2-18 (1987).

Manufacturers must obtain a license from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for their principal place of business. The commission shall determine the duration of a license, but a license may not be valid for more than three years. The license issued under this section is nontransferable.

IND. CODE §§ 24-3-6 et seq. (2005).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products

Yes

License Fees

Distributors: $500 annually for cigarettes, $25 annually for other tobacco products;
Retailers: $50 per location


License Suspension for Sales to Minors

A person who sells or distributes tobacco products to minors at least six times in any 180-day period commits habitual illegal sale of tobacco, a Class B infraction, and the tobacco sales certificate may be suspended by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.


Smoking Protection Laws

An employer may not require, as a condition of employment, an employee or prospective employee to refrain from using tobacco products outside the course of the employee’s or prospective employee’s employment. An employer also may not discriminate against an employee with respect to compensation and benefits, or terms and conditions of employment based on the employee’s or prospective employee’s use of tobacco products outside the course of employment. However, an employer may implement financial incentives intended to reduce tobacco use, and related to em-
ployee health benefits provided by the employer. An employee or prospective employee may bring civil action against the employer to enforce this law. This does not apply to an employer that is a church, a religious organization, or a school or business conducted by a religious organization.

IND. CODE §§ 22-5-4-1 et seq. (2006).

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
An appeal bond that an appellant must post to stay execution on a judgment while an appeal is pending may not exceed $25 million regardless of the total amount of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, a court may enter orders that are necessary to protect the appellee; and require the appellant to post a bond that is equal to the total amount of the judgment.

IND. CODE § 34-49-5-3 (2002).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Master Settlement Agreement payments received by Indiana are deposited in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund. Money in the fund is appropriated to various state programs, including the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Trust Fund, through the regular biennial appropriations process.

IND. CODE §§ 4-12-1-14.3 (2003).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
There is created the Indiana Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for depositing and distributing the money received by the state under the Master Settlement Agreement between the state of Indiana and certain cigarette companies. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. Money in the fund is appropriated to various state programs, including the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Trust Fund, through the regular biennial appropriations process.

IND. CODE § 4-12-1-14.3 (2003).

The Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Trust Fund is established. Money may be spent from the fund by the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Executive Board for grants and other expenses to implement the long range state plan to reduce the use of tobacco products in Indiana. The fund consists of: (1) amounts, if any, that another statute requires to be distributed to the fund from the Indiana Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund; (2) appropriations to the fund from other sources; (3) grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the fund; and (4) interest that accrues from money in the fund. Money in the fund does not revert to the state general fund at the end of a state fiscal year.

IND. CODE § 4-12-4-10 (2001).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in section 22-14-7-19 Indiana Code, cigarettes may not be sold or offered for sale in Indiana unless the cigarettes: (1) have been tested according to the test method and meet the performance standard specified in 22-14-7-13 or 22-14-7-15 Indiana Code; (2) have been certified under section 22-14-7-21 Indiana Code; and (3) have been marked under section 22-14-7-23 Indiana Code.

IND. CODE §§ 22-14-7 et seq. (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or another person or entity that knowingly sells cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor,
limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

IND. CODE §§ 22-14-7 et seq. (2009).

■ Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Preempts local laws/ordinances concerning the sale, distribution or display of tobacco products.

■ Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $9,230,412 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1001a) enacted 6/30/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).

Tobacco Settlement: Makes some changes to statutes that help enforce the Master Settlement Agreement.

S.B. 176 enacted 3/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in almost all public places and enclosed areas of places of employment, including restaurants and bars. Smoking is also prohibited in the seating areas of outdoor sports arenas, stadiums, amphitheaters and other entertainment venues where members of the general public assemble to witness entertainment events; outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants; public transit stations, platforms, and shelters under the authority of the state or its political subdivisions; and the grounds of any public buildings owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of the state government or its political subdivisions with a few exceptions. The one major exemption is the gaming floors of casinos.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences unless used as child care facility, child care home or health care provider location; 2) 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms subject to specified conditions; 3) retail tobacco stores as defined as long as smoke does not infiltrate into smokefree areas; 4) private and semiprivate rooms in long-term care facilities under certain conditions; 5) private clubs with no employees except when being used for a function to which the general public is invited, and as long as smoke does not infiltrate into smokefree areas, and the club is not set up to avoid compliance with the law; 6) outdoor areas of places of employment except where prohibited above; 7) limousines under private hire; 8) vehicles owned, leased, or provided by a private employer that are for the sole use of the driver and are not used by more than one person in the course of employment either as a driver or passenger; 9) privately owned vehicles not otherwise defined as a place of employment or public place; 10) cabs of motor trucks or truck tractors if no nonsmoking employees are present; 11) an enclosed area within a place of employment or public place that provides a smoking cessation program or a medical or scientific research or therapy program, if smoking is an integral part of the program; 12) farm tractors, farm trucks, and implements of husbandry when being used for their intended purposes; 13) gaming floors of casinos, not including bars or restaurants on the gaming floor; and 14) the Iowa veterans home.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger law/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes public buildings and vehicles owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of the state government or its political subdivisions and including the entirety of the private residence of any state employee any portion of which is open to the public. Smoking is also prohibited on the grounds of any public buildings owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of the state government or its political subdivisions except: 1) the Iowa state fairgrounds, or fairgrounds as defined in section 174.1 of the Iowa Code, 2) institutions administered by the Department of Corrections, except that smoking on the grounds shall be limited to designated smoking areas and 3) facilities of the Iowa national guard as defined in section 29A.1 of the Iowa Code, except that smoking on the grounds shall be limited to designated smoking areas.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas within places of employment including but not limited to work areas, private offices, conference and meeting rooms, classrooms, auditoriums, employee lounges and cafeterias, hallways, medical facilities, restrooms, elevators, stairways and stairwells, and vehicles owned, leased, or provided by the employer. Place of employment does not include a private residence, unless the private residence is used as a child care facility, a child care home, or as a health care provider location. This also does not apply to vehicles owned, leased, or provided by a private employer that are for the sole use of the driver and are not used by more than one person in the course of employment either as a driver or passenger.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).
Schools
Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes all public and private educational facilities. Smoking is also prohibited on school grounds, including parking lots, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, and any other outdoor area under the control of a public or private educational facility, including inside any vehicle located on such school grounds. These provisions apply to public and private colleges and universities.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes child care facilities and child care homes. Private residences that serve as a child care facility or child care home are specifically included.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, including health care provider locations. Health care provider location is defined as an office or institution providing care or treatment of disease, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including but not limited to a hospital as defined; a long-term care facility; an adult day services program as defined; clinics, laboratories, and the locations of professionals regulated pursuant to Title IV, subtitle III, and includes all enclosed areas of the location including waiting rooms, hallways, other common areas, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and wards within the location. Smoking is allowed in private and semiprivate rooms in long-term care facilities, occupied by one or more individuals, all of whom are smokers and have requested in writing to be placed in a room where smoking is permitted as long as smoke does not infiltrate into smokefree areas.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes restaurants. Restaurant means eating establishments, including private and public school cafeterias, which offer food to the public, guests, or employees, including the kitchen and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere, and including a bar area within a restaurant. Smoking is also prohibited in the outdoor seating and service areas of restaurants.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes bars. “Bar” means an establishment where one may purchase alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Penalties/Enforcement
The owner, operator, manager, or other person having custody or control of a public place, place of employment, area declared a nonsmoking place pursuant to section 142D.5, or outdoor area where smoking is prohibited shall clearly and conspicuously post in and at every entrance “no smoking” signs or the international “no smoking” symbol. This requirement includes vehicles that are covered. All ashtrays shall be removed as well. This law shall be enforced by the Department of Public Health as specified. An employee or private citizen may bring legal action to enforce this chapter. Owners, operators, managers or other persons in charge that fail to comply shall pay a civil penalty of not more than $100 for the first violation, not more than $200 for a second violation with one year and not more than $500 for any subsequent violation in one year. In addition, violation may result in suspension or revocation of applicable permits/licenses.

IOWA CODE §§ 142D.1 to 142D.9 (2008).

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.36
Date last changed: March 15, 2007 – from 36 cents to $1.36
Year first enacted: 1921


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $215,815,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
All revenue from the cigarette tax is deposited in
the state General Fund. However, a substantial portion is directed to a Health Care Trust Fund created in the state treasury to be spent on health-related purposes, including tobacco prevention and control programs.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
All revenue from the cigarette tax is deposited in the state General Fund. However, beginning July 1, 2007, the first $127,600,000 in revenue from the cigarette and other tobacco product taxes is appropriated annually to the Health Care Trust Fund created in the office of the state Treasurer. Moneys in the fund shall be separate from the General Fund of the state and shall not be considered part of the General Fund of the state. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for purposes related to health care, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and tobacco use prevention, cessation, and control.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Little Cigars: $1.36 per 20 cigars;
Snuff: $1.19/oz. and a proportionate rate on fractional parts of an ounce;
All other tobacco products: 50% of the wholesale sales price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes is distributed the same way as cigarette tax revenue, see above.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $7,388,282
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $3,045,066*
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $10,433,348
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $36,700,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 28.4%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Iowa’s tobacco prevention and control program comes from the state general fund.

State Funding Details
Iowa allocated $7,388,282 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $10,125,870 was allocated.

FY2011 Appropriations for Health and Human Services (H.F. 2526) enacted 4/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
Iowa established a tobacco use prevention and control initiative that will specifically address reduction of tobacco use by youth and pregnant women, promotion of compliance by minors and retailers with tobacco sales laws and ordinances, and enhancement of the capacity of youth to make healthy choices and provide for extensive involvement of youth in attaining these results. The initiative will be administered by a division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control, which was required to be established in the Iowa Department of Public Health. A Commission on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control was also created in the Department of Public Health consisting of 14 members, among others three appointed by the governor from tobacco-control related organizations, members of youth organizations and state legislators from the House of Representatives and Senate.

IOWA CODE §§ 142A.1 to 142A.10 (2009).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The terms of an agreement entered into between the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control of the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Alcoholic Beverages Division of the Department of Commerce, governing compliance checks conducted to ensure licensed retail tobacco outlet conformity with tobacco laws, regulations, and ordinances relating to persons under 18 years of age, shall restrict the number of such checks to one check per retail outlet, and one additional check for any retail outlet found to be in violation during the
Penalties for Sales to Minors
A person shall not sell, give or otherwise supply tobacco products to any person less than 18 years of age. This also applies to sales of cigarettes or tobacco products through a vending machine. For a person, other than a retailer, violation is a simple misdemeanor. For violations of youth access laws by an employee of a retailer, the scheduled fine is as follows: $100 for a first offense, $250 for a second offense and $500 for a third offense. If a retailer or employee of a retailer commits a violation, the Department of Revenue and Finance, a local authority, or the Department of Public Health shall also assess a civil penalty of $300 for a first violation. Failure to pay the fine shall result in automatic suspension of the permit for a period of 14 days. For a second violation within a period of two years, the retailer shall be assessed a $1,500 fine or the retailer’s permit shall be suspended for a period of 30 days based on the retailer’s preference. For a third violation within three years, the retailer shall be assessed a fine of $1,500 and have their permit suspended for 30 days. For a fourth violation within three years, the retailer will be assessed a fine of $1,500 and have their permit suspended for 60 days. For a fifth violation in four years, the retailer’s permit shall be revoked. If an employee of a retailer commits a violation, the retailer shall not be charged with a violation if the employee took the state tobacco compliance employee training program or an in-house training program substantially similar to it. This defense may only be asserted once every four years for violations occurring at the same business location.


A person who is under the age of 18, who alters or displays or has in the person’s possession a fictitious or fraudulently altered driver’s license or nonoperator’s identification card and who uses the license or card to purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products commits a simple misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $100.


If a retailer or employee of a retailer has reasonable belief that a driver’s license or other identification offered by a person seeking to buy a tobacco product is altered or falsified, they may retain the license or identification. It must be forwarded within 24 hours to the appropriate law enforcement agency of the holder’s jurisdiction for further investigation.


Placement of Tobacco Products
Retailers are prohibited from selling cigarettes or tobacco products, in a quantity of less than a carton, through the use of a self-service display. Violation is grounds for revocation of the retailer’s permit.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
The Alcoholic Beverages Division of the Iowa Department of Commerce shall develop a tobacco
compliance employee training program not to exceed two hours in length for employees and prospective employees of tobacco retailers to inform the employees about state and federal laws and regulations regarding the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products to persons less than 18 years of age. The training program shall be free of cost.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.5 (2003).**

### State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

Enforcement of this chapter shall be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. For the purpose of equitable and uniform implementation, application, and enforcement of state and local laws and regulations, the provisions of this chapter shall supersede any local law or regulation which is inconsistent with or conflicts with the provisions of this chapter.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.56 (1991).**

#### Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

##### Tobacco Product Samples

A person shall not give away any cigarettes or tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age or at all within 500 feet of any playground, school, high school, or other facility when such facility is being used primarily by persons under 18 for recreational, educational, or other purposes. Proof of age shall be required if a reasonable person could conclude on the basis of outward appearance that a prospective recipient of a sample may be under 18 years of age. Cigarette samples must have a cigarette tax stamp affixed to them.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.39 (2004).**

##### Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

Cigarettes shall be sold in packages of only 20 or more cigarettes. No penalty is specified for violation.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.6(7) (2007).**

##### State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.56 (1991).**

#### Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

##### Vending Machine Placement

Vending machines are restricted to places where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 18 years of age is present or permitted to enter at any time.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.36 (2000).**

##### Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation of the restrictions on the placement of tobacco product vending machines by a retailer is subject to the civil penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.22 (2003).**

##### Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

No state law/regulation.

##### State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

Enforcement of this chapter shall be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. For the purpose of equitable and uniform implementation, application, and enforcement of state and local laws and regulations, the provisions of this chapter shall supersede any local law or regulation which is inconsistent with or conflicts with the provisions of this chapter.

**IOWA CODE § 453A.56 (1991).**

#### Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

##### Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

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American Lung Association *State Legislated Actions on Tobacco Issues: 2010*
Wholesalers, distributors, and cigarette vendors must obtain a state permit to sell cigarettes from the Department of Revenue. Cities may issue retail permits to dealers within their respective limits. County boards of supervisors may issue retail permits to dealers in their respective counties, outside of the corporate limits of cities. All permits expire on June 30 of each year. Selling or distributing cigarettes without a valid permit is subject to a civil penalty of $200 for a first violation, $500 for a second violation and $1,000 for a third and subsequent violations.


Distributors of other tobacco products must obtain a state license from the Director of the Department of Revenue. Retailers of other tobacco products must obtain a permit from the respective city or county where they are located, except a retailer who already has a retailer cigarette permit under Iowa Code section 453A.13 need not obtain a separate retailer permit under this section. A separate license is required for each place of business, and licenses expire on June 30th following the date of issue unless sooner revoked.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes—issued by county or city

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes—issued by county or city

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retailer cigarette permit: $50 to $100 annually, depending on local population size;
Wholesaler, distributor, or cigarette vendor permit: $100 annually;
Tobacco products distributor license: $100 annually unless the person already has a permit of any kind to deal in cigarettes.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
If a retailer or employee of a retailer commits a violation of the sales to minors’ law, including vending machine violations, the Department of Revenue and Finance, a local authority, or the Department of Public Health shall assess a civil penalty for a first violation. Failure to pay the fine shall result in automatic suspension of the permit for a period of 14 days. For a second violation within a period of two years, the retailer shall be assessed a fine or have his permit suspended for a period of 30 days. For a fourth violation within three years, the retailer shall have his permit suspended for 60 days. For a fifth violation in four years, the retailer shall have his permit revoked.


Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
If a judgment or order appealed from is for money, the supersedeas bond required shall not exceed 110 percent of the amount of the money judgment except the court may set a higher bond amount based on specific findings. However, in no case shall a bond exceed $100 million, regardless of the value of the money judgment. This limitation shall not apply in cases where the court finds that the defendant intentionally dissipated the defendant’s assets outside the ordinary course of business for the purpose of evading payment of the judgment.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All of Iowa’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments go into a Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund maintained by the state-created Tobacco Settlement Authority. Most of Iowa’s annual payments have been securitized, and therefore most of the money is used to pay off bonds. Dollars from any part of the annual settlement payment not sold to the Tobacco Settlement Authority are put in a specific account and then transferred to the state general fund.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
A Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund was established, separate and apart from all other public moneys of the state, under control of the Tobacco Settlement Authority. The fund shall consist of Master Settlement Agreement moneys paid to the authority and not pledged to the payment of bonds or otherwise obligated. The fund consists of three accounts: 1) the Tax-Exempt Bonds Proceeds Restricted Capital Funds Account where most of the net proceeds from tax exempt bonds issued due to the original securitization of MSA payments were deposited; 2) the FY 2009 Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds Restricted Capital Funds Account where the net proceeds from tax-exempt bonds issued after July 1, 2008 as a result of the securitization of any remaining tobacco settlement payments were deposited; and 3) the Endowment for Iowa’s Health Account where the net proceeds of any taxable or tax-exempt bonds issued to provide funds for the purposes specified in section 12E.3A Iowa Code, any portion of the state’s MSA payments not sold to the Tobacco Settlement Authority and any additional money appropriated by the state were deposited. For FY2010 and each fiscal year thereafter, the moneys deposited in the Endowment for Iowa’s Health Account where the net proceeds of any taxable or tax-exempt bonds issued to provide funds for the purposes specified in section 12E.3A Iowa Code, including for the tobacco use prevention and control initiative.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, beginning January 1, 2009, cigarettes shall not be sold or offered for sale to any person in Iowa unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 101B.4; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the department and in accordance with section 101B.5 Iowa Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 101B.7 Iowa Code.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesaler, agent, or other person who knowingly sells cigarettes at wholesale in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $10,000 for subsequent offenses for each sale of cigarettes, provided that the total penalty assessed shall not exceed $50,000 in any 30-day period. A retailer that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a first offense and $2,000 for subsequent offenses for each sale or offer for sale of less than 1,000 cigarettes and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and $5,000 for subsequent offenses for each sale or offer for sale of more than 1,000 cigarettes. The penalty against a retailer cannot exceed $25,000 in

■ Preemption
Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Any stronger local law or regulation which is inconsistent with or conflicts with most state laws restricting youth access to tobacco products is prohibited.

■ Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $7,388,282 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Appropriations for Health and Human Services (H.F. 2526) enacted 4/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in almost all public places and places of employment, including restaurants and bars, and access points as defined of all buildings and facilities not exempted. The floors of casinos and other gaming establishments are exempt from the law.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) the outdoor areas of any building or facility beyond the access points; (2) private homes or residences, except when such home or residence is used as a day care home as defined; (3) up to 20 percent of hotel/motel rooms; (4) the gaming floor of a lottery gaming facility or racetrack gaming facility, as defined; (5) portions of adult care homes as specified and defined; (6) portions of licensed long-term care units of medical care facilities as specified and defined; (7) tobacco shops as defined that derive 65 percent or more of their sales from tobacco; (8) a class A or class B club as defined that meets certain specified requirements; and (9) a private club as defined in designated areas where minors are prohibited.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the above law shall prevent any city or county from regulating smoking within its boundaries, so long as such regulation is at least as stringent as that imposed by this law.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes public buildings. Public buildings are defined by law as any building owned or operated by: (1) the state, including any branch, department, agency, bureau, commission, authority or other instrumentality thereof; (2) any county, city, township, other political subdivision, including any commission, authority, agency or instrumentality thereof; or (3) any other separate corporate instrumentality or unit of the state or any municipality. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in all places of employment defined as any enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer that is used by employees during the course of employment. Employers having a place of employment that is an enclosed area are required to adopt and maintain a written smoking policy, which shall prohibit smoking without exception in all areas of the place of employment. A private residence shall not be considered a “place of employment” unless such residence is used as a day care home. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Schools

The use of tobacco products in any public school building is prohibited. A school building is defined as an enclosed building used for pupil attendance purposes by the board of education of a unified school district. Not included are buildings or portions thereof used for residential purposes or leased from the school district for non-school sponsored activities.


To the extent not covered above, smoking is prohibited in all other educational facilities and on school busses. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in day care homes, group day care homes and family day care homes while children are present. Outside areas on the premises of the facility are specifically excluded from this law. The Secretary of Health and Environment may levy a civil fine of up to $500 against any day care home for a first or second violation, and sus-
pend the license for third or subsequent violations. Day care facilities may also be subject to criminal punishment under the law prohibiting smoking in public places and workplaces.


Smoking is prohibited in enclosed areas of public places and places of employment, including any child care facilities not covered above. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, which includes health care institutions or any other place where health care services are provided to the public, and medical care facilities. Medical care facilities include general or special hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers or recuperation centers, and any licensed psychiatric hospital. Smoking areas may be established within licensed long-term care units in medical care facilities if they are fully enclosed and ventilated and access is restricted to residents and their guests. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes food service establishments. “Food service establishment” means any place in which food is served or is prepared for sale or service on the premises, including fixed or mobile restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, short-order cafes, luncheonettes, grills, tea rooms, sandwich shops, soda fountains, taverns, private clubs, roadside kitchens, commissaries and any other private, public or nonprofit organization or institution routinely serving food and any other eating or drinking establishment or operation where food is served or provided for the public with or without charge. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes bars. “Bar” means any indoor area that is operated and licensed for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages, including alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages, for on-premises consumption. Smoking is also prohibited within a 10-foot radius outside of any doorway, open window or air intake leading into a building or facility.


Penalties/Enforcement
The proprietor or other person in charge of a public place or other place where smoking is prohibited shall post signs clearly stating smoking is prohibited by state law. Persons who smoke in areas where smoking is prohibited, and persons who own, manage, operate or otherwise control the use of any public place, or other area where smoking is prohibited, and allow smoking to occur are guilty of a cigarette or tobacco infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding $100 for a first offense, not exceeding $200 for a second offense within a year of the first offense and not exceeding $500 for a third or subsequent offense within a year of the first offense. Each individual that is allowed to smoke shall be considered a separate violation.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 79 cents

Date last changed: January 1, 2003 – from 70 cents to 79 cents

Year first enacted: 1927


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $107,772,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
All proceeds from the cigarette tax go to the state general fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 10% of the wholesale sales price.

KAN. STAT. ANN. § 79-3371 (1972).
Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—
Summary
All proceeds from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes go to the state general fund.

Tobacco Control Program Funding
Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

| FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: | $1,878,018 |
| FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $1,652,499* |
| FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $3,530,517 |
| Funding Level Recommended by CDC: | $32,100,000 |
| Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: | 11% |

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Kansas’ tobacco prevention and control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

State Funding Details
Kansas appropriated $1,000,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs for FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). The same amount was appropriated in FY2010.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 572) enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
A tobacco use prevention and control fund was established from which expenditures can be made for a comprehensive, statewide tobacco use prevention and control program. The comprehensive statewide tobacco use prevention and control program shall support tobacco use prevention and control activities including: Community programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use through local involvement and partnerships; school-based programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use; tobacco cessation programs for youth and adults; special projects to reduce the disparities in smoking prevalence among various populations; restriction of youth access to tobacco products; surveillance of smoking rates; and any other activities determined by the secretary to be necessary to implement the program. An independent evaluation of the program is required as well as a state tobacco control report that breaks down information relevant to tobacco control efforts by county.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products
Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Director of Taxation shall administer and enforce the provisions of the Kansas Cigarette and Tobacco Products Act. For the purpose of enforcing this act the director may call to the director’s aid any law enforcement officer of this state to prosecute all violators of any of the provisions of this act. The police of any city shall have the right to inspect all premises, records and invoices pertaining to the wholesale distribution, retail sale or sampling of cigarettes or tobacco products within the city at all reasonable times. No person shall engage or direct a minor to violate any provision of this act for purposes of determining compliance with provisions of this act unless such person has procured the written consent of a parent or guardian of the minor to so engage or direct the minor and such person is an officer having authority to enforce this act; an authorized representative of the attorney general, a county attorney or a district attorney; or an authorized representative of a business acting pursuant to a self-compliance program designed to increase compliance with the provisions of this act.

It is unlawful to prevent the Director of Taxation or any officer or agent authorized by law, to make a full inspection for the purpose of this act, of any place of business and all premises connected thereto where cigarettes are or may be manufactured, sold, distributed, or given away. Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
It is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a minimum fine of $200 for any person to: (1) sell, give or furnish any cigarettes or tobacco products to any person less than 18 years of age; or (2) buy any cigarettes or tobacco products for any
person less than 18 years of age. It is a defense to prosecution if the defendant is a licensed retail dealer or employee thereof; the defendant sold, furnished or distributed the cigarettes or tobacco products to the person under 18 years of age with reasonable cause to believe the person was of legal age to purchase or receive cigarettes or tobacco products; and the person under 18 years of age exhibited a driver's license, or other official document containing a photograph, showing they were of legal age to purchase or receive cigarettes or tobacco products. The person who violates this law shall be the individual directly selling, furnishing or distributing the cigarettes or tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age or the retail dealer who has actual knowledge of such selling, furnishing or distributing by such individual or both.

KAN. STAT. ANN. § 79-3322 (2000).

In addition to or in lieu of any other civil or criminal penalty provided by law, the Secretary of Revenue or their designee, upon a finding that a licensee has violated any provision of the Kansas Cigarette and Tobacco Products Act, including selling, giving or furnishing tobacco products to minors, shall impose on such licensee a civil fine not exceeding $1,000 for each violation. In determining the fine to be imposed, the Secretary of Revenue or their designee shall consider it to be a mitigating circumstance if the employee had completed a training program in avoiding sale, furnishing or distributing of cigarettes and tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age.


Whenever the Director of Taxation has reason to believe that any person licensed under this act has violated any of the provisions of this act, the director shall notify the person by certified mail of the director’s intention to suspend or revoke the person’s license or licenses. Within 10 days after the mailing of the notice, the person may request a hearing in writing before the director. If, after such hearing, it appears to the satisfaction of the director that the person has violated any of the provisions of this act, the director is hereby authorized and empowered to suspend or revoke the person’s license or licenses for a portion of the succeeding calendar year for such period as the director determines is necessary but in no case for a period ending more than one year following the date upon which the license or licenses were suspended or revoked.


Sign Posting Requirements
It is unlawful for any person who is a retail dealer to fail to post and maintain in a conspicuous place in the dealer’s establishment the following notice: “BY LAW, CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS MAY BE SOLD ONLY TO PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.” Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year or both.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to purchase or attempt to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products. It is unlawful for any person who is under 18 years of age to possess or attempt to possess cigarettes or tobacco products. Violation is a tobacco infraction punishable by a fine of $25.


Placement of Tobacco Products
It shall be unlawful to sell cigarettes or tobacco products by means of a self-service display in any establishment, except in vending machines as specified and a self-service display that is located in a tobacco specialty store defined as a dealer establishment that derives at least 75 percent of revenue from cigarettes or tobacco products. “Self-service display” means a display that contains cigarettes or tobacco products and is located in an area openly accessible to a retail dealer’s consumers, and from which such consumers can readily access cigarettes or tobacco products without the assistance of a salesperson. A display case that holds cigarettes or tobacco products behind locked doors does not constitute a self-service display.

KAN. STAT. ANN. § 79-3321(u) (2010).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
The following restrictions are placed on Internet, telephone, and mail order sales of cigarettes: 1) each person engaged in the business of selling
cigarettes to persons who reside in Kansas shall obtain a license, and shall have a valid Kansas cigarette tax stamp affixed to each package; 2) all retail cigarette dealers, whether located in or outside Kansas, shall have a registration certificate and be subject to the provisions of the Kansas retailers’ sales tax act; 3) all cigarette sales transactions over the Internet, telephone, or by mail order shall not be completed unless before each delivery the seller has obtained a certification from the purchaser that includes a reliable confirmation that the purchaser is at least 18 years of age; that the cigarettes purchased are not intended for consumption by an individual who is younger than 18; and a written statement signed by the purchaser that certifies the purchaser’s address and that the purchaser is at least 18 years of age; 4) the retail cigarette dealer shall verify the information contained in the certification provided by the purchaser against a commercially available database of governmental records, or obtain a photocopy or other image of the valid, government-issued identification stating the date of birth or age of the purchaser; 5) all invoices, bills of lading, sales receipts and any other document related to the sale of cigarettes through the Internet or other mail order transaction shall contain the current, valid retailer Kansas cigarette dealer license number, Kansas sales tax registration number, business name and address of the seller; 6) cigarette packages being shipped are also subject to certain labeling requirements. Violation of the requirement to obtain a license, certification requirement, or verification requirement is a severity level Eight, non-person felony. Violations of all other requirements are misdemeanors punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, up to one year in prison, or both.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
It is unlawful for any person to sell cigarettes or tobacco products by means of a vending machine in any establishment, or portion of an establishment, which is open to minors, except: (1) installation and use behind the counter; (2) installation and use in a commercial building or industrial plant; or (3) vending machines with lockout devices requiring operation by a person supervising the machine.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, up to one year in prison,
or both.
KAN. STAT. ANN. § 79-3322 (2000).

**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**
No state law/regulation.

**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ ordinances concerning the placement of required sign posting on tobacco products vending machines.

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**Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**

**Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**
Retailers, wholesalers, and vending machine operators must be licensed to sell cigarettes. Licenses are renewed every two years. A vending machine operator is required to obtain a vending machine operator’s master license and, in addition, a separate permit for each vending machine operated by the operator. Selling cigarettes without a license is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

Distributors must be licensed to sell or deal in tobacco products. A separate license is required for each place of business. Each license shall expire on December 31st following its date of issue unless sooner revoked. Selling tobacco products without a distributor’s license is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000, imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

**License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**
Yes

**License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**
No

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**
Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**
Yes

**License Fees**
Retail License: $25 for each establishment every two years;
Wholesale dealer’s license: $50 for each establishment every two years;
Vending Machines: $50 for a vending machine distributor license, no fee for a vending machine operator license and $25 for each vending machine every two years;
Distributor’s License for Tobacco Products: $25 per year.

**License Suspension for Sales to Minors**
The Director of Taxation, after a hearing, can suspend the license of any person licensed under the Kansas Cigarette and Tobacco Products Act for violations of this act for a period not to exceed one year.

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**Smoking Protection Laws**
No state law/regulation.

**Advertising & Promotion**
No state law/regulation.

**Product Disclosure**
No state law/regulation.

**Divestment**
No state law/regulation.

**Liability**

**Tobacco Industry Liability**
In civil litigation under any legal theory, involving a signatory or a successor to a signatory of the Master Settlement Agreement, the maximum appeal bond that any appellant in the litigation may be required to post to stay execution on a judgment during an appeal or discretionary review shall be set in accordance with existing law and court rules, except that in no case shall an appeal bond for any indi-
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All monies received from the Master Settlement Agreement are deposited in the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund. Monies can be transferred to the Children's Initiative Fund, and spent as directed by the legislature. The small amount of money provided by Kansas for its tobacco control program comes from the Children's Initiative Fund.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
There is established in the state treasury the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund where all monies received by the state from the Master Settlement Agreement between the state of Kansas and certain cigarette companies is directed. This fund is considered a trust fund and the money in it is invested as specified. Money can be transferred to the Children's Initiative Fund as specified (see below) and used to pay for the operating expenses of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and board of trustees, which advises the governor and legislature on the use of money in the Children's Initiatives Fund.

There is established in the state treasury the Children's Initiatives Fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used for the purposes of providing additional funding for programs, projects, improvements, services and other purposes directly or indirectly beneficial to the physical and mental health, welfare, safety and overall well-being of children as specified. On July 1 of each fiscal year after July 1, 2002, money equal to 102.5 percent of the money transferred to the Children's Initiatives Fund from the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund in the previous fiscal year will be transferred between the two funds. Appropriations to various programs are controlled by the legislature through the normal appropriations process. The amount of the transfer from the Kansas Endowment for Youth Fund to the Children's Initiatives Fund can also be increased or decreased by the legislature.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (h) of section 31-603 Kansas Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Kansas or offered for sale or sold to any person located in Kansas unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 31-603 Kansas Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 31-604 Kansas Statutes, and amendments thereto; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 31-605 Kansas Statutes, and amendments thereto.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer or vending machine operator is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated
$1,000,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 572) enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking in almost all public places and workplaces in Kansas, including restaurants and bars. Exempts the gaming floors of casinos/racetracks and private clubs.

H.B. 2221 enacted 3/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Youth Access Laws: Prohibits the sale of tobacco products by self-service display except in tobacco specialty stores as defined.

H.B. 2221 enacted 3/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: Makes a few changes to law prohibiting smoking in child care facilities.

H.B. 2356 enacted 5/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

No broad restrictions on smoking in public places and workplaces. Smoking is restricted or prohibited in many state government workplaces and in schools.


Exceptions to the Law

Smoking is allowed in most public places and workplaces, so places where smoking is restricted or prohibited are the exception.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see court decision below.

On April 22, 2004 the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled 6-1 that Lexington, KY’s smokefree air ordinance was not preempted by existing state law, and did not violate the private property rights of business owners. This allows the smokefree air ordinance Lexington passed in 2003 to go into effect, and provides legal justification for other Kentucky communities seeking to enact local smokefree air ordinances.


Government Buildings

By executive order, smoking is prohibited in all office buildings and common areas occupied by state executive branch employees. This also applies to state correctional facilities except the maximum security prison at Eddyville, KY. This order does not apply to state legislative or judicial branch employees.


Smoking is restricted to designated areas of the state Capitol or state Capitol Annex. The governing authority for each branch of state government, each in regard to space allocated to and occupied by that respective branch of state government, may designate one or more smoking areas in the Capitol and Capitol Annex. Each smoking area shall be an enclosed area that is not a public area, is clearly designated as a smoking area, and is maintained by a ventilation system that does not disburse the smoke or smoke byproducts into any other area of the Capitol or Capitol Annex. “Public area” is defined as any hallway, office shared by more than one person, stairwell, restroom, meeting room, cafeteria, or conference room.


Except as otherwise specified for the Capitol and Capitol Annex above, a policy for smoking in governmental office buildings or workplaces shall be adopted by state government. This policy shall apply to all state-owned or operated office buildings, workplaces, and facilities, including but not limited to state-operated veterans’ nursing homes and health facilities, and any correctional facility owned, operated or under the jurisdiction of the state. Any policy relating to smoking in state office buildings or workplaces shall be by executive order of the governor or action of the General Assembly and shall require the governmental authority to provide accessible indoor smoking areas in any buildings where smoking is otherwise restricted; favor allowing smoking in open public areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no restrictions otherwise placed on the area by the state fire marshal or other similar authority; or prohibit indoor smoking.


Except as otherwise specified for the Capitol and Capitol Annex above, a policy for smoking in governmental office buildings or workplaces may be adopted by county, municipal, special district, urban-county, charter county or consolidated local governments. Any policy adopted may apply to any office buildings, workplaces, or facilities that are owned, operated, or under the jurisdiction of that government, including but not limited to jails and detention facilities. Any such policy shall be adopted in writing by the legislative body of the government and shall require the government authority to provide accessible indoor smoking areas in any buildings where smoking is otherwise restricted; and favor allowing smoking in open public areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no restrictions otherwise placed on the area by the state fire marshal or other similar authority; or prohibit indoor smoking.

adequate and there are no restrictions otherwise placed on the area by the state fire marshal or other similar authority; or prohibit indoor smoking.


Private Workplaces
No restrictions.

Schools
Any person, except adult employees of the school system who smoke in a room on the school premises designated by the superintendent or principal for the purpose, who smokes tobacco products in any school building or any part of any building used for school purposes, or upon school grounds, while children are assembled there for lawful purposes, except in areas in secondary schools designated and supervised by the superintendent or principal for the purpose, shall be fined not less than $1 or more than $5.


Each board of regents or trustees for each of the state postsecondary education institutions shall adopt a written policy relating to smoking in all buildings owned, operated, or under the jurisdiction of the state postsecondary education institutions that shall either provide accessible indoor smoking areas in any buildings where smoking is otherwise restricted; favor allowing smoking in open public areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no restrictions otherwise placed on the area by the state fire marshal or other similar authority; or prohibit indoor smoking.


Child Care Facilities
No restrictions.

Health Care Facilities
No restrictions.

Restaurants
No restrictions.

Bars
No restrictions.

Tobacco Taxes

**Tax on Cigarettes**
- Tax rate per pack of 20: 60 cents
- Date last changed: April 1, 2009 – from 30 cents to 60 cents
- Year first enacted: 1936


A tax was added to sales of cigarette papers in the state at a rate of 25 cents per package of 32 sheets.


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
- Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $194,641,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
- Almost all revenue from the tax on cigarettes goes to the state general fund. Very small portions go to the Cancer Research Institutions Matching Fund and the Tobacco Research Trust Fund.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
- There is created the “Cancer Research Institutions Matching Fund” in the state Treasury where one cent of the cigarette tax is deposited. One half of the moneys in the fund are available to the University of Kentucky and the other half of the moneys in the fund are available to the University of Louisville for cancer research.


- One-half cent of the cigarette excise tax goes to the Tobacco Research Trust Fund. Money appropriated to the fund goes to the Tobacco Research and Development Center at the University of Kentucky.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
- Snuff: 19 cents per unit (unit = hard container capable of containing not more than 1.5 ounces);
- All other tobacco products: 15% of the wholesale price.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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*Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Kentucky’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and the state general fund.

State Funding Details

Kentucky appropriated $4,083,500 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs and the state Medicaid cessation coverage benefit in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $2,840,300 was appropriated for the state tobacco prevention program only.

Funding was allocated in the FY2011-FY2012 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1, 1st special session 2010) enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Department of Agriculture shall carry out annually random, unannounced inspections of retail establishments where tobacco products are sold or distributed for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes sections 438.305 to 438.340. The departments shall also ensure that targeted inspections are conducted at those retail establishments where, and at those times when, persons under the age of 18 are most likely to purchase tobacco products. Persons under the age of 18 may be used to test compliance only if the testing is conducted under the direct supervision of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, sheriff, or chief of police, or their employees, and written parental consent has been obtained.

Penalties for Sales to Minors

No person shall sell or cause to be sold any tobacco product at retail to any person under the age of 18, or solicit any person under the age of 18 to purchase any tobacco product at retail. The first violation is subject to a fine of $100 to $500 and subsequent violations are subject to a fine of $500 to $1,000.


Sign Posting Requirements

Notice must be posted in a conspicuous place stating that it is illegal to sell tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. Fines are $100 to $500 for the first violation and $500 to $1,000 for subsequent violations.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

Any person selling tobacco products must require proof of age from a prospective buyer or recipient if the person has reason to believe that the prospective buyer or recipient is under the age of 18. “Proof of age” means a driver’s license or other documentary or written evidence that the individual is 18 years of age or older.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

No person under the age of 18 shall possess or use tobacco products. This does not apply to minors participating in compliance inspections, receipt of a tobacco product from a family member or from an employer when required in the performance of the person’s duties. Any tobacco product found in the possession of a person under the age of 18 in plain view of a law enforcement officer shall be confiscated by the officer making the charge.


Except when participating in compliance inspections, it is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 to purchase or accept receipt of or attempt to purchase or accept receipt of a tobacco product, or to offer false proof of age. It shall not be unlawful for such a person to accept receipt of a tobacco product from a family member, or from an employer when required in the performance of the person’s duties. Violations shall be punishable
by a fine of $50 and 20 hours of community service for a first offense within a one-year period, and a fine of $200 and 40 hours of community service for a second or subsequent offense within a one-year period.  

Placement of Tobacco Products  
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products  
No state law/regulation.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions  
All retail sales clerks must signify in writing that they understand that it is illegal under state law for persons to sell or distribute tobacco products to persons under 18 and for minors to purchase such products. The owner of the retail establishment shall keep the signed notice in a place that is easily accessible to persons conducting a compliance inspection. Any owner of a retail establishment who violates this provision is subject to a fine of $100 to $500 for each violation.  

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws  
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are specifically not allowed, see below.

It is the intent of the Legislature that Kentucky Revised Statutes section 438.305 to 438.340 shall be enforced in an equitable and uniform manner throughout the Commonwealth. For the purpose of equitable and uniform enforcement, the provisions of above sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes shall supersede any subsequently enacted local law, ordinance, or regulation which relates to the use, display, sale, or distribution of tobacco products.  

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products  

Tobacco Product Samples  
No wholesaler, retailer, or manufacturer of cigarettes or tobacco products may distribute samples of these products, free of charge or otherwise, to any person under 18 years old. Violators shall be fined not less than $1,000 or more than $2,500 for each offense.  

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts  
No person may sell cigarettes in units of fewer than 20 cigarettes. Violation is a fine of not less than $100 or more than $500.  

No person shall sell or distribute in this commonwealth any cigarettes the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by or in accordance with federal law regarding warnings, and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged, or imported for sale, distribution, or use in the United States including, but not limited to, the precise warning label specified in the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. The Revenue Cabinet may suspend or revoke the license and impose a civil penalty not to exceed the greater of 500 percent of the retail value of the cigarettes involved or $5,000 for a licensee upon violation. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class D felony and, in addition, may be subject to a fine of $5,000 plus costs of prosecution.  

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws  
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are specifically not allowed, see below.

It is the intent of the Legislature that Kentucky Revised Statutes section 438.305 to 438.340 shall be enforced in an equitable and uniform manner throughout the Commonwealth. For the purpose of equitable and uniform enforcement, the provisions of above sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes shall supersede any subsequently enacted local law, ordinance, or regulation which relates to the use, display, sale, or distribution of tobacco products.  

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines  

Vending Machine Placement  
The sale or purchase of tobacco products dispensed through a vending machine is prohibited to any person under the age of 18. Vending machines from which tobacco products are dispensed shall
be located in the line of sight of the cashier for the retail establishment. This does not apply to vending machines located in factories, or bars or taverns to which minors are not permitted access.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Any owner of a retail establishment violating this section shall be subject to a fine of $100 to $500 for each violation.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting placement of and sign posting required on tobacco product vending machines are specifically not allowed, see below.

It is the intent of the Legislature that Kentucky Revised Statutes section 438.305 to 438.340 shall be enforced in an equitable and uniform manner throughout the Commonwealth. For the purpose of equitable and uniform enforcement, the provisions of above sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes shall supersede any subsequently enacted local law, ordinance, or regulation which relates to the use, display, sale, or distribution of tobacco products.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Fees
Wholesalers: $500 per year;
Vending Machine Operators: $25 per year.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
It is an unlawful practice for an employer to: fail or refuse to hire, or to discharge any individual, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the individual is a smoker or nonsmoker; limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive an individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect their status as an employee because the individual is a smoker or nonsmoker; or require as a condition of employment that any employee or applicant for employment abstain from smoking or using tobacco products outside the course of employment, as long as the person complies with any workplace policy concerning smoking. A difference in employee contribution rates for smokers and nonsmokers in relation to an employer-sponsored health plan or the offering of incentives or benefits offered by an employer to employees who participate in a smoking cessation program shall not be deemed to be an unlawful practice in violation of this section.

KY REV. STAT. ANN. § 344.040 (2010).

Advertising & Promotion
No cigarette or tobacco product advertising shall be posted on a billboard with display space larger than 50 square feet located within 500 feet of any elementary or secondary school building or adjacent school-owned property. Violators shall be fined at least $100 for each offense.

Note: Enforcement of the above law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Reilly, decided in 2001.

**Product Disclosure**
No state law/regulation.

**Divestment**
No state law/regulation.

**Liability**
Tobacco Industry Liability
If the appellee in a civil action obtains a judgment for punitive or exemplary damages and the appellant seeks a stay of enforcement of the judgment in order to obtain review by an appellate court, the supersedeas bond for the punitive damages portion of the judgment on appeal shall not exceed $100 million. If the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that a party bringing an appeal, for whom the supersedeas bond requirement has been limited, is purposefully dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding ultimate payment of the punitive damages judgment, the limitation granted shall be rescinded and the bond requirement shall be reinstated for the full amount of the judgment.


In a civil action against a tobacco grower for damages alleged to have occurred as a result of use or consumption of tobacco products, in order for liability to be found against a grower, the plaintiff must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the tobacco that caused the alleged damage was planted, cultivated, and harvested by that specific grower and not by any other person. In a similar civil action against a warehouseman the plaintiff must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the tobacco that caused the alleged damage was sold by that specific warehouseman and not by any other person. If the suit is dismissed or the defendant prevails at trial, the defendant may be entitled to three times the entire cost of defending the action.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
In Kentucky, all funds received from the Master Settlement Agreement are deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund and are distributed to the Rural Development Fund, Early Childhood Development Fund and Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund from there. Some money in the Health Care Improvement Fund is allocated to the state tobacco control program every year.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
Kentucky established in the state treasury a permanent and perpetual fund to be known as the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund to which shall be credited any funds designated to Kentucky from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). Moneys in the fund are distributed as follows: 50 percent to the Rural Development Fund, 25 percent to the Early Childhood Development Fund and 25 percent to the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund.


The Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund was created in the state treasury for the purpose of receipt and expenditure of moneys to improve health care and access to health insurance in the state. Twenty-five percent of the annual MSA payments are credited to this fund. Most funding for the state tobacco control program comes from this fund.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes shall be sold or offered for sale in Kentucky or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Kentucky unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standards specified in section 227.772 Kentucky Revised Statutes, 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state fire marshal as specified in section 227.774 Kentucky Revised Statutes and 3) the cigarettes have been marked as specified in section 227.776 Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer or any other person or entity that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 per each sale for the first offense, and not to exceed $25,000 per sale for subsequent offenses. In no case, shall the penalty exceed $100,000 for each 30-day period. A retailer that knowingly sells cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for the first offense and not to exceed $2,000 for subsequent offenses for each sale and offer for sale of less than 1,000 cigarettes; and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for the first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for subsequent offenses for each sale and offer for sale of more than 1,000 cigarettes. The penalty against any one retailer shall not exceed $25,000 in a 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $75,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $250,000 for each subsequent offense in addition to any other penalty.

Preemption
Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Kentucky Revised Statutes section 438.305 to 438.340 preempts stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the use, display, sale and distribution of tobacco products enacted after March 5, 1996.

Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $4,083,500 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs and the state Medicaid cessation coverage benefit in FY2011.

FY2011-FY2012 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1, 1st special session 2010) enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

Smoking/Health Plans: Specifies that it is not unlawful for employee contribution rates for smokers and nonsmokers to differ under employer-sponsored health plans. It is also not unlawful for benefits or incentives to be offered by an employer to an employee for participating in smoking cessation programs.

H.B. 165 enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/14/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in most public places, any enclosed place of employment, any public building or any school. “Public place” is defined as an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted which is not a public building, including restaurants. Major exemptions include stand-alone bars and most areas of casinos/gaming establishments.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) private homes, private residences and private automobiles except if being used for child care or day care; 2) limousines under private hire; 3) up to 50 percent of hotel/motel guest rooms; 4) retail tobacco businesses as defined; 5) bars as defined; 6) outdoor areas of places of employment; 7) private or semi-private rooms or apartments in assisted living and long-term care facilities; 8) gaming establishments except smoking is prohibited within restaurants in the gaming establishment; 9) all workplaces of any manufacturer, importer, wholesaler or distributor of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor, and all tobacco storage facilities; 10) convention facilities under certain conditions; 11) designated and well-ventilated smoking rooms in nursing homes under certain conditions; 12) a hotel or motel room operated by a gaming operation; and 13) outdoor patios.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the law above shall be construed to restrict the power of any parish, city, town, or village to adopt and enforce additional local laws, ordinances, or regulations that comply with at least the minimum applicable standards to establish smokefree public places as set forth above.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in all public buildings, which are defined as any building owned by the legislative, executive or judicial branches of state government; any parish, city or town, or instrumentality thereof, or any other political subdivision of the state, special district, authority, commission or agency; and any other separate corporate instrumentality or entity of state or local government. State correctional facilities became smokefree on August 15, 2009.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited within any enclosed area of a place of employment, which is defined as an area under the control of an employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, and vehicles. A private residence is not a place of employment unless it is used as a licensed child care, adult day care, or health care facility. Outdoor areas of places of employment; and workplaces of any manufacturer, importer, wholesaler or distributor of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor, and all tobacco storage facilities are exempt.


Schools

Smoking is prohibited in any school, which is defined as any elementary, or secondary school building, the campus of any school, any buildings on the campus, and all school buses.


The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all elementary and secondary school buildings. Smoking is restricted on the grounds of elementary and secondary school property to areas specifically designated as smoking areas. Smoking is prohibited on any school bus transporting children to or from school. The governing authority of each public and private school may provide for appropriate penalties, including but not limited to disciplinary action or a fine not to exceed $200, or both.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in places of employment, the definition of which covers child care facilities. Private residences, homes or vehicles are specifically included if they are being used as child care or day care facilities or for day care transportation.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes health care facilities. Private and semiprivate rooms or apartments in assisted living residences, and other long-term care facilities that are occupied by one or more persons, who are all smokers and who have requested in writing to be placed in a room where smoking is permitted; provided that smoke from such rooms or apartments does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited are exempt. Also exempt are designated and well ventilated smoking rooms in nursing homes which permit smoking, provided that the designated smoking room is not the reception area, lobby, waiting room, dining room, or any other room or area defined as a public place.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants. “Restaurant” is defined as an eating establishment, including but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, and school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The bar area of a restaurant is specifically included. Restaurants in gaming establishments are covered as well.

Bars
Smoking is allowed in bars, which are defined as a business that holds a Class A-General retail permit and the primary purpose of such business is to serve alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including, but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges and cabarets.

Private Vehicles
It shall be unlawful for the operator or any passenger in a motor vehicle to smoke cigarettes, pipes, or cigars in a motor vehicle, passenger van, or pick-up truck, when a child who is required to be restrained in a rear-facing child safety seat, a forward-facing child safety seat, a booster seat, or a motor vehicle’s safety belt as required in Louisiana Revised Statutes section 32:295 is also present in such vehicle, regardless of whether windows of the motor vehicle are down. Violation is subject to a fine of $150 per offense, or, at the discretion of the judge may be sentenced to no less than 24 hours of community service. Violation is considered a primary offense, so police officers may stop but not search a vehicle if a violation is occurring.

Penalties/Enforcement
No smoking signs or the international “No smoking” symbol shall be clearly and conspicuously posted by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control in every public building, public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited. All ashtrays shall also be removed. Any violation may be cited by any law enforcement officer by the issuance of a citation and summons to appear before a court of proper jurisdiction. A person who smokes in a place where smoking is prohibited shall be fined $25 for a first offense, $50 for second offense and $100 for a third or subsequent offense. Any employer who knowingly allows smoking in a place of employment shall be fined $100 for a first offense, $250 for a second offense and $500 for a third or subsequent offense. The Department of Health and Hospitals may treat a violation as a deficiency to be assessed against any licensee or facility over which it has statutory jurisdiction.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 36 cents
Date last changed: July 1, 2002 – from 24 cents to 36 cents
Year first enacted: 1926
LA REV. STAT. ANN. § 47:841(B) (2002).
Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $123,769,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

A portion (from 12 cents) of revenue from the cigarette tax is dedicated to a Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund, and distributed to certain programs from there, including a tobacco prevention and cessation program. A very small portion is also dedicated to the enforcement of tobacco regulations.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

The Tobacco Regulation Enforcement Fund was created in the state treasury. From the existing cigarette tax, 0.25 of one cent is dedicated to the fund to be used solely by the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control for tobacco regulation enforcement.


Twelve cents of the cigarette tax is deposited into a fund called the “Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund.” Subject to appropriation by the legislature, seven cents of the proceeds in this fund are distributed as follows: 1) 29.2 percent for funding prevention mass media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the public hospital system and the public school system and community development programs directed at cessation among children and pregnant women and the screening, prevention and treatment of tobacco use and dependence among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by tobacco use; 2) 42.8 percent for funding for the Louisiana Cancer Research Center of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans/Tulane Health Sciences Center; and 3) 28 percent to provide funding for the Cancer Center of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport;

The remaining five cents is distributed as follows:
1) 20 percent to the Office of Addictive Disorders in the state Department of Health and Hospitals; 2) 20 percent to fund the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center; 3) 20 percent to Drug Abuse Resistance Programs (DARE) and; 4) 40 percent to the Office of State Police in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Cigars: 8% to 20% depending on the manufacturer’s invoice price;
Smokeless tobacco: 20% of the invoice price;
Smoking Tobacco: 33% of the invoice price.

LA REV. STAT. ANN. § 47:841(A), (C), & (E) (2002).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $9,040,571
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,560,244 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $10,600,815
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $53,500,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 19.8%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Louisiana’s tobacco control program comes from cigarette tax revenue and the state’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payment.

State Funding Details

Louisiana allocated $9,040,571 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $7,839,931 was allocated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 1) enacted 6/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement

The Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control in the Department of Revenue and Taxation shall annually conduct random, unannounced inspections of all locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed. Minors may be enlisted to test compliance only if the testing is conducted under the direct supervision of the local law enforcement department and written parental consent has been provided. Any person under the age of 18 shall either carry the person’s own identi-
Sign Posting Requirements

Signs are required at the point of purchase stating that Louisiana law prohibits the sale of tobacco to persons under 18. Owners of the establishment where a violation of this provision occurs shall be fined not more than $50 for the first violation, $100 for the second violation, $250 for the third violation and $500 for any subsequent violations. Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the above are not allowed.


Violation by a holder of a permit or certificate from the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control may be subject to suspension or revocation of the required certificate or permit by the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control and/or civil penalties of $50 to $500 for the first offense, $250 to $1,000 for the second offense in two years and $500 to $2,500 for a third offense within two years in addition to the penalties above.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

No person, agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant of any person shall sell or serve tobacco products over-the-counter in a retail establishment to any person under the age of 18 unless such person submits a driver’s license, selective service card, or other lawful identification which on its face establishes the age of the person as 18 years or older and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity or correctness of the identification. Violation may be subject to suspension or revocation of the required certificate or permit by the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control and/or civil penalties of $50 to $500 for the first offense, $250 to $1,000 for the second offense in two years and $500 to $2,500 for a third offense within two years.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 to buy or possess any tobacco product. It is not unlawful for a minor to possess tobacco if accompanied by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian, in a private residence or during the scope of the minor’s

Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for any manufacturer, distributor, retailer, or other person knowingly to sell or distribute any tobacco product to a person under 18. However, it shall not be unlawful for a person under the age of 18 to accept receipt of a tobacco product from an employer when required in the performance of such person’s duties. A person who sells tobacco products to minors shall be fined not more than $50 for the first violation, $100 for the second violation, $250 for the third violation and $400 for any subsequent violations. Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the above are not allowed.


Violation by a holder of a permit or certificate from the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control may be subject to suspension or revocation of the required certificate or permit by the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control and/or civil penalties of $50 to $500 for the first offense, $250 to $1,000 for the second offense in two years and $500 to $2,500 for a third offense within two years in addition to the penalties above.


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employment. A minor who buys tobacco products shall be fined not more than $50 for the first violation, $100 for the second violation, $250 for the third violation and $400 for any subsequent violations. A minor who possesses tobacco products shall be fined not more than $50 for each violation. Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the above are not allowed.


Placement of Tobacco Products

The sale or delivery of tobacco products through a self-service display is prohibited unless the machine is a vending machine that complies with applicable state law. Self-service display means any display that contains tobacco products and is located in an area openly accessible to the retail dealer’s customers and from which such customers can readily access tobacco products without the assistance of a salesperson, excluding locked display cases. These provisions do not apply to retail tobacco businesses or tobacconists at a particular outlet as defined.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No person shall mail, ship, or otherwise deliver cigarettes in connection with a delivery sale unless prior to the first delivery sale to such consumer, the consumer’s age is verified through electronic or written communication, and the person uses a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery that obligates the delivery service to require the consumer placing the purchase order for the delivery sale or another adult of legal minimum purchase age residing at the consumer’s address, to sign to accept delivery and provide photo identification. A first violation is punishable by a fine of $1,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. A second or subsequent violation is a $5,000 fine or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. A knowing violation is a fine of $10,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater, and/or up to five years in prison. Failure to collect or remit the applicable taxes is a fine of five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, in addition to any other penalty.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

No person shall distribute or cause to be distributed to persons under 18 years of age a promotional sample of any tobacco product. Violators shall be fined not less than $100 or more than $500 upon conviction. Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the above are not allowed.


Violation by a holder of a permit or certificate from the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control may be subject to suspension or revocation of the required certificate or permit by the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control and/or civil penalties of $50 to $500 for the first offense, $250 to $1,000 for the second offense in two years and $500 to $2,500 for a third offense within two years in addition to the penalties above.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

No retail dealer shall sell to the public single cigarettes. Packages of cigarettes containing less than 20 cigarettes are prohibited. No smoking tobacco
intended for use as roll-your-own smoking tobacco for cigarettes shall be sold or distributed in individual packages containing less than six-tenths of one ounce of smoking tobacco. Cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products must be sold in an unopened package originating with the manufacturer bearing the health warning required by federal law. Violation may be subject to suspension or revocation of the required certificate or permit by the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control and/or civil penalties of $50 to $500 for the first offense, $250 to $1,000 for the second offense in two years and $500 to $2,500 for a third offense within two years.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances related to tobacco product samples are not allowed, see below. Stronger local laws/ordinances setting minimum tobacco product sales amounts are allowed.

It is the intent of the legislature that enforcement of section 14:91.8 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes shall be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. For the purpose of equitable and uniform implementation and application of state and local laws and regulations, the provisions of this section shall supersede existing or subsequently adopted local ordinances or regulations which relate to the sale, promotion, and distribution of tobacco products.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
Tobacco product vending machines must be located in an establishment to which persons under the age of 18 are denied access and located within the unobstructed line of sight of a dealer or employee.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation may be subject to suspension or revocation of the required certificate or permit by the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control and/or civil penalties of $50 to $500 for the first offense, $250 to $1,000 for the second offense in two years and $500 to $2,500 for a third offense within two years.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Tobacco vending machines must display signs or stickers stating Louisiana law prohibits the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18. The owner of a vending machine in violation of this provision shall be fined not more than $50 for the first violation, $100 for the second violation, $250 for the third violation and $500 for any subsequent violations. Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the above are not allowed.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances related to required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below. Stronger local laws/ordinances related to placement of tobacco product vending machines are allowed.

It is the intent of the legislature that enforcement of section 14:91.8 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes shall be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. For the purpose of equitable and uniform implementation and application of state and local laws and regulations, the provisions of this section shall supersede existing or subsequently adopted local ordinances or regulations which relate to the sale, promotion, and distribution of tobacco products.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products
Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
The Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control shall issue retail dealer registration certificates or retail dealer permits for each retail outlet where cigars, cigarettes, or other tobacco products are offered for sale either over the counter or by vending machine; vending machine operator permits for the operator of one or more vending machines; vending machine permits for each vending machine; tobacconist permits for retail outlets receiving bulk smoking tobacco for the purpose of blending such tobacco where 50 percent
or more of the total purchases for the preceding 12 months were purchases of tobacco products, excluding cigarettes; and wholesale dealer permits for each wholesale place of business operated by the wholesale dealer. Each registration certificate or permit shall be valid for only one year unless a different system than specified by statute is set up by administrative rule. No person shall perform any action for which a registration certificate or permit is required unless he holds the proper registration certificate or permit. Each day of business which is conducted without such a valid, unsuspended registration certificate or permit shall constitute a separate violation.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retail dealer registration certificate or retail dealer permit: $75 annually;
Vending machine operator permit: $75 annually;
Permit for each vending machine: $5 annually;
Wholesaler dealer permit: $75 annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control may suspend a permit previously issued or may refuse to grant a permit if, after a hearing, it is proven that a permittee has violated any youth access laws.

Smoking Protection Laws
As long as an individual, during the course of employment, complies with applicable law and any adopted workplace policy regulating smoking it shall be unlawful for an employer to discriminate against the individual with respect to discharge, compensation, promotion, any personnel action or other condition, or privilege of employment because the individual is a smoker or nonsmoker or require, as a condition of employment, that the individual abstain from smoking or otherwise using tobacco products outside the course of employment. Any employer who violates the provisions of this law shall be fined up to $250 for the first offense and up to $500 for any subsequent offenses.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
In order to secure and protect the monies to be received as a result of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), in civil litigation under any legal theory involving a signatory, successor of a signatory, or affiliate of a signatory to the MSA, except for litigation related to the MSA or any litigation where the state is a party, the security to be furnished for an appeal of any judgment in civil litigation that is required to stay the execution thereon during the course of appeal shall be determined in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure except that the total amount of security required shall not exceed $50 million. However, if it is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant for whom the bond has been limited is intentionally dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding payment of the judgment, the court shall enter such orders as are necessary to prevent dissipation or diversion of assets, including but not limited to, requiring the bond be posted equal to the full amount of security.
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Sixty percent of Louisiana’s future Master Settlement Agreement payments have been sold to the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation for a lump sum payment up front. The remaining 40 percent of the annual payment is distributed to the Millennium Trust and Louisiana Fund, and directed to several additional funds from there. Five hundred thousand dollars is dedicated annually to a tobacco prevention/cessation program at the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals.

LA CONST., Art. VII, Sect. 10.8 to 10.10 (2000).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

Louisiana established the Millennium Trust, a permanent trust fund in the state treasury. After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, a portion of the proceeds from the Master Settlement Agreement (45 percent in FY2001, 60 percent in FY2002 and 75 percent in FY2003 and each fiscal year thereafter) and all dividend and interest income and all realized capital gains on investment of the monies in the Millennium Trust shall be allocated to the Millennium Trust. All money is credited, one-third each, to the Education Excellence Fund, the Health Excellence Fund and the TOPS Fund, funds created within the Millennium Trust. Only the investment earnings from the various funds may be spent.


The state also established the Louisiana Fund which receives the rest of the MSA proceeds and all investment income from the Louisiana Fund. Appropriations from the Fund are limited to the following specified purposes: 1) initiatives for children through enhancements in education and health care; 2) provision of direct health care for tobacco-related illnesses; 3) initiatives to benefit the citizens of the state with respect to health care; 4) initiatives to diminish tobacco-related injury and death to Louisiana’s citizens.


The Louisiana legislature may provide, by a 2/3 vote in both houses of the legislature, for the deposit of all or portion of the MSA proceeds into a special trust fund in the state treasury called the Millennium Leverage Fund. A two-thirds vote of the legislature provides for the issuance of revenue bonds secured by monies in the Leverage Fund in amounts authorized by the legislature. Bond proceeds must be appropriated 25 percent each to the Health Excellence, Education Excellence, TOPS, and Louisiana Funds to be used for the specified purposes of each fund. Termination of the deposit of settlement revenues into the Leverage Fund is allowed pursuant to a two-thirds vote of the legislature.


Securitization

The Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation was created as a separate entity from the state of Louisiana. The corporation has the power to purchase the tobacco assets and receive, or authorize the indenture trustee to receive, the tobacco settlement payments and issue bonds.


The State Bond Commission is authorized to sell and convey up to 60 percent of the tobacco settlement funds. After June 30, 2003, the State Bond Commission shall declare its intent by granting preliminary approval and authorization to sell or convey up to 100 percent of the state allocation to the corporation. Said declaration shall first be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and, if approved by the legislative committee, shall then be approved by a majority of the legislature if the legislature is in session or by mail ballot if the legislature is out of session. Upon approval of the legislature, the State Bond Commission shall commence with the sale. In the event an authorized sale is made during any fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2003, the state treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Administration, shall provide for the deposit into the Louisiana Fund an amount of the net proceeds of any sale or sales that, together with other deposits, will ensure that a sufficient amount is deposited into the Louisiana Fund to fund the appropriations from that fund for that fiscal year. The remainder of such proceeds after deposit into the Louisiana Fund and any residuals received in such state fiscal year shall be deposited into the Millennium Trust.

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection G of section 40:1601.3 Louisiana Revised Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Louisiana or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Louisiana unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standards specified in section 40:1601.3 Louisiana Revised Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 40:1601.4 Louisiana Revised Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 40:1601.5 Louisiana Revised Statutes.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer that knowingly sells cigarettes in violation of the above requirements shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties may not exceed $50,000 in any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of no less than $25,000 and not to exceed $100,000 for each such false certification. Any person violating any other provision of this law shall be subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for subsequent offenses.


**Preemption**

**Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances related to certain youth access laws restricting the sale, promotion and distribution of tobacco products are not allowed.

**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $9,040,571 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 1) enacted 6/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of public places, outdoor eating areas as specified and all public restrooms. Smoking is also prohibited under a separate law in all workplaces that have one or more employees, and within 20 feet of entrances/exits, vents and doorways of workplaces.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to this law include: 1) public places when they are not open to the public; 2) theaters when smoking is part of the performance; 3) smoking during a religious ceremony or cultural activity; 4) hotel and motel rooms; 5) tobacco specialty stores as defined, provided that the on-premises service, preparation or consumption of food or drink, if the tobacco specialty store is not licensed for such service or consumption prior to January 1, 2007, is prohibited, and smoking a waterpipe or hookah is also prohibited in a tobacco specialty store that is newly licensed or that requires a new license after January 1, 2007; 6) beano or bingo games run by a federally recognized Indian tribe; and 7) designated smoking areas in an off-track betting facility or simulcast racing facility at a commercial track, subject to certain conditions, see the statute cited below for more information. During its normal business hours, a public place must be closed for at least one hour to be considered “not open to the public.” A person under 18 years of age is prohibited from entering a business licensed as a tobacco specialty store unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, regardless of whether smoking is allowed in that store.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Every employer who has one or more employees shall establish, or may negotiate through the collective bargaining process, a written policy on smoking. The definition of “employer” includes the state of Maine or a political subdivision of the state. The policy must prohibit smoking indoors, prevent secondhand smoke from circulating into enclosed areas and prohibit smoking outdoors except in designated areas, which must be at least 20 feet from entryways, vents and doorways. The policy may prohibit smoking throughout the business facility, including outdoor areas. The employer shall post and supervise the implementation of the policy, and provide a copy of this policy to any employee upon request.


Private Workplaces
Every employer who has one or more employees shall establish, or may negotiate through the collective bargaining process, a written policy on smoking. The policy must prohibit smoking indoors, prevent secondhand smoke from circulating into enclosed areas and prohibit smoking outdoors except in designated areas, which must be at least 20 feet from entryways, vents and doorways. The policy may prohibit smoking throughout the business facility, including outdoor areas. The employer shall post and supervise the implementation of the policy, and shall provide a copy of this policy to any employee upon request. All enclosed areas of a business facility into which members of the public are invited or allowed are governed by the law prohibiting smoking in public places. Home-based business facilities are considered places of employment when an employee is physically present to do work there.


The above provisions do not apply to a business facility that is a veterans’ service organization that is not open to the public or to any other club that was not open to the public and that was in operation prior to January 1, 2004 subject to certain conditions. See the statute sections cited below for more detailed information.

ME REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 22, § 1580-A(C-1&C-2) & 1580-A(9) (2005).

Schools
Tobacco use in the buildings or on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school is prohibited...
at all times. Tobacco use may be permitted in class-
rooms only as part of a bona fide demonstration
during a class lesson, with prior notice being given
to the school’s administrator. The principal of the
elementary or secondary school, or the principal’s
designee, shall enforce the law prohibiting and
restricting tobacco use under this section.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all child care facilities.
In the case of a child care facility that is not home-
based, smoking is also prohibited in a facility-
designated motor vehicle within 12 hours before
transporting a child who is in the care of the child
care facility, and whenever such child is present in
the vehicle. Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor
areas of the facility where children may be pres-
ent. In a private residence used as a day care or
baby-sitting service, smoking is prohibited in the
residence, during the hours of operation as a day
care or baby-sitting service; in outdoor areas on the
property of that private residence, wherever a child
under care may be present; and during the facility’s
hours of operation, in a motor vehicle owned or
operated by the facility whenever a child under care
is in the vehicle.

Smoking is prohibited in a foster home when a
foster child is present. When a foster child is ab-
sent from the foster home, smoking is prohibited
within 12 hours prior to their expected return.
Smoking is also prohibited in a foster parents’
motor vehicle within 12 hours of transporting a
foster child and whenever the foster child is pres-
ent in the vehicle.

Health Care Facilities
Residential facilities, hospitals and nursing homes
are considered business facilities. This means they
must establish, or may negotiate through the collec-
tive bargaining process, a written policy on smok-
ing. The policy must prohibit smoking indoors,
prevent secondhand smoke from circulating into
enclosed areas and prohibit smoking outdoors
except in designated areas, which must be at least
20 feet from entryways, vents and doorways. The
policy may prohibit smoking throughout the busi-
ness facility, including outdoor areas. All enclosed
areas of a business facility into which members of
the public are invited or allowed are governed by
the law prohibiting smoking in public places.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants. Smoking
is also prohibited in outdoor eating areas of res-

taurants if the outdoor eating area or any portion
thereof is open and available for dining and bever-
age service. “Outdoor eating area” means a patio,
derk or other property that is partially enclosed or
open to the sky that is permitted for outdoor eating
or drinking under the control of an eating estab-
ishment as defined. An eating establishment with
an outdoor eating area shall post signs, notify its
patrons of the prohibition on smoking in outdoor
eating areas and request that all persons comply.

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in lounges and taverns.
Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor eating areas
of lounges/taverns if the outdoor eating area or
any portion thereof is open and available for din-
ing and beverage service. “Outdoor eating area”
means a patio, deck or other property that is par-
tially enclosed or open to the sky that is permitted
for outdoor eating or drinking under the control
of an eating establishment as defined. An eating
establishment with an outdoor eating area shall
post signs, notify its patrons of the prohibition on
smoking in outdoor eating areas and request that
all persons comply.

Private Vehicles
Smoking is prohibited in motor vehicles by the
operator or a passenger when a person who has not
attained 16 years of age is present in that motor ve-

cicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle’s win-
dows are open. From September 1, 2008 to August
31, 2009, penalty is a written warning for violation;
from September 1, 2009 a $50 civil penalty must be
assessed, except a law enforcement officer may give
a written warning for violation.
Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions

Restrictions on Smoking in Certain Outdoor Areas:

A person may not smoke tobacco or any other substance in, on or within 20 feet of a beach, playground, snack bar, group picnic shelter, business facility, enclosed area, public place or restroom in a state park or state historic site as defined. No penalties for violation are specified, but the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall erect signs and undertake public education initiatives regarding the above law within existing resources.


Penalties/Enforcement

“No Smoking” or “Smoking permitted” signs must be posted in public places where smoking is regulated. A person who violates any provision of the law governing smoking in public places or the law governing smoking in workplaces commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed $100 may be adjudged, except that a fine of up to $1,500 may be adjudged for each violation in cases when a person or employer engages in a pattern of conduct that demonstrates a lack of good faith in complying with these requirements. The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce this chapter in District Court or Superior Court and may seek injunctive relief, including a preliminary or final injunction, and fines, penalties and equitable relief and may seek to prevent or restrain actions in violation of this chapter by a person or any person controlling such person.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.00

Date last changed: September 19, 2005 – from $1.00 to $2.00

Year first enacted: 1941


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $137,573,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

All cigarette tax revenue is credited to the state general fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Smokeless tobacco, including chewing tobacco and snuff: minimum of $2.02/oz., prorated for packages larger than one ounce;

Cigars, pipe tobacco, and other tobacco intended for smoking: 20% of the wholesale sales price.

ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 36, § 4403 (2009).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $9,893,168
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,249,288 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $11,142,456
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $18,500,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 60.2%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Maine’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

State Funding Details

Maine allocated $9,893,168 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $10,800,513 was allocated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.


Note: The FY2011 tobacco control program funding number above includes only dollars specifically spent on programs to reduce tobacco use. In past years, money spent on factors that drive tobacco-related chronic diseases, but not spent on reducing tobacco use specifically was included.
Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Compliance/Enforcement
The Department of Health and Human Services shall enforce the tobacco retail licensing laws and sales of tobacco products through vending machines in cooperation with all law enforcement officers. Retail tobacco sales laws may be enforced by law enforcement officers or by individuals hired by contract with the Department of Health and Human Services to enforce these laws.


The Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services shall coordinate the enforcement of the state’s laws relating to the sale and use of tobacco products by minors. The office shall ensure compliance with the Synar Act, including the preparations of reports for the signature of the governor.

ME REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 5 § 20002(3) (2003).

Penalties for Sales to Minors
A person may not sell, furnish, give away or offer to sell, furnish or give away a tobacco product to any person under the age of 18. This also applies to sales from cigarette vending machines. Any person who violates this law commits a civil violation for which a fine between $50 and $1,500, plus court costs must be adjudged for any one offense. Any employer of a person who violates this law commits a civil violation for which a fine between $50 and $1,500 plus court costs must be imposed. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the defendant sold or distributed cigarettes, cigarette paper or any other tobacco product to a person under 18 years of age who furnished fraudulent proof of age.


The District Court may impose fines as listed above or revoke or suspend licenses for violation of state laws or rules related to the sale of tobacco products. License suspensions apply only to the premises where the violation occurs, but the court may order that a revocation apply to any of a licensee’s premises or machines. Suspensions and revocations must be for a definite period of time.


Sign Posting Requirements
A dealer or distributor of tobacco products shall post notice of this section prohibiting tobacco and cigarette paper sales to persons less than 18 years of age. Signs may be provided at cost by the department. Failure to post the required notice is a civil violation for which a fine between $50 and $200 may be imposed for the first and subsequent offenses.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
Tobacco products may not be sold at retail to any person less than 27 years of age unless the seller first verifies that person’s age by means of reliable photographic identification containing the person’s date of birth. Violation is subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” category.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 to offer false identification in attempting to purchase any tobacco products or to purchase, possess or use cigarettes, cigarette paper or any other tobacco product. A minor may transport cigarettes if it is in the scope of that person’s employment. Any person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which the following forfeitures may be adjudged: a fine between $100 and $300 and/or community service may be imposed for the first offense; a fine between $200 and $500 and/or community service may be imposed for the second offense; and, a mandatory fine of $500 that may not be suspended, and possibly additional community service for all subsequent offenses.


Placement of Tobacco Products
Tobacco products may be displayed or offered for sale only in a manner that does not allow the purchaser direct access to the tobacco products. This law does not apply to multi-unit packages of 10 or more units, tobacco specialty stores or in locations where minors are prohibited.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

A tobacco product, other than premium cigars, may not be shipped to anyone other than a licensed tobacco distributor or licensed tobacco retailer in this state, and only these entities may accept delivery of tobacco products. Also, a person may not, with knowledge or reason to know of the violation, provide substantial assistance to a person in violation of the above. Violation is a civil violation punishable by a fine of $1,000 to $5,000. The Attorney General may also bring an action to enforce the law as specified. For sales involving premium cigars as defined, to accept an order for a delivery sale, the person must be licensed as a tobacco retailer. Then, before the first sale to a consumer the person must obtain a copy of a government issued ID, and a written statement from the customer documenting that they are at least 18 years of age, and that the customer understands that providing false information or purchasing tobacco products for a minor is illegal. The information must be confirmed against a commercially available database derived solely from government records, and specified reporting requirements must be followed. Violations of the above provisions are civil violations subject to fines from $50 to $1,500 for a first violation and $1,000 to $5,000 for subsequent violations.


Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

Flavored Tobacco Products:

A person may not sell or distribute any flavored cigar, defined as a cigar or any component part of the cigar that contains a constituent having a characterizing flavor. “Characterizing flavor” means a distinguishable taste or aroma of candy, chocolate, vanilla, fruit, berry, nut, herb, spice, honey or an alcoholic drink that is imparted to tobacco or tobacco smoke either prior to or during consumption. “Characterizing flavor” does not include a taste or aroma from tobacco. Premium cigars, defined as cigars weighing over 3 pounds per thousand cigars and wrapped in whole tobacco leaf are exempt. Also, any flavored cigar that the Attorney General determined had no characterizing flavor or was otherwise exempt under previous law is exempt from the prohibition on flavored nonpremium cigars so long as no material change is made to the cigar’s flavoring, packaging or labeling subsequent to the Attorney General’s determination. Violation is a civil violation punishable by a fine of $1,000 for a first offense and $3,000 for subsequent offenses.


Sale of Nicotine Water Prohibited:

A person may not sell, furnish, give away or offer to sell, furnish or give away nicotine water in this state. “Nicotine water” is defined as water intended for human consumption and that contains as an added ingredient nicotine or an alkaloid having similar physiological activity. Violation is a civil violation subject to a fine of $500 for the first offense, $1,000 for a second violation and $5,000 for the third and subsequent violations.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the chapter on retail tobacco sales affects the authority of municipalities to enact ordinances or regulations (or amendments to same), that are more restrictive, except that they must give notice to licensees doing business in the municipality at least 30 days prior to consideration of such ordinances, regulations, or amendments.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

A person may not furnish or give away or offer to furnish or give away a tobacco product to any person under the age of 18 or to any individual who does not demonstrate through either a driver’s license or photo identification card that the individual is at least 18. Violation is subject to the same penalties listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” category.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

A person may not sell cigarettes except in the original, sealed package in which the manufacturer placed them, which may not be smaller than 20 cigarettes per package, or sell cigarettes in smaller quantities than placed in the package by the manufacturer. A person who violates this section com-
mits a civil violation for which a forfeiture between $10 and $100 may be adjudged. An employer of a person who violates this law commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture between $100 and $1,000 may be adjudged.

A distributor may not offer for sale or sell tobacco products if the package containing the tobacco products is subject to and does not comply with the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for the placement of labels, warnings or any other information for a package of tobacco products to be sold within the United States. Violation of this provision is a Class E crime for the first offense and a Class D crime for subsequent offenses.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the chapter on retail tobacco sales affects the authority of municipalities to enact ordinances or regulations (or amendments to same), that are more restrictive, except that they must give notice to licensees doing business in the municipality at least 30 days prior to consideration of such ordinances, regulations, or amendments.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Any vending machine used for the sale of tobacco products may only dispense tobacco products. At all times during the hours the vending machine is accessible, it must be located within the unobstructed line of sight and under the direct supervision of an adult responsible for preventing persons under 18 years of age from purchasing any tobacco product from that machine. Vending machines may be located only in areas where minors, if permitted, must be accompanied by an adult.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Any person in control of a facility who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine between $100 to $500 may be adjudged, or the person may be prohibited from having a cigarette vending machine located on the premises for up to six months, or both.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
A sign must be affixed to the front of the machine warning that it is unlawful for a minor to purchase cigarettes in this state. Penalty for violation is listed above.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the chapter on retail tobacco sales affects the authority of municipalities to enact ordinances or regulations (or amendments to same), that are more restrictive, except that they must give notice to licensees doing business in the municipality at least 30 days prior to consideration of such ordinances, regulations, or amendments.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
All tobacco product retailers, including those who conduct sales through vending machines or engage in free distribution of tobacco products, must obtain a license from the Department of Human Services. A separate license shall be obtained for each place of business and vending machine. All retail licenses are valid from April 1 to March 31 of a given year unless suspended or revoked. Selling tobacco products at retail, through a vending machine or distribution of free samples without a license is subject to a fine of $300 to $500 plus court costs and an additional penalty of not more than 30 days imprisonment at the court’s discretion for a first violation; a fine of $500 to $1,000 plus court costs and an additional penalty of not more than 60 days imprisonment at the court’s discretion for a second violation; and a fine of not less than $1,000 plus courts costs and 60 days imprisonment and an additional penalty of not more than four months...
imprisonment at the court’s discretion for a third violation.


A distributor of cigarettes and/or other tobacco products shall obtain a license from the state Tax Assessor. A license must be obtained for each wholesale outlet maintained by the distributor, must be prominently displayed on the premises of the wholesale outlet and is not transferable. A distributor’s license expires one year from the 30th day of June next succeeding the date of issuance. A distributor who imports into this state, sells at wholesale, offers for sale at wholesale or possesses with intent to sell at wholesale any cigarettes or other tobacco products without holding the required license commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than $250 to $500 must be adjudged for the first violation and a forfeiture of not less than $500 to $1,000 must be adjudged for each subsequent violation.


It is unlawful for any person to accept an order for a delivery sale of premium cigars as defined to a consumer in Maine unless that person is licensed as a tobacco retailer. A “delivery sale” is defined as a sale of tobacco products by phone, over the Internet, or by a delivery service. Engaging in a delivery sale without a license is subject to a fine of $50 to $1,500 for the first violation, and $1,000 to $5,000 for subsequent violations.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
The annual fee for each retail establishment, vending machine or person engaging in free distribution of tobacco products is set according to rules promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services.

ME REV. STAT. ANN. tit 22, § 1552 & CODE OF ME RULES 10-144, chap. 203 § 3 (2005).

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The District Court may impose fines or revoke or suspend licenses for violation of state laws or rules related to the sale of tobacco products. License suspensions apply only to the premises where the violation occurs, but the court may order that a revocation apply to any of the licensee's premises or machines. Suspensions and revocations must be for a definite period of time.


Smoking Protection Laws
An employer or an agent of an employer may not require, as a condition of employment, that any employee or prospective employee refrain from using tobacco products outside the course of their employment or otherwise discriminate against any person with respect to the person’s compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment for using tobacco products outside the course of employment as long as the employee complies with any workplace policy concerning the use of tobacco.


Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
Note: No appeal bond is required to appeal monetary judgments in lawsuits in Maine.
■ Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

Annual tobacco settlement payments received by the state are deposited into the Fund for a Healthy Maine, and used for a number of health-related purposes, including tobacco prevention and cessation programs.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

The Fund for a Healthy Maine is established and the state controller shall credit to the fund all monies received from the Master Settlement Agreement between the state of Maine and certain cigarette companies; money from other public or private sources designated for the fund; and interest or investment income from the fund. Allocations from the fund are limited to the following health-related purposes: 1) Smoking prevention, cessation and control activities, including, but not limited to, reducing smoking among children in the state; 2) Prenatal and young children’s care; 3) Child care for children up to 15 years of age, including after-school care; 4) Health care for children and adults; 5) Prescription drugs for adults who are elderly or disabled; 6) Dental and oral health care to low-income persons who lack adequate dental coverage; 7) Substance abuse prevention and treatment; and 8) Comprehensive school health and nutrition programs, including school-based health centers.


■ Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

Unless federal law provides otherwise, to help prevent cigarette-caused fires, cigarettes may not be sold or offered for sale in Maine or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Maine unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test methods and meet the performance standards specified in title 22, section 1555-E, subsection 2 Maine Revised Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the State Fire Marshal in accordance with title 22, section 1555-E, subsection 3 Maine Revised Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with title 22, section 1555-E, subsection 4 Maine Revised Statutes.


■ Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $9,893,168 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Flavored Tobacco Products: Revises the law prohibiting flavored cigarettes and tobacco products by just making it apply to certain flavored cigars. The sale of most flavored cigarettes is prohibited by federal law.

H.B. 1086 enacted 4/5/10 and effective 7/11/10.

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Smoking is prohibited in indoor areas open to the public; indoor places in which meetings are open to the public; a government-owned or government-operated means of mass transportation, including buses, vans, trains, taxicabs, and limousines; or an indoor place of employment. This includes restaurants, bars and private clubs.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private homes, residences, including residences used as a business or place of employment, unless being used by a person who is licensed or registered to provide day care or child care, and private vehicles, unless being used for the public transportation of children, or as part of health care or day care transportation; 2) 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms; 3) a retail tobacco business, in which the primary activity is the retail sale of tobacco products and accessories, and the sale of other products is incidental; 4) any facility of a manufacturer, importer, wholesaler, or distributor of tobacco products or of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor; and 5) a research or educational laboratory for the purpose of conducting scientific research into the health effects of tobacco smoke.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to preempt a county or municipal government from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures to reduce involuntary exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.


Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in indoor places of employment defined as a place in or about which an employee is allowed to work. Employee includes any individual employed by a governmental unit. Smoking is also prohibited in a government-owned or government-operated means of mass transportation including buses, vans, trains, taxicabs and limousines.


By Executive Order, smoking is prohibited in all state buildings and facilities, in all space leased or rented by the state, and in government operated shuttle buses. State employees are strongly encouraged to refrain from smoking in state vehicles and may not smoke when other nonsmoking passengers are present in the vehicle. State officials or employees in charge of facilities housing clients, patients, inmates, or wards of the state may prohibit or restrict smoking by residents. This order does not apply to the ground and first floor of the State House and spaces assigned to the legislative and judicial branches of government. However, these branches are called upon to establish smokefree environments in those workspaces.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in indoor places of employment defined as a place in or about which an employee is allowed to work. An employer is defined as a person who is engaged in commerce, industry, trade, or other business in the state and employs at least one employee in that business. The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is required to adopt regulations to prohibit secondhand smoke in indoor places of employment not normally open to the general public. Any facility of a manufacturer, importer, wholesaler, or distributor of tobacco products or of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor is exempt.


Schools
The sale or use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in school buildings at all times. In addition, the sale or use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on school grounds during the official school day. Each local superintendent of schools must certify in
writing to the State Superintendent of Schools that all school buildings and grounds are tobacco free. Each local school system must also post notification to students, staff, and the general public that school buildings and grounds are tobacco free.

CODE of MD REGS. (COMAR) tit. 13A §§ 02.04 et seq. (1992).

To the extent not covered above, smoking is prohibited in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment, including schools and other educational facilities.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment, including child care facilities. Specifically included are home-based child care facilities that are licensed or registered as required by law, and vehicles used in day care transportation.


Health Care Facilities
Every director of a nursing home, health clinic, or physician’s office shall make and carry out a plan that adequately protects the health of nonsmoking patients by regulating the smoking of tobacco products on the premises. Smoking is prohibited in hospitals except for facilities for the treatment of mental disorders; a facility where the average patient stay is more than 30 days; or in an acute care hospital and the attending physician authorizes smoking, in writing, as part of the care for the patient. Smoking permitted under this section shall be in designated areas that are considered safe and provide non-smoking patients, family members and employees protection from tobacco smoke. Smoking may not be permitted where nonsmoking patients sleep.


Notwithstanding the above, smoking is prohibited in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment, including health care facilities. Vehicles used for health care transportation are specifically included.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in bars/taverns.


Penalties/Enforcement
Signs that state “Smoking Permitted in This Room” shall be prominently posted and properly maintained by the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of the area where smoking is allowed. Violation of the above law or regulation issued to enforce the law is subject to a written reprimand by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for a first violation, a civil penalty of $100 for a second violation and a civil penalty of not less than $250 for a subsequent violation. The secretary may waive a penalty giving consideration to the seriousness of the violation and any demonstrated good faith measures to comply. It is an affirmative defense to a complaint brought against a person if the person or an employee of the person: posted a “No Smoking” sign as required; removed all ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia from all areas where smoking is prohibited; and if the violation occurred in a bar, tavern or restaurant refused to seat or serve any individual who was smoking in a prohibited area; and if the individual continued to smoke after an initial warning, asked the individual to leave the establishment.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.00

Date last changed: January 1, 2008 – from $1.00 to $2.00

Year first enacted: 1958


The sales and use tax do not apply to a sale of nicotine patches, nicotine gum, or any other product intended for use as an aid in tobacco use cessa-
tion and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for that purpose.


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $394,229,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 15% of the wholesale price.

MD. CODE ANN., TAX-GEN. § 12-105(b) (2002).

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Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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Compliance/Enforcement
No provisions in state law.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
A person engaged in selling or otherwise distributing tobacco products for commercial purposes may not distribute tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia to persons under 18 years of age. No other person may purchase for, deliver or sell tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia to a minor. This does not apply to the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to a minor who is acting solely as the agent of the minor’s employer if the employer distributes tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia for commercial purposes. Persons who violate this law shall be subject to a fine of not more than $300 for the first violation, $1,000 for a second violation within two years, and $3,000 for subsequent violations within a two-year period. It is a defense that the defendant examined the purchaser’s or recipient’s driver’s license or other valid identification issued by an employer, government unit, or institution of higher education that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as at least 18 years of age. The owner or person in control of a tobacco vending machine that has the required sign displayed is not subject to these penalties if a person under 18 has purchased
tobacco from their machine.


Sign Posting Requirements
No state law/regulation.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/ Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No state law/regulation.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No person engaged in the business of selling or distributing cigarettes may sell, ship, or cause to be sold or shipped cigarettes ordered or purchased by mail or through a computer network, telephonic network or other electronic network by a consumer or other unlicensed recipient, directly to a consumer or other unlicensed recipient. A licensed retailer may deliver no more than two cartons of cigarettes directly to a consumer if the delivery is made by the licensed retailer or an employee of the licensed retailer. A licensee who violates this section is subject to specified discipline by the state Comptroller, and is guilty of a felony and subject to a fine not exceeding $50 for each carton of cigarettes transported and/or imprisonment not exceeding two years. Unlicensed persons who violate this section are also guilty of a felony and subject to the same penalties listed above.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

**Tobacco Product Samples/ Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products**

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**Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts**

A retailer or vending machine operator may not purchase from a tobacco product manufacturer or sell, resell, distribute, dispense, or give away to any person a package of cigarettes containing less than 20 cigarettes; and a wholesaler may not sell, resell, distribute, dispense, or give away to any person in this state a package of cigarettes containing less than 20 cigarettes. Violation is subject to a license suspension or revocation.


A person who ships, imports, or sells cigarettes into or within this state shall comply with any federal and state requirements concerning the placement of warning labels or other information on the containers or individual packages of cigarettes. Violation is a felony and subject to a fine of $50 for each carton of cigarettes transported and/or two years imprisonment. The license to sell tobacco products may also be suspended or revoked.


**State Preemption of Local Samples Laws**

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting
sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

**Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines**

**Vending Machine Placement**

A person may not sell or dispense or offer to sell or dispense a tobacco product through a vending machine in Maryland unless the vending machine: (1) is located in an establishment that minors are prohibited by law from entering or an establishment that is a bona fide fraternal or veterans organization; or (2) can only be operated with a token, card, or similar device that an individual can only obtain or purchase from the owner or an employee or agent.

**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**

Violating the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $100.

**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**

A licensee who sells cigarettes through a vending machine shall display on a conspicuous label the prohibition and penalties for sales or distribution of tobacco products to minors.

**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances concerning the placement of and required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

**Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**

**Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**

Manufacturers, wholesalers, and vending machine operators must obtain an appropriate license to sell or distribute cigarettes from the state Comptroller. Retailers must obtain a county license (see below), but still must pay a license fee to the state. A retailer’s license is required for each place of business. Licenses must be renewed annually. Selling or distributing cigarettes without the appropriate license is a misdemeanor subject to a fine of $1,000, imprisonement for not more than 30 days, or both.

**License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**

Yes—obtained from county

**License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**

No

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**

Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**

No

**License Fees**

- Manufacturer’s license: $25 annually;
- Retail licenses: State – $30 annually, county – $25 annually except for Cecil County where license fee is $50 annually;
- Wholesale license: $750 annually;
- Vending machine license: $500 annually.

In addition, licensees must pay a non-refundable application fee of $200 to the state Comptroller for initial issuance of a license, and a fee of $30 for renewal of a license.

**License Suspension for Sales to Minors**

No provisions.

**Smoking Protection Laws**

No state law/regulation.

**Advertising & Promotion**

No state law/regulation.
**Product Disclosure**
No state law/regulation.

**Divestment**
No state law/regulation.

**Liability**
Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary**
All monies received by Maryland from the Master Settlement Agreement are deposited in the Cigarette Restitution Fund, and allocated through the regular appropriations/budget process. A portion of the money has gone to Maryland’s tobacco prevention and cessation program each year.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**
The Cigarette Restitution Fund was established where all revenues from Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments and any monies collected under the law prohibiting smoking in public places and workplaces are deposited. Expenditures from the fund are made by annual appropriation in the state budget. The Cigarette Restitution Fund shall be used to fund the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program; the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Program; and other specified purposes. The governor shall include in the annual budget bill appropriations from the fund equivalent to the lesser of $100 million or 90 percent of the funds estimated to be available to the fund in the fiscal year for which the appropriations are made. In each fiscal year, at least 50 percent of the funds are to be appropriated for the purposes specified above, at least 30 percent of the funds are to be used for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, and 0.15 percent of the funds are to be used to enforce the MSA.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, cigarettes may not be manufactured in Maryland or sold or offered for sale to any person in Maryland unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 16-602 Maryland Business Regulations Code; 2) the manufacturer has filed a written certification with the state Comptroller in accordance with section 16-603 Maryland Business Regulations Code; and 3) the cigarettes have also been marked in accordance with the requirements of section 16-604 Maryland Business Regulations Code.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**
A manufacturer or other person that knowingly sells or offers for sale cigarettes other than by retail sale in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each package of cigarettes sold or offered for sale, provided that the total penalty assessed shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retailer, sub-wholesaler, wholesaler, or other person that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each package of cigarettes sold or offered for sale, provided that the total penalty assessed against a retailer shall not exceed $25,000 and against a sub-wholesaler, wholesaler or other person shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A manufacturer that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each offense.


**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $4,349,639 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Settlement/Tobacco Control Program Funding: Reduced the amount required to be included in the state budget for tobacco prevention and cessation programs to $6 million for FY2011 and FY2012.
This amount increases to $10 million in FY2013 and $13 million in FY2014 and thereafter. Prior to FY2010, the required funding amount was $21 million.

S.B. 141 enacted 5/20/10 and effective 6/1/10.

Tobacco Licensing: Requires manufacturers and wholesalers of and storage warehouses for tobacco products other than cigarettes to get a license from the state Comptroller and retailers and tobacconists of tobacco products other than cigarettes to get a license from the county they are doing business in. Requirements and fees for these licenses were also set out as well.

H.B. 88 enacted 5/4/10 and effective 5/1/11.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in virtually all public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars. See the statute cited below for a more detailed list.

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences, except during such time when the residence is utilized as part of a business as a group childcare center, school age day care center, school age day or overnight camp, or a facility licensed by the office of child care services or as a health care related office or facility; 2) membership associations as defined if the premises is owned, or under a written lease for a term of not less than 90 consecutive days, is not located in a public building, and the space is restricted by the association to admittance only of its members, the invited guest of a member, and the employees of the membership association; 3) hotel/motel rooms designated as smoking rooms; 4) retail tobacco stores as defined; 5) smoking bars as defined; 6) in the course of professional film production, if smoking is part of the theatrical production; 7) by a person, organization or other entity that conducts medical or scientific research on tobacco products; 8) religious ceremonies where smoking is part of the ritual; and 9) a tobacco farmer, leaf dealer, manufacturer, importer, exporter, or wholesale distributor of tobacco products, may permit smoking in the workplace for the sole purpose of testing said tobacco for quality assurance purposes.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in the statehouse, in a public building or in a vehicle or vessel owned, leased, or otherwise operated by the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof, or in a space occupied by a state agency or department of the commonwealth which is located in another building, including a private office in a building or space mentioned in this sentence, or at an open meeting of a governmental body, or in a courtroom or courthouse. This shall not apply to a resident or patient of a state hospital, the Soldiers’ Home in Massachusetts located in the city of Chelsea or the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke. “Public building” is defined as a building owned by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, or in an enclosed indoor space occupied by a state agency or department of the commonwealth which is located in a building not owned by the commonwealth.

Private Workplaces
It shall be the responsibility of the employer to provide a smokefree environment for all employees working in an enclosed workplace. To that end, smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas of workplaces. “Workplace” is defined as an indoor area, structure or facility or a portion thereof, at which one or more employees perform a service for compensation for the employer, other enclosed spaces rented to or otherwise used by the public; and where the employer has the right or authority to exercise control over the space.

Schools
Smoking is prohibited in any school, college, and university.

Students in primary or secondary public schools in the Commonwealth are prohibited from using tobacco products of any type on school grounds during normal school hours.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in group childcare centers, school-age day care centers, family day care centers and school age day or overnight camp buildings. Home-based child care facilities are specifically included.
Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in health care facilities. “Health care facility” is defined as any hospital, nursing home, extended care facility, state health or mental institution, clinic, physician’s office or health maintenance organization licensed or otherwise operating legally within the commonwealth. However, a nursing home and any acute care substance abuse treatment center under the jurisdiction of the commonwealth, may apply to the local board of health having jurisdiction over the facility for designation of part of the facility as a residence. The residential area shall not contain an employee workspace, such as offices, restrooms or other areas used primarily by employees. The entire facility may not be designated as a residence. The designated residential area must be for the sole use of permanent residents of the facility. No temporary or short-term resident may reside in the residential portion of the facility. All areas in the designated residential area in which smoking is allowed shall be conspicuously designated as smoking areas and be adequately ventilated to prevent the migration of smoke to nonsmoking areas.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in all restaurants.

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in bars. Smoking bars, which are defined as establishments that occupy exclusively an enclosed indoor space and that primarily are engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products for consumption by customers on the premises; derives revenue from the sale of food, alcohol or other beverages that is incidental to the sale of the tobacco products; prohibits entry to a person under the age of 18 years of age during the time when the establishment is open for business; prohibits any food or beverage not sold directly by the business to be consumed on the premises; maintains a valid permit for the retail sale of tobacco products as required to be issued by the appropriate authority in the city or town where the establishment is located; and, maintains a valid permit to operate a smoking bar issued by the Department of Revenue, are exempt.

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Smoking in a public conveyance, or in a terminal or other facility of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is prohibited. Those who violate this law must appear in court or pay a fine of $25. Failure to comply warrants a criminal complaint; individuals who do not appear in court in response to this complaint are subject to arrest and may be punished by a fine of no more than $100, or not more than 10 days in prison, or both.

Penalties/Enforcement
An owner, manager or other person in control of a building, vehicle or vessel who violates this section, in a manner other than by smoking in a place where smoking is prohibited, shall be punished by a fine of $100 for the first violation, $200 for a second violation within two years of the first violation and $300 for a third and subsequent violation within two years of the second violation. Each calendar day on which a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense. If an owner, manager or other person in control of a building, vehicle or vessel violates this section repeatedly, demonstrating egregious noncompliance as defined by regulation of the Department of Public Health, the local board of health may revoke or suspend the license to operate and shall send notice of the revocation or suspension to the Department of Public Health. An individual or person who violates this section by smoking in a place where smoking is prohibited shall be subject to a civil penalty of $100 for each violation. Any person may register a complaint to initiate an investigation and enforcement with the local board of health, the Department of Public Health, or the local inspection department or the equivalent.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.51
Date last changed: July 1, 2008 – from $1.51 to $2.51
Year first enacted: 1939
Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $562,083,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Differing portions of cigarette tax revenue go to the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund, the Children’s and Senior’s Health Care Assistance Fund, the Local Aid Fund and the state General Fund.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
A portion of cigarette tax revenue as specified is dedicated to the Commonwealth Care Trust Fund to pay for the state’s program to provide health insurance to all Massachusetts residents.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 64C, § 6 (2008).

Twenty-five cents of the cigarette excise tax is dedicated to the Children’s and Senior’s Health Care Assistance Fund.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 64C, § 7A (1996); & ch. 29, § 2FF (2003).

The remainder of the revenue from the tax on cigarettes is combined with any remaining revenue from taxes on other tobacco products (see Other Tobacco Products section below) and credited 40 percent of the amount exceeding $169,800,000 to the Local Aid Fund and the remainder of the revenue to the General Fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Little cigars: $2.51 per 20 cigars;
Chewing tobacco and snuff: 90% of the wholesale price;
Cigars and smoking tobacco: 30% of the wholesale price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Portions of revenue from taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes are credited to the Children’s and Senior’s Health Care Assistance Fund, the Local Aid Fund and the state General Fund.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
Revenue from 25 percent of the tax on chewing tobacco and snuff, and 15 percent of the tax on cigars and smoking tobacco is credited to the Children’s and Senior’s Health Care Assistance Fund.


The rest of the revenue from taxes on other tobacco products is combined with any remaining revenue from cigarette taxes (see Cigarettes section above) and credited 40 percent of the amount exceeding $169,800,000 to the Local Aid Fund and the remainder of the revenue to the General Fund.


Tobacco Control Program Funding
Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $4,485,983
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $5,716,139 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $10,202,122
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $90,000,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 11.3%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Massachusetts’ tobacco control program comes from the state general fund.

State Funding Details
Massachusetts allocated $4,485,983 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $4,501,700 was allocated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 4800) enacted 6/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products
Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
18

Compliance/Enforcement
No provisions in state law.
Penalties for Sales to Minors

Whoever sells or gives tobacco in any form to a person under the age of 18 shall be punished by a fine of not less than $100 for the first offense, not less than $200 for a second offense, and not less than $300 for subsequent offenses. This does not apply to tobacco given by the parents or guardian of the child.


Whoever sells cigarette rolling papers to any person under the age of 18 shall be punished by a fine of not less than $25 for the first offense, $50 for the second offense and $100 for subsequent offenses. No city, town, department, board or other political subdivision or agency of the commonwealth may impose any requirements, restrictions, or prohibitions pertaining to the sale of cigarette rolling papers, in addition to those in this section, notwithstanding any ordinance or regulation that was in effect before February 20.


Sign Posting Requirements

The owner or person in charge of a place that sells cigarettes at retail shall conspicuously post a copy of the law concerning tobacco sales to minors. Whoever violates this provision shall be punished by a fine of not more than $50. Any person who unlawfully removes the required sign shall be fined $10.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice for any person who sells or distributes cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, cigars or little cigars through a retail outlet located within Massachusetts to fail to verify by means of a valid government-issued photographic identification that each person purchasing cigarettes or smokeless tobacco is 18 years of age or older. No such verification is required for any person who appears 27 years of age or older. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation, including attorney’s fees.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

No state law/regulation.

Placement of Tobacco Products

It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice for any person who sells or distributes cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, cigars or little cigars through a retail outlet located within Massachusetts to engage in the use of self-service displays of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products or fail to place cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products out of the reach of all consumers, in a location accessible only to outlet personnel. Self-service displays are allowed if located within adult-only retail facilities. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation, including attorney’s fees.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice for any manufacturer, distributor or retailer to engage in the distribution of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, cigars or little cigars through the mail, including redemption of coupons, credits and proofs-of-purchase. Mail-order sales, excluding mail-order redemption of coupons and distribution of free samples through the mail that are subject to age verification are exempted. Verification of age through the mail shall consist of, at a minimum, ensuring that the person to whom the product is being sent supplies a legible photocopy of a valid government-issued identification and is over the age of 18. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation including attorney’s fees.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are generally allowed; however, additional regulation of the sale of cigarette rolling papers is prohibited, see below.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any civil ordinance or by-law or regulation to the contrary, which
is in effect on the effective date of this section, no city, town, department, board or other political subdivision or agency of the commonwealth may impose any requirements, restrictions or prohibitions pertaining to the sale of cigarette rolling papers, in addition to those in this section.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice for any manufacturer, distributor or retailer to engage in sampling, promotional give-aways, or any other free distribution of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, cigars or little cigars. Exceptions are made for an adult-only retail facility, with distribution of no more than one free sample per day to an individual adult. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation including attorney’s fees.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No person shall sell, offer for sale or have in possession with intent to sell single unpackaged cigarettes. Whoever violates the provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than $200 or more than $500.


It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice for any manufacturer, distributor or retailer to break or otherwise open any cigarette, smokeless tobacco product, cigar or little cigar package to sell or distribute any number of unpackaged or repackaged cigarettes or any quantity of smokeless tobacco that is smaller than the smallest package distributed by the manufacturer for individual consumer use. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation, including attorney’s fees.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are allowed.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
It shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice for any person who sells or distributes cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, cigars or little cigars through a retail outlet located within Massachusetts to engage in the selling of these products in any manner other than in a direct, face-to-face exchange without the assistance of any vending machines or any other electronic or mechanical device, except for vending machines that are located in facilities licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, if the vending machine is equipped with a lock-out device that locks out sales from the vending machine unless the locking mechanism is released by an outlet employee. The release mechanism must not allow continuous operation of the vending machine and must be out of the reach of all consumers and in a location accessible only to outlet personnel; is located within the immediate vicinity and exclusive control of outlet personnel such that all purchases are observable by the outlet employee(s) controlling the lock-out device; and is posted with a sign stating that minors are not permitted to purchase tobacco and notifying customers of the lock-out device and identifying the outlet employee(s) to contact to purchase tobacco from the machine.

Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation including attorney’s fees.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 plus costs of investigation and litigation including attorney’s fees.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Each vending machine shall have attached to the front of it a notice reading “PERSONS UNDER 18 ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING THIS MACHINE.” Any person owning or operating a vending machine that fails to display such a notice shall be punished by a fine of up to $50.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 64C, § 10 (1976).
State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are allowed.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, and vending machine operators must obtain a license to sell tobacco products. Every machine operated or maintained for the purpose of vending cigarettes shall be deemed to constitute a place of retail business, and no person shall maintain or cause to be operated such a machine without procuring a retailer’s license. Licenses for manufacturers, wholesalers and vending machine operators expire every year; retailers each even year.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees

The fees for licenses and each renewal shall be determined annually by the Commissioner of Administration, except that for wholesalers, manufacturers or vending machine operators who maintain more than one place of business the fee for each additional place of business shall be one-half of the of the above determined fee.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws

No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation in effect, see below.

Note: The U.S. Supreme Court held unanimously that outdoor tobacco advertising restrictions enacted by Massachusetts in 1999 violate First Amendment speech rights, and 5-4 that Massachusetts cannot impose broad regulations on cigarette advertisements without violating federal law. Struck down regulations can be found at Code of Massachusetts Regulations title 940, sections 21.04(5&6) & 22.06 (5&6).


Product Disclosure

Any manufacturer of cigarettes, snuff, or chewing tobacco sold in the Commonwealth shall provide the Department of Public Health, for each brand of such product sold, the identity of any added constituent other than tobacco, water or reconstituted tobacco sheet made wholly from tobacco, to be listed in descending order according to weight, measure or numerical count; and the nicotine yield ratings, which shall accurately predict nicotine intake for average consumers, based on standards to be established by the department. The department shall determine the public availability of this information if there is a reasonable scientific basis for concluding that the availability of such information could reduce risks to public health. However, before any public disclosure of such information the department shall request the advice of the Attorney General whether such disclosure would constitute an unconstitutional taking of property, and shall not disclose such information unless and until the attorney general advises that such disclosure would not constitute an unconstitutional taking. A regulation was promulgated providing more detail on the implementation of this law.


Divestment

New public pension funds in stocks, securities, or other obligations of any company which derives more than 15 percent of its revenues from the sale of tobacco products are prohibited. Divestment of existing investments is required within three years of enactment. Annual reporting of tobacco invest-
mements, until divestment is completed, is required.

**Liability**

**Tobacco Industry Liability**

Note: No appeal bond is required to appeal monetary judgments in lawsuits in Massachusetts.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary**

All proceeds from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) are deposited in the Health Care Security Trust, and 30 percent of the tobacco settlement proceeds are then transferred to the state general fund as well as 30 percent of investment income after a given fiscal year. However, in FY2010, all of the annual MSA payment was re-directed to the state general fund to be used for other purposes.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 29D, §§ 1-5 (2003).

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**

There is established on the books of the commonwealth a trust to be known as the Health Care Security Trust for the purpose of financing improved health status for all citizens of the commonwealth. All proceeds from the Master Settlement Agreement between the commonwealth of Massachusetts and certain cigarette companies are deposited in the trust fund as well as other specified sources of revenue, including investment income from the trust fund. Thirty percent of the tobacco settlement proceeds are then transferred to the state general fund as well as 30 percent of investment income after a given fiscal year. The trust shall be managed by a board to be known as the Health Care Security Trust board of trustees, which shall have general supervision of the investment and reinvestment of said trust. An advisory committee on health care and tobacco control was also established which shall recommend to the governor and the legislature the most effective and prudent uses of the funds available in said trust for financing the present and future health related and tobacco control needs of the commonwealth.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 29D, §§ 1-5 (2003).

Note: In FY2010, all of the annual settlement payment was re-directed from the Health Care Security Trust to the state general fund to be used for other specified purposes.

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Massachusetts or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Massachusetts unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 2B of chapter 64C Massachusetts General Laws; and 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety in accordance with section 2C of Chapter 64C Massachusetts General Laws. Cigarettes that are certified by a manufacturer shall be marked as specified in section 2D of Chapter 64C Massachusetts General Laws to indicate compliance with the requirements of section 2B.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 64C, §§ 2A to 2F (2008).

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

Any manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 per sale for a first violation, and not to exceed $25,000 per sale for a second or subsequent violation. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell 1,000 or less cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 per sale for a first violation, and not to exceed $2,000 per sale for a second or subsequent violation. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell more than 1,000 cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 per sale for a first violation, and not to exceed $5,000 per sale for a second or subsequent violation. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for a first violation and $25,000 for a subsequent violation for each such false certification in addition to any other penalty.

MA GEN. LAWS ch. 64C, §§ 2A to 2F (2008).

**Preemption**

**Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the sale of cigarette rolling papers are not allowed.
Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $4,485,983 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 4800) enacted 6/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Novelty Lighters: Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters in Massachusetts as specified and defined.

H.B. 4369 enacted 8/9/10 and effective 11/7/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in almost all public places and workplaces in Michigan, including restaurants and bars. See the statute cited below for the definition of public place and workplace, and the types of places specifically covered. One major exception is the gaming floors of existing casinos.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 & 333.12905 (2010).

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) cigar bars that existed before May 1, 2010 as specified and defined; 2) tobacco specialty retail stores that existed before May 1, 2010 as specified and defined, including generating at least 75 percent of its total gross annual income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and smoking paraphernalia and not allowing persons under 18 to enter while the store is open for business; and 3) the gaming areas as defined of casinos that existed before May 1, 2009, including places where food and beverage are taken for immediate consumption, smoking is prohibited in all other parts of the casino, including food service establishments.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 & 333.12905 (2010).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are generally allowed; however, stronger local laws/ordinances concerning smoking in food service establishments (restaurants and bars) are not allowed, see below.

A county, city, village, or township shall not regulate smoking in food service establishments except to the extent necessary to carry out the responsibility of a local health department pursuant to sections 12906 and 12908. This part shall not relieve the applicant for a license or a licensee from responsibility for securing a local permit or complying with applicable local codes, regulations, or ordinances not in conflict with these sections of state law.


Note: A Michigan appeals court found in 2001 that Michigan law preempts local ordinances more restrictive than state law on smoking in restaurants and bars.


Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes an enclosed, indoor area owned or operated by a state or local governmental agency and used by the general public or serving as a meeting place for a public body. Smoking is also prohibited in places of employment defined as an enclosed indoor area that contains one or more work areas for one or more persons employed by a public or private employer.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 (2010).

By Executive Order, smoking is prohibited in areas in state government facilities, including, but not limited to, private enclosed offices, meeting rooms, cafeterias, restrooms, breakrooms, and all other general space. Exempt from this order are living units, and a strictly limited number of designated areas, in facilities housing prisoners or mental health patients. Department directors and agency heads are responsible for posting such provisions.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in places of employment defined as an enclosed indoor area that contains one or more work areas for one or more persons employed by a public or private employer. This does not include a structure used primarily as the residence of the owner or lessee that is also used as an office for the owner or lessee and for no other employees; a food service establishment; or a motor vehicle.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 (2010).

Schools
Tobacco use is prohibited in any building, structure, or real estate owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by a school district. This law does not apply to that part of school property consisting of outdoor areas including, but not limited to, an open-air stadium, on weekends or other days on which there are no regularly scheduled classes, or
after 6:00 p.m. on regular school days.

**MICH. COMP. LAWS § 750.473 (1993).**

To the extent not covered above, smoking is prohibited in educational facilities, which are defined as a building owned, leased, or under the control of a public or private school system, college, or university.

**MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 (2010).**

**Child Care Facilities**

Individuals may not smoke in childcare institutions or childcare centers as defined, or on the real property under the control of such facilities, including other related buildings. Smoking is also prohibited on the premises of family child care homes and group child care homes as defined during their hours of operation. Smoking on the premises of a family child care home or group child care home may occur during a period other than the hours of operation if the operator has provided to a parent or legal guardian of each child notice that smoking on the premises occurs or may occur when the family child care home or group child care home is not in operation. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine between $100 and $1,000.


**Health Care Facilities**

Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes state and local government owned or operated or privately owned or operated homes for the aged, nursing homes, county medical care facilities, hospices and hospital long-term care units. Smoking is also prohibited in places of employment defined as an enclosed indoor area that contains one or more work areas for one or more persons employed by a public or private employer.

**MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 (2010).**

In addition to the above, the use of tobacco products is prohibited in and on the grounds of state psychiatric facilities.

**S.B. 1152 enacted 9/30/10 and effective 10/1/10.**

**Restaurants**

An individual shall not smoke in a food service establishment, which as defined includes fixed or mobile restaurants and other eating establishments or operations where food is served or provided for the public. This includes groups of food service establishments in shopping malls with seating controlled by the owner of the shopping mall.

**MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.12905 (2010).**

**Bars**

An individual shall not smoke in a food service establishment, which as defined includes bars, taverns, cocktail lounges, nightclubs and other drinking establishments or operations where food is served or provided for the public. This includes groups of food service establishments in shopping malls with seating controlled by the owner of the shopping mall. Smoking is allowed in cigar bars as defined if they meet the following requirements: 1) generates 10% or more of its total gross annual income from the on-site sales of cigars and rental of on-site humidors; 2) is located on premises that are separated from any areas of the same or adjacent establishment in which smoking is prohibited; 3) has an on-site humidor; 4) does not allow persons under 18 to enter while it’s open; 5) allows only the smoking of cigars on the premises that retail for over $1.00 per cigar; and 6) prohibits the smoking of all other tobacco products.

**MICH. COMP. LAWS § 333.12905 (2010).**

**Penalties/Enforcement**

The owner, operator, manager, or person having control of a public place, a food service establishment, or a casino are required to take several steps to comply, including: 1) clearly and conspicuously posting “no smoking” signs or the international “no smoking” symbol at the entrances to and in every building or other area where smoking is prohibited; 2) remove all ashtrays and smoking paraphernalia; 3) refuse to serve the person if applicable; and/or 4) ask them to leave the premises if they continue smoking after being asked not to. Violation is subject to a civil fine of not more than $100 for a first violation and not more than $500 for a second or subsequent violation. The Department of Public Health shall enforce this law, and can authorize local health departments to enforce the law as well. In addition to the civil fines, the department and local health departments can bring actions in the appropriate court for violation. Local health departments can also order food service establishments to cease food operations for violation under certain circumstances. Food service establishments will
be inspected for compliance during regular inspections.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 333.12601 to 333.12615 & 333.12905 (2010).

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.00

Date last changed: July 1, 2004 – from $1.25 to $2.00

Year first enacted: 1947


An equity assessment was imposed on nonparticipating tobacco product manufacturers, those that have not signed the Master Settlement Agreement, of 35 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes in addition to all other taxes on cigarettes.


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009): $996,461,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Michigan’s cigarette tax revenue is dedicated to several funds and purposes, including the Healthy Michigan Fund, where money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in Michigan comes from. A portion of cigarette tax revenue also goes to the state general fund. The legislature does have the power to override these earmarks, and does so regularly.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

Michigan’s cigarette tax revenue is distributed as follows:

1) Seventy-five cents is distributed: 6 percent to the Healthy Michigan Fund, 6.5 percent to the Health and Safety Fund, 24.1 percent to the general fund and 63.4 percent to the State School Aid Fund;

2) Another 30 cents is distributed: 6 percent to the Healthy Michigan Fund, 9 percent to the general fund, 56.3 percent to the State School Aid Fund, 3.7 percent to counties with a year 2000 population of more than two million, to be used only for indigent health care and 25 percent to the Medicaid Benefits Trust Fund;

3) Another 20 cents is distributed: 6 percent to the Healthy Michigan Fund and 94 percent to the State School Aid Fund;

4) The final 75 cents is distributed: 75 percent to the Medicaid Benefits Trust Fund and 25 percent to the general fund.


An additional fund, entitled the Healthy Michigan Fund, was created in the state treasury for health programs addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, including smoking cessation and anti-tobacco activities. Six percent of $1.25 of the cigarette tax is dedicated by state law to the Healthy Michigan Fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Cigars, noncigarette smoking tobacco, and smokeless tobacco: 32% of the wholesale price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

Seventy-five percent of the revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes goes to the Michigan Medicaid Benefits Trust Fund, and 25 percent goes to the state general fund.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $2,598,400

FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $3,139,819*

FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $5,738,219

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $121,200,000

Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 4.7%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Michigan’s tobacco control program comes from state cigarette tax revenue.

State Funding Details

Michigan allocated $2,598,400 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011). The same amount...
was allocated in FY2010.

FY2011 Department of Community Health Budget (S.B. 1152) enacted 9/30/10 and effective 10/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
No provisions in state law.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
A person shall not sell or furnish any tobacco product to a person less than 18 years of age. Violation is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $50 for each offense. It is an affirmative defense that the defendant had, and continues to have in force, a written policy to prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors and enforces said policy. This does not apply to the handling or transportation of a tobacco product by a minor under the terms of that minor's employment. This also does not interfere with the right of a parent or legal guardian in the rearing and management of their minor children within the bounds of their private premises.


Sign Posting Requirements
A person who sells tobacco products at retail shall post, in a place close to the point of sale, conspicuous to both employees and customers, a sign produced by the Department of Community Health that states: “THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND PROVISION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO A MINOR ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW. A MINOR UNLAWFULLY PURCHASING OR USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES.”


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
A minor shall not purchase or attempt to purchase a tobacco product; possess or attempt to possess a tobacco product; use a tobacco product in a public place; and/or present or offer to an individual a purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent or not actually their own for the purpose of purchasing, attempting to purchase, possessing, or attempting to possess a tobacco product. Violation is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $50 for each offense. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may also require an individual to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. In addition, an individual is subject to one of the following for a first violation: perform not more than 16 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long-term care facility; or participate in a health promotion and risk reduction program. For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 32 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility. For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the individual to perform not more than 48 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility. This does not apply to minors used in efforts to gauge compliance with the law. This also does not apply to the handling or transportation of a tobacco product by a minor under the terms of that minor’s employment or interfere with the right of a parent or legal guardian in the rearing and management of their minor children within the bounds of their private premises.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
All sales conducted through the Internet, by telephone, or in a mail-order transaction shall not be completed unless, before each delivery of cigarettes is made, the seller has obtained from the purchaser an affirmation that includes a copy of a valid government-issued document that confirms the purchaser’s name, address, and date of birth showing that the purchaser is at least the legal minimum age to purchase cigarettes; that the cigarettes purchased are not intended for consumption by an individual who is younger than the legal minimum age to pur-
chase cigarettes; and a written statement signed by
the purchaser that affirms the purchaser’s address
and that the purchaser is at least the minimum
legal age to purchase cigarettes. The seller shall
verify the information contained in the affirmation
provided by the purchaser against a commercially
available database of governmental records, or
obtain a photocopy, fax copy, or other image of the
valid, government-issued identification stating the
date of birth or age of the purchaser. The deliverer
of the cigarettes is required to obtain proof from a
valid government-issued document that the person
signing for the cigarettes is the purchaser. Violation
is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $1,000 or
five times the retail value of the tobacco products
involved, whichever is greater and/or imprison-
ment for not more than one year.

Other limitations are made on tobacco products
distributed through United States mail service, ex-
press mail service, parcel post service, or common
carrier. Tobacco products are not to be distributed
via these services unless the receiver has previously
paid or agreed to pay for the products at fair market
value, in response to a consumer complaint, or as
part of marketing to specifically named individuals
that involves the prior return by that same individ-
ual of a signed authorization card to be kept on
file by the tobacco company for at least one year
that indicates that the individual is at least 18 years
of age. A person who violates this section is guilty
of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for
not more than one year, a fine of not more than
$10,000, or both.

Note: Some parts of both of the above laws may
be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision
in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport
Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local
Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in
state law; local communities are allowed to pass
stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth
access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum
Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
No person shall furnish any tobacco product to a
person less than 18 years of age. Violation is a mis-
demeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than
$50 for each offense. This does not interfere with
the right of a parent or legal guardian in the rearing
and management of their minor children within the
bounds of their private premises.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A person who sells tobacco products at retail shall
not sell a cigarette separately from its package.
Any person who violates this law is guilty of a mis-
demeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than
$500 for each offense. This law does not apply to
tobacco specialty stores or other retail stores that
deal exclusively in the sale of tobacco products and
smoking paraphernalia.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in
state law; local communities are allowed to pass
stronger laws/ordinances further restricting
sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco
products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from
Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Vending machines are restricted to establish-
ments holding a Class C license. If this establish-
ment has a bar that is in a separate room from the rest
of the establishment, the vending machine must be
located entirely within that room. If the bar area is
not separate, the vending machine shall be located
entirely within the bar area and not in a hallway,
coat room, restroom or similar area, must be no
more than 20 feet from the bar itself and must be
under the direct visual supervision of an adult.
Vending machines are also permitted in areas,
offices, plants, factories and private membership
clubs not open to the public, and must be located
not less than 20 feet from all entrances and exits
accessible to the general public.
Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than six months, service to the community for a period of not more than 45 days, or a fine of not more than $1,000, or any combination thereof. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances concerning placement of or the required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Manufacturers, wholesalers, and vending machine operators must obtain a license to sell tobacco products. Each place of business shall be separately licensed. Licenses expire on the June 30th next succeeding the date of issuance and can be renewed annually.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
$100 annually for a wholesale license; $25 annually for a vending machine operator’s license; and $100 annually for a manufacturer’s license. For multiple places of business, the fee is one quarter of the above fee.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
A person who uses an outdoor sign to advertise a smokeless tobacco product shall display on the outdoor sign one of the following statements: “WARNING: THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE MOUTH CANCER; WARNING: THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE GUM DISEASE AND TOOTH LOSS; WARNING: THIS PRODUCT IS NOT A SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO CIGARETTES.” The warning statements shall be rotated every four months, and shall meet several size and format requirements. Outdoor sign is defined as a sign, display, device, figure, painting, drawing, message, placard, poster, or billboard that is placed outdoors, is stationary, has a surface area of more than 150 square feet, and is designed, intended, or used to advertise or promote. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year or a fine of not more than $5,000, or both.
MICH. COMP. LAWS § 750.42a (1989).

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability
The amount of a bond issued to stay execution on a judgment while an appeal is pending shall be determined according to the applicable Michigan court rules and statutory provisions. The bond shall not exceed $25 million regardless of the amount of the judgment. If the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the party for whom the bond to stay execution has been limited is purposefully dissipating or diverting assets outside
of the ordinary course of business for the purpose of avoiding ultimate payment of the judgment, the court shall rescind this limitation.

MICH. COMP. LAWS § 600.2607 (2002).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
A portion of Michigan’s annual Master Settlement Agreement has been sold to the Michigan Tobacco Settlement Authority for a lump sum payment up front, see Securitization section below. The remaining revenue is allocated to the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund, the Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund and/or the state general fund.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
The 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund is established in the Department of Treasury. The trust fund shall consist of the net proceeds of the sale of a portion of tobacco settlement revenues to the Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority (TSFA), and in FY2008 through FY2015, $75 million of tobacco settlement revenue not sold to the TSFA each year. In FY2016 only, $30 million of tobacco settlement revenue not sold to the TSFA shall be distributed to the fund. The trust fund also receives money from the general fund as specified. Interest and investment earnings from money in the trust fund are deposited in the general fund. In FY2010 only, $9 million in tobacco settlement revenue not sold to the TSFA shall be used to develop state convention facilities as specified. Also, in FY2009, $42 million in funds were transferred from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund to the state general fund, and in FY2010, $37.5 million will be transferred.


The Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund is also established in the Department of Treasury. The trust fund shall consist only of interest and earnings from trust fund investments, and, in each fiscal year, any tobacco settlement money not sold to the Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority or allocated to the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund. Upon appropriation, the money is spent on specified educational initiatives.


Securitization
The Michigan Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority is created as a public body corporate and politic within the Department of Treasury. The authority shall have power and is hereby authorized from time to time to issue bonds in the principal amount or amounts and with the maturities as the authority shall determine to be necessary to provide sufficient funds for achieving its authorized purposes, consisting of the purchase of all or a portion of the state’s tobacco receipts and the payment of or provision for financing costs. The state Budget Director with the approval of the state Administrative Board may sell to the authority, and the authority may purchase, for cash or other consideration and in one or more installments, all or a portion of the state’s tobacco receipts pursuant to the terms of one or more sale agreements. In the alternative, the state Budget Director with the approval of the state Administrative Board may sell all or a portion of the state’s tobacco receipts for cash or other consideration to a person or persons other than the authority, if the terms of the sale agreement to sell the state’s tobacco receipts are in the best interests of this state and the net proceeds of the sale will not exceed $400 million. The sale agreement or combined sale agreements shall provide for the sale of that portion of the state’s tobacco receipts sufficient to provide net proceeds to the state in the amount of $815 million, $400 million of which shall be expended pursuant to the Michigan Trust Fund Act (Michigan Compiled Laws sections 12.251 to 12.260), $207,800,000 shall be deposited in the state school aid fund, and the remainder shall be deposited in the general fund. A sale agreement or combined sale agreements may also provide for refunding, refinancing, and the sale by this state of residual interests sufficient to provide net proceeds to the state in the amount of $60 million.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 129.261 to 129.279 (2008).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection 12 of section 29.495 Michigan Compiled Laws, a person shall not sell cigarettes in Michigan or sell cigarettes to a person located in Michigan unless: 1) the cigarettes are tested in accordance with the test method described in subsection 2 of section 29.495 Michigan
Compiled Laws; 2) the cigarettes meet the performance standard described in subsection 3 of section 29.495 Michigan Compiled Laws; 3) the manufacturer has filed a written certification with the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth under section 29.497 Michigan Compiled Laws; and 4) the cigarettes are marked in compliance with section 29.501 Michigan Compiled Laws.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 29-491 to 29-513 (2010).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person other than a retailer that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. The aggregate liability of a person for civil fines for multiple violations shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but the aggregate liability of a person for civil fines for multiple violations shall not exceed $25,000. In addition, a person engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil fine of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 29-491 to 29-513 (2010).

Preemption
Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances on smoking in restaurants and bars are not allowed.

Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $2,598,400 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2010.

FY2011 Department of Community Health Budget (S.B. 1152) enacted 9/30/10 and effective 10/1/10.

Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: Continues the ban on the use of tobacco products in state psychiatric facilities.

S.B. 1152 enacted 9/30/10 and effective 10/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in almost all public places, public meetings, places of employment and public transportation. See the definitions of “public place,” “place of employment” and “public transportation” in the statute sections cited below for more information.
MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) places of employment with less than two employees; 2) by a patient or resident in a nursing home, boarding care facility, or licensed residential facility for adults under certain conditions; 3) by drivers of public transportation vehicles when the vehicle is being used for personal use as defined; 4) by subjects in scientific studies of the health effects of smoking under certain conditions; 5) by Native Americans as part of a traditional Native American spiritual or cultural ceremony; 6) in private homes, private residences and private automobiles when not in use as a place of employment as defined; 7) in hotel/motel sleeping rooms rented to one or more guests; 8) in tobacco products shops as defined under specified conditions; 9) in heavy commercial vehicles as defined; 10) in farm vehicles and construction equipment as specified; 11) in or on family farms as defined; 12) in the disabled veterans rest camp in Washington County; and 13) by actors/actresses as part of a theatrical performance.
MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.
Nothing in sections 144.414 to 144.417 prohibits a statutory or home rule charter city or county from enacting and enforcing more stringent measures to protect individuals from secondhand smoke. Except as specified by state law or restricted by local ordinance, smoking is permitted outside of restaurants, bars, and bingo halls.
MINN. STAT. § 144.417(4) (2007).

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in places of employment, the definition of which includes government agencies with two or more employees.
MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in places of employment defined as any indoor area where two or more employees perform any type of a service for consideration of payment under any type of contractual relationship, including, but not limited to, an employment relationship with or for a private corporation, partnership, individual, or government agency. Vehicles used in whole or in part for work purposes are places of employment during hours of operation if more than one person is present. A private residence is a place of employment if the homeowner uses the area exclusively and regularly as a principal place of business and has one or more on-site employees; or the homeowner uses the area exclusively and regularly as a place to meet or deal with patients, clients, or customers in the normal course of the homeowner’s trade or business.
MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Schools
No person shall at any time smoke or use other tobacco products in public schools. This prohibition extends to all facilities, whether owned, rented, or leased, and all vehicles that a school district owns, leases, contracts for, or controls. This prohibition does not apply to the lighting of tobacco by an adult as part of a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony.
MINN. STAT. § 144.4165 (1999).

Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes all non-public educational facilities.
MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in licensed day care centers and during the hours of operation in licensed family day care homes or group family day care provider homes. The proprietor of a family home or group family day care provider must disclose to parents or guardians of children cared for on the premises if the proprietor permits smoking outside of its hours of operation. Disclosure must include posting on the premises a conspicuous written notice and
Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in any area of a hospital, health care clinic, doctor’s office, licensed residential facility for children or other health care-related facility, except that a patient or resident in a nursing home, boarding care facility, or licensed residential facility for adults may smoke in a designated separate, enclosed room maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. Smoking by patients in locked psychiatric units is also allowed under certain specified conditions. MINN. STAT. § 144.414(3) (2007).

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants. MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in bars. MINN. STAT. §§ 144.411 to 144.417 (2007).

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Smoking is prohibited in a hotel sleeping room designated as non-smoking. A person who violates this law is guilty of a petty misdemeanor, and is liable to the innkeeper for the actual costs to restore the room to its pre-violation condition and a service charge of $30. If the person does not reimburse the innkeeper within 30 days after the innkeeper mails the required notice, the innkeeper may seek a civil judgment for the cost of restoring the room to pre-violation condition, the service charge, and a civil penalty not to exceed $100. MINN. STAT. § 327.742 (2008).

Penalties/Enforcement
The proprietor or other person, firm, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity that owns, leases, manages, operates, or otherwise controls the use of a public place, public transportation, place of employment, or public meeting shall make reasonable efforts to prevent smoking by posting the appropriate signs, and taking certain specified actions for persons who are smoking illegally. Any proprietor, person, or entity that owns, leases, manages, operates, or otherwise controls the use of an area, and that knowingly fails to comply with sections 144.414 to 144.417, is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. A person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited is also guilty of a petty misdemeanor. The state Commissioner of Health, a local board of health or any affected party may institute an action in any court with jurisdiction to enjoin repeated violations of the law. The state Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules necessary and reasonable to implement the provisions of sections 144.411 to 144.417. MINN. STAT. §§ 144.416 & 114.417 (2007).

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Taxes and fees per pack of 20: $1.576
Date last changed: August 1, 2010 -- from $1.56 to $1.576
Year first enacted: 1947

A special tax is imposed on distributors on the sale of cigarettes by a cigarette distributor to a retailer or cigarette sub-jobber for resale in Minnesota. This tax must be determined annually by November 1 and takes effect on January 1 except as specified for the time period August 2011 to December 2011. MINN. STAT. § 297F.25 (2011).

Note: The tax above was adjusted on August 1, 2010 as was required previously prior to changing the date for adjustment to January 1, so the effective combined tax/fee on cigarettes increased from $1.56 to $1.576 per pack.

A fee of 35 cents per pack is imposed upon the sale of nonsettlement cigarettes in this state. The purpose of this fee is to ensure that manufacturers of nonsettlement cigarettes pay fees to the state that are comparable to costs attributable to the use of the cigarettes; prevent manufacturers of nonsettlement cigarettes from undermining the state’s policy of discouraging underage smoking by offering non-settlement cigarettes at prices substantially below the cigarettes of other manufacturers; and fund such other purposes as the legislature determines appropriate. MINN. STAT. § 297F.24 (2002).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $380,424,000

MINN. STAT. § 297F.05
Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Revenue from the 48 cent cigarette tax is distributed to the Academic Health Center Special Revenue Fund, Medical Education and Research Costs Account and the state general fund. Revenue from the 75 cent “Health Impact Fee” is deposited in the Health Impact Fund and is used to refund the state for medical costs associated with tobacco use.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

The revenue from the 48 cent cigarette tax is distributed as follows: Six and a half cents of the tax is credited to the Academic Health Center Special Revenue Fund and is annually appropriated to the Board of Regents at the University of Minnesota for Academic Health Center funding at the University of Minnesota; two and a half cents is credited to the Medical Education and Research Costs Account and is annually appropriated to the Commissioner of Health for specified programs; and the remaining 39 cents goes to the state general fund.

MINN. STAT. § 297F.10 (2003).

The revenue from the 75 cent “Health Impact Fee” is deposited in the Health Impact Fund and is used to refund the state for medical costs associated with tobacco use.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

All other tobacco products: 70% of the wholesale sales price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

Revenue from the 35 percent tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes goes to the state general fund. Revenue from the 35 percent “Health Impact Fee” on tobacco products other than cigarettes is deposited in the Health Impact Fund and is used to refund the state for medical costs associated with tobacco use.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $19,600,000
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,667,928
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $21,267,928
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $58,400,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 36.4%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Minnesota’s tobacco control initiatives comes from the state general fund and Clearway Minnesota, whose endowment was funded by state tobacco settlement dollars.

State Funding Details

Minnesota allocated $19,600,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $20,272,231 was allocated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Health and Human Services Budget (H.F. 1362) enacted 5/14/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011) and FY2011 ClearWay Minnesota Operating Budget.

Note: Clearway Minnesota (formerly the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco) allocates money for a statewide tobacco prevention program, but is not controlled by the state legislature. It is overseen by the Ramsey County District Court, which heard the original tobacco settlement case brought by the state of Minnesota.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

In 1999, the legislature set a goal to reduce tobacco use among youth by 25 percent by the year 2005, and to promote statewide and local tobacco use prevention activities to help achieve this goal. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with other public, private, or nonprofit organizations involved in tobacco use prevention efforts, is required to establish measurable outcomes to determine the effectiveness of the grants receiving funds under this section in reducing the use of tobacco among youth, and a statewide assessment of tobacco-related behaviors and attitudes among youth to establish a baseline to measure the statewide effect of tobacco use prevention activities. The commissioner must also set up a grant program through the state Department of
Health for statewide and local tobacco preven-
tion grants to reduce tobacco use among youth, as
well as local public health promotion and protec-
tion to local community health boards. The legis-
lature also required a biennial evaluation of these
grant programs.
MINN. STAT. § 144.396 (2009).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to
Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products
to Minors
18

Compliance/Enforcement
A county or municipal licensing authority shall con-
duct unannounced compliance checks at least once
each calendar year at each location where tobacco is
sold. Compliance checks must involve minors over
the age of 15, but under the age of 18, who, with the
prior written consent of a parent or guardian, attempt
to purchase tobacco or tobacco-related devices
under the direct supervision of a law enforcement
officer or an employee of the licensing authority.
MINN. STAT. § 461.12(5) (2010).

Penalties for Sales to Minors
Anyone who sells tobacco to a person under the age
of 18 years is guilty of a misdemeanor for the first
violation, and a gross misdemeanor for subsequent
violations within five years. It is an affirmative de-
fense to the charge of selling tobacco to a minor, if
the person relied in good faith upon specified proof
of age. Whoever furnishes tobacco or tobacco-re-
lated devices to a minor is guilty of a misdemeanor
for the first violation and a gross misdemeanor for
any subsequent violation. However, an Indian may
furnish tobacco to an Indian minor as part of a
traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony.
MINN. STAT. § 609.685 (2010).

If a municipal licensee or employee of a municipal
licensee sells tobacco or tobacco-related devices to a
minor the licensee shall be charged an administrative
penalty of $75. A second violation within 24 months
after the initial violation is subject to an administra-
tive penalty of $200. A third violation within 24
months is subject to an administrative penalty of
$250 and the license to sell tobacco products must
be suspended for not less than seven days. An indi-
vidual who sells tobacco or tobacco-related devices
to a person under the age of 18 must be charged
an administrative penalty of $50. The penalty and
license suspension cannot take effect until the al-
leged violator has had the opportunity for a court
hearing. It is an affirmative defense to the charge
of selling tobacco or tobacco-related devices to a
minor, if the person relied in good faith upon speci-
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ing, but not limited to, tobacco free education programs, notice to schools, parents, community service, and other court diversion programs.

MINN. STAT. § 461.12(4) (2010).

A retailer of tobacco products may seize a form of identification listed in subsection 6 of section 340A.503 Minnesota Statutes, if the retailer has reasonable grounds to believe that the form of identification has been altered or falsified or is being used to violate any law. A retailer that seizes a form of identification as authorized under this paragraph must deliver it to a law enforcement agency within 24 hours of seizing it.


Placement of Tobacco Products

No person shall offer for sale tobacco or tobacco-related devices in open displays which are accessible to the public without the intervention of a store employee. This does not apply to retail stores that derive 90 percent of their revenue from tobacco and tobacco-related products and where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 18 years of age is present, or permitted to enter, at any time. Violation is subject to an administrative penalty of $75 for a first violation, $200 for a second violation within 24 months and $250 for a third violation within 24 months. Upon the third violation, the license to sell tobacco products must also be suspended for not less than seven days.

MINN. STAT. § 461.18(1) & 461.12(2) (2010).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

Places restrictions on delivery sales of tobacco products, which are sales ordered by phone, fax or the Internet or delivered by mail. Specifically, when accepting the first order for a delivery sale from a consumer, the tobacco retailer shall obtain a copy of a valid government-issued document that provides the person’s name, current address, photograph, and date of birth; and a signed statement documenting certain information about the purchaser. If an order is made as a result of advertisement over the Internet, the tobacco retailer shall request the e-mail address of the purchaser and shall receive payment by credit card or check prior to shipping. Prior to shipping the tobacco products, the tobacco retailer shall verify the information provided against a commercially available database. The tobacco retailer shall also utilize a delivery service that requires an adult of legal purchase age to sign to accept delivery, and show a valid government-issued ID with a photograph of the person that proves the person is of legal purchase age and resides at the delivery address. Criminal penalties for violation are a cease and desist order for a first violation, a misdemeanor for a violation within two years of the cease and desist order, and a gross misdemeanor for subsequent violations. Civil penalties for violation are not more than $1,000 for the first violation and not more than $5,000 for a second and subsequent violation. Failure to pay taxes is an additional penalty of 50 percent of the tax due but unpaid.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

No person shall distribute promotional samples of smokeless tobacco products or cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, or other tobacco products as defined to the general public. Single serving samples of tobacco may be distributed in tobacco stores. The court may impose a civil penalty of up to $5,000 for each offense.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute in this state any cigarettes the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to federal law regarding warnings and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged, or imported for sale, distribution, or use in the United States, including, but not limited to, the precise warning labels specified in the federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising
Act. Violation is a misdemeanor.
MINN. STAT. § 325D.421 (2000).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Tobacco vending machines are restricted to facilities that cannot be entered at any time by persons younger than 18.
MINN. STAT. § 461.18(2) (1997).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to an administrative penalty of $75 for a first violation, $200 for a second violation within 24 months and $250 for a third violation within 24 months of the first violation. Upon the third violation, the license to sell tobacco products must also be suspended for not less than seven days.
MINN. STAT. § 461.12(2) (2010).

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
A warning shall be posted and maintained in a conspicuous place on each vending machine stating: “ANY PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS FORBIDDEN BY LAW TO PURCHASE CIGARETTES FROM THIS MACHINE.” Violation is a misdemeanor.
MINN. STAT. § 325E.07 (1963).

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Distributors must obtain a license from the state Commissioner of Revenue to sell tobacco products.

A separate license is required for each place of business. Licensing periods begin on January 1st of an even-numbered year and end on December 31st of the following year. Selling tobacco products without a license is a misdemeanor.

A town board or governing board of a home rule charter or statutory city may license and regulate the retail sale of tobacco and tobacco-related devices and establish a license fee for sales to recover the estimated cost of enforcement. The county board shall license and regulate the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related devices in unorganized territories and in a town or a home rule charter or statutory city if the town or city does not license and regulate retail tobacco sales. Retail establishments licensed by a town or city to sell tobacco are not required to obtain a second license for the same location under the licensing ordinance of the county.
MINN. STAT. § 461.12(1) (2010).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes—issued by city or county

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes—issued by city or county

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Distributors: $300 every even numbered year for a wholesale cigarette license; $75 every even-numbered year for a wholesale license to sell other tobacco products. License fees for city/county tobacco retail licenses are set by the city/county.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Violation by a county or municipal retail licensee is punishable by set fines and no less than a seven day suspension of the license to sell tobacco products for the third violation within a 24-month period.
MINN. STAT. § 461.12(2) (2010).
Smoking Protection Laws
An employer may not refuse to hire a job applicant or discipline or discharge an employee because the applicant or employee engages in or has engaged in the use or enjoyment of lawful consumable products, including tobacco, off the premises of the employer during non-work hours. It is not a violation for an employer to restrict the use of lawful consumable products by employees during nonworking hours if the employer’s restriction relates to a bona fide occupational requirement and is reasonably related to employment activities or responsibilities of a particular employee or group of employees; or is necessary to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with any responsibilities owed by the employee to the employer. It is also not a violation for an employer to refuse to hire an applicant or discipline or discharge an employee who refuses or fails to comply with the conditions established by a chemical dependency treatment or aftercare program; for an employer to offer, impose, or have in effect a health or life insurance plan that makes distinctions between employees for the type of coverage or the cost of coverage based upon the employee’s use of lawful consumable products, provided that, to the extent that different premium rates are charged to the employees, those rates must reflect the actual differential cost to the employer; and for an employer to refuse to hire an applicant or discipline or discharge an employee on the basis of the applicant’s or employee’s past or present job performance. The remedy for a violation is a civil action for damages limited to wages and benefits lost by the individual because of the violation.


Divestment
At its September 1998 meeting, the Minnesota State Board of Investment adopted a resolution that required each active and semi-passive equity manager to divest by September 2001 shares of any company which obtained more than 15 percent of its revenues from the manufacture of consumer tobacco products. At the close of fiscal year 2001 (June 30, 2001), the board had divested from its active portfolios all shares of companies covered by this resolution.

2004 Annual Report, Minnesota State Board of Investment.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
Each manufacturer of tobacco products sold in Minnesota shall provide the commissioner of health with an annual report, in a form and at a time specified by the commissioner, identifying, for each brand of such product, any of the following substances present in detectable levels in the product in its unburned state and its burned state: ammonia or any compound of ammonia; cadmium; formaldehyde; and lead. Reports under this section are public data.

MINN. STAT. § 461.17 (1997).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Tobacco settlement dollars received by Minnesota, except the portion that went to ClearWay Minnesota, are deposited in the state general fund and distributed through the annual appropriations process.

Note: Minnesota was one of four states that settled separately in its lawsuit with the major tobacco companies, prior to the Master Settlement Agreement in 1998.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
In 1998, Lawrence D. Cohen, chief judge of the Ramsey County District Court, approved the state
of Minnesota’s plan to establish the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco (MPAAT), a nonprofit foundation which will receive $202 million dollars (about 3 percent of Minnesota’s settlement money) over ten years to fund projects that seek to reduce tobacco use in the state. MPAAT, now called ClearWay Minnesota, serves Minnesota through its grant-making program, QUITPLAN individual stop-smoking services and community outreach, which includes an advertising campaign. The organization files an annual report with the Ramsey County District Court and the state legislature each year.


Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota, a co-plaintiff in Minnesota’s settlement with the tobacco companies, is scheduled to receive $469 million total from the settlement subject to certain adjustments. Due to these adjustments the actual amount received will be reduced. The organization will be spending $252 million of this money over ten years to help reduce tobacco use, heart disease, and cancer in Minnesota.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Minnesota or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Minnesota unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and have met the performance standard specified in section 299F.851 Minnesota Statutes, 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 299F.852 Minnesota Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 299F.853 Minnesota Statutes.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale in violation of the above standard is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 per each sale for a first violation, and not to exceed $25,000 per each sale for a second or subsequent violation. Penalties against any such person or entity must not exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell less than 1,000 cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 per sale for a first violation, and not to exceed $2,000 per sale for a subsequent violation. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell 1,000 cigarettes or more in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 per sale for a first offense, and not to exceed $5,000 per sale for subsequent offenses. The penalty against any retail dealer cannot exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Knowingly making a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 for a first violation and not to exceed $250,000 for a subsequent violation in addition to any other penalty.


**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $19,600,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Health and Human Services Budget (H.F. 1362) enacted 5/14/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011) and FY2011 Clearway Minnesota Operating Budget.

Youth Access Laws & E-Cigarettes: Changes the definition of tobacco product to capture additional products, and provides additional regulation of tobacco-related devices. Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery products to minors.

S.F. 3055 enacted 5/11/10 and effective 8/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Changes the time frame when a certain special tax on cigarettes is applied, and how that tax is calculated.

H.F. 3729 enacted 5/27/10 and effective 1/1/11.
## Smoking Restrictions

### Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited by state law in most government buildings and university/college classroom buildings as well as at public facilities where an organized athletic event for persons under 18 is taking place. Use of tobacco products is prohibited in and on the grounds of public schools. Smoking is allowed under state law in other public places and workplaces although businesses can set policies restricting or prohibiting smoking.


### Exceptions to the Law
Smoking and/or use of tobacco products is prohibited only in certain specified types of establishments, so places where smoking is prohibited are the exception.

### Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

The law prohibiting smoking in government buildings and university/college classroom buildings shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other applicable laws or to prohibit any municipality or county from adopting additional ordinances with regard to smoking in public places.


### Government Buildings
No person shall smoke in any government building, which is defined as any building owned, rented, leased, occupied or operated by the state, including the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state government; any county, municipality or any other political subdivision of the state; any public authority, commission, agency or public benefit corporation; or any other separate corporate instrumentality or unit of state or local government. If only part of a facility is leased by the state or locality, only the leased part of the facility will be considered to be a government building. A government building shall not include any building owned or leased by the state institutions of higher learning or the public community and junior colleges or any space in a government building used by law enforcement officers. The State Veterans Affairs Board may designate smoking areas in the state veterans' homes operated by the board. The person, agency or entity having jurisdiction or supervision over a government building shall not allow smoking in the building, and shall use reasonable efforts to prevent smoking in such building, including, but not limited to posting appropriate signs informing employees, invitees, guests and other persons that smoking is prohibited and securing the removal of persons who smoke in the building.


### Private Workplaces
No restrictions.

### Schools
No person shall use any tobacco product on any educational property. “Educational property” means any public school building or bus, public school campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used or operated by any local school board, school, or directors for the administration of any public educational institution or during a school-related activity. Any adult who violates this section shall receive a warning for a first conviction; a $75 fine for a second conviction; and a fine of up to $150 for all subsequent convictions. It is the responsibility of all law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies of this state to ensure that the provisions of this act are enforced.


No person shall smoke in any university or college classroom building, which is defined as any building used by the state institutions of higher learning or the public community and junior colleges exclusively for student instructional purposes, including classrooms, auditoriums, theaters, laboratories, hallways and restrooms. Smoking policies applicable in the private offices of faculty and staff and other “smoking permitted” space may be determined by each academic and administrative department. The person, agency or entity having jurisdiction or supervision over a university/classroom building shall not allow smoking in the building, and shall use reasonable efforts to prevent smoking in such building, including, but
not limited to posting appropriate signs informing employees, invitees, guests and other persons that smoking is prohibited and securing the removal of persons who smoke in the building.


Child Care Facilities
No restrictions.

Health Care Facilities
No restrictions.

Restaurants
No restrictions.

Bars
No restrictions.

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Smoking at Public Facilities during Organized Athletic Events:

During any time that persons under 18 are engaged in an organized athletic event at a public facility, no participant in or spectator of the athletic event shall smoke in the facility, if the facility is enclosed, or within 100 feet of the facility, if the facility is not enclosed. The person, agency or entity having jurisdiction or supervision over a public facility shall use reasonable efforts to prevent smoking at the facility, including posting appropriate signs, securing the removal of persons who smoke in violation or, if the public facility is outdoors, providing a designated area separate from the fields of activity, to which smoking shall be restricted. Violation is subject to a warning for the first conviction, up to a $75 fine for a second conviction and up to a $150 fine for all subsequent violations.


Smoking Cigars/Pipes on Passenger Buses:
It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke a cigar or pipe in or upon any passenger bus or coach. Persons who continue to smoke after being asked to refrain from smoking can be ejected from public buses and charged with a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $500, imprisonment up to 30 days, or both.


Penalties/Enforcement
See Government buildings and Schools sections for individual penalty/enforcement provisions.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 68 cents

Date last changed: May 15, 2009 -- from 18 cents to 68 cents

Year first enacted: 1930


A fee of 25 cents per pack of 20 is imposed on the sale, use, consumption or distribution in this state of nonsettling-manufacturer cigarettes, which are cigarettes sold by manufacturer’s that have not signed on to the state’s settlement agreement with the major tobacco companies. The fee will be increased each January 1 by the greater of three percent or the percentage increase in the most recent annual revised Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. The fee is in addition to the state tax on cigarettes.


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $64,660,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
All cigarette tax revenue as well revenue from the additional fee on nonsettling-manufacturer cigarettes is deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 15% of the manufacturer’s list price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
All revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes is deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

- FY2011 State funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $11,400,000
- FY2011 Federal funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $2,934,653 *
- FY2011 Total funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $14,334,653
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $39,200,000
- Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 36.6%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Mississippi’s tobacco control program comes from the state’s annual tobacco settlement payment.

State Funding Details

Mississippi appropriated $11,400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). The same amount was appropriated in FY2010.

FY2011 Department of Health Appropriations (H.B. 1628) enacted 5/21/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

The Office of Tobacco Control was created in the state Department of Health. The office, with the advice of the Mississippi Tobacco Control Advisory Board, shall develop and implement a comprehensive tobacco control program that is consistent with the recommendations for effective program components and funding recommendations in the 1999 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as those Best Practices may be periodically amended by the CDC. The Mississippi Tobacco Control Advisory Board was also created, and will consist of 13 members who will make recommendations about implementation of the program.


Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

18

Compliance/Enforcement

The Office of the Attorney General or local law enforcement agencies shall at least annually conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed. Persons under 18 may be enlisted by the Office of the Attorney General or local law enforcement agencies, provided that the parent or legal guardian has given prior written consent. The Office of the Attorney General must prepare a report of the findings to the Department of Health and Department of Mental Health.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for any person or retailer to sell, barter, deliver or give tobacco products or rolling papers to any minor unless the individual under age 18 holds a retailer’s permit to sell tobacco products. Any person who violates this section is liable for a fine of $50 for the first violation, $75 for the second violation and $150 for all subsequent violations. The person owning the applicable retailer permit shall be sent a warning letter for the first violation, and shall be required to enroll in and complete a “Retailer Tobacco Education Program” for the second violation. For the third and subsequent violations within a year of the first two violations, any retailer’s permit may be revoked or suspended for a period of at least one year after notice and opportunity for hearing. It is an affirmative defense that the person selling, bartering, delivering or giving tobacco products to a minor, had requested and examined a government issued photographic identification. The failure of a person selling tobacco to request and examine photographic identification shall form a conclusive basis for the seller’s violation of this section.


Sign Posting Requirements

Point of sale warning signs are required, and each seller shall place and maintain in legible condition, at each point of sale of tobacco products to consumers, a sign no smaller than 8.5 by 11 inches or 93 square inches stating: “STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS. PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED.” Violation is subject to a penalty of not more than $100.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No person under 18 shall purchase any tobacco product. High school, junior high school or elementary school students may not possess tobacco on any educational property.

A minor who falsely states they are 18 years of age or older or presents any document that indicates they are 18 years of age or older for the purpose of purchasing or possessing any tobacco or tobacco product shall be fined from $25 to $200 or required to complete at least 30 days of community service, or both.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
Every person employed as a retail sales clerk by a person engaged in the business of selling tobacco products at retail shall sign an agreement with their employer, which states that they understand that state law prohibits the sale or distribution of tobacco products, including samples, to persons under the age of 18 and requires that proof of age be demanded if the purchaser appears to be under the age of 18, and such employee shall promise, “as a condition of their employment, to observe this law.” Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined $50 to $100 upon conviction. No retailer who instructs their employee as directed above shall be liable for any violations committed by such employees.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are specifically not allowed, see below.

It is the intent of the Legislature that enforcement of this chapter be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. The provisions of Mississippi Code sections 97-32-5, 97-32-7, 97-32-11, 97-32-15, 97-32-17, 97-32-19 and 97-32-21 shall supersede any existing or subsequently enacted local law, ordinance or regulation which relates to the sale, promotion and distribution of tobacco and tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
It is unlawful for any person to barter, deliver or give tobacco products to any minor. Any person who violates this section is subject to the same penalties and affirmative defenses as selling tobacco products to a minor.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No retailer shall distribute tobacco products, excluding cigars and pipe tobacco, other than in a sealed package provided by the manufacturer with the required health warning. Violators will be fined $100 for the first violation and/or enrolled in a Retailer Tobacco Education Prevention Program, $200 for a second violation within a year of the first violation and $300 for all subsequent violations. In addition, in the case of all subsequent violations within one year of two prior violations, the permit of the violator may be suspended or revoked.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or distribute in this state any cigarettes the package of which does not comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to federal law regarding warnings and other information on packages of cigarettes manufactured, packaged or imported for sale, distribution or use in the United States, including, but not limited to, the precise warning labels specified in the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Knowingly violating this provision is subject to a fine of $5,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than five years.
State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are specifically not allowed, see below.

It is the intent of the Legislature that enforcement of this chapter be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. The provisions of Sections 97-32-5, 97-32-7, 97-32-11, 97-32-15, 97-32-17, 97-32-19 and 97-32-21 shall supersede any existing or subsequently enacted local law, ordinance or regulation which relates to the sale, promotion and distribution of tobacco and tobacco products.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

Vending machines are restricted to establishments where individuals under the age of 18 years are denied access or are required to be accompanied by an adult.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

A person who violates this section shall be punished by a penalty of not more than $250.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

No state law/regulation

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically not allowed, see below.

It is the intent of the Legislature that enforcement of this chapter be implemented in an equitable manner throughout the state. The provisions of Sections 97-32-5, 97-32-7, 97-32-11, 97-32-15, 97-32-17, 97-32-19 and 97-32-21 shall supersede any existing or subsequently enacted local law, ordinance or regulation which relates to the sale, promotion and distribution of tobacco and tobacco products.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Every dealer (manufacturer), distributor, wholesaler and retailer must have an annual permit to engage in the sale or use of tobacco products from the chairman of the state Tax Commission. Permits must be obtained for each place of business. Permits expire on January 31st of each year. Any person who engages in any business for which a permit is required before procuring a permit, or after the permit is cancelled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punishable by a fine of $50 to $500.


Retailers and wholesalers must obtain a license to sell cigarettes. A separate license is required for each place of business. The state Tax Commission shall make rules and regulations respecting applications therefore or issuance thereof.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products

Yes

License Fees

Wholesalers, distributors and dealers are subject to a $100 annual permit fee.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors

For the third and subsequent violations of the sale of tobacco products to minors’ law within a year of two previous violations, the retailer’s permit may be revoked or suspended for a period of at least one year after notice and opportunity for a hearing. The provisions of this law shall supersede any existing or subsequently enacted local law, ordinance or regulation that relates to the sale,

- **Smoking Protection Laws**

  **Smoking Protection Law**

  It is unlawful for any public or private employer to require as a condition of employment that any employee or applicant for employment abstain from smoking or using tobacco products during non-work hours, provided that the individual complies with applicable laws or policies regulating smoking on the premises of the employer during working hours.

  MISS. CODE ANN. § 71-7-33 (1994).

- **Advertising & Promotion**

  No state law/regulation.

- **Product Disclosure**

  No state law/regulation.

- **Divestment**

  No state law/regulation.

- **Liability**

  **Tobacco Industry Liability**

  A supersedeas bond or equivalent security required on any money judgment entered in whole or in part on account of punitive damages shall, as to the punitive damages portion of the judgment only, be the lower of: 125 percent of the punitive damages, 10 percent of the net worth of the defendant seeking appeal as determined by applying generally accepted accounting principles to the defendant’s financial status as of December 31, of the year prior to the entry of the judgment for punitive damages. Absent unusual circumstances, the total amount of the required bond or equivalent security for any case as to punitive damages shall not exceed $100 million. When the appellant is allowed the benefit of a reduction in bond or equivalent security the court may require submission of such reports or evidence to the court and to opposing parties as will allow them to be properly informed of the financial condition of the appellant during the period of supersedeas. If at any time after notice and hearing, the court finds that an appellant who has posted a bond or equivalent security for less than 125 percent of the full amount of the judgment has taken actions that affect the financial ability of the appellant to respond to the judgment, or has taken other actions with the intent to avoid the judgment, the court shall increase the bond or equivalent security to the full 125 percent of the judgment.


- **Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

  **Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary**

  Tobacco settlement dollars received by Mississippi are deposited in the Tobacco Control Program Fund ($20 million annually), the Health Care Trust Fund and the Health Care Expendable Fund. Some of the money in the Tobacco Control Program Fund is allocated to Mississippi’s tobacco control program.


  Note: Mississippi was one of four states that settled separately with the major tobacco companies prior to the Master Settlement Agreement in 1998.

  **Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**

  The Tobacco Control Program Fund was established in the state treasury. From the annual tobacco settlement payment, $20 million is dedicated annually to the fund. The money is to be used to fund a comprehensive tobacco control program and for other specified purposes.


  The Health Care Trust Fund was established in the state treasury, and received $280 million in settlement money at the end of FY1999, and is supposed to receive all subsequent annual settlement payments. All income from the trust fund is supposed to go to the trust fund, and funds do not lapse to the general fund. Money is transferred to the Health Care Expendable Fund each fiscal year from the Health Care Trust Fund. The trust fund principal is supposed to remain forever inviolate except for specified circumstances, but has been used by the legislature for general budget purposes on several occasions, including a $240 million transfer in 2005 and a $112 million transfer in FY2011 to the Health Care Expendable Fund. Transfer of funds in the trust fund to the state Medicaid program under
certain circumstances is also allowed under legislation passed in 2009.

The Health Care Expendable Fund was also established in the state treasury. All income from investment of the money in the fund shall be credited to the fund. The funds in the Health Care Expendable Fund are available for expenditure by specific appropriation each fiscal year beginning in FY2000 for health care purposes. Money is transferred to this fund each fiscal year from the Health Care Trust Fund. In 2005, $240 million was transferred and in FY2011, $112 million was transferred to this fund from the Health Care Trust Fund in addition to regular transfers each year. The entire settlement installment payment received in calendar year 2010 and the entire settlement installment payment minus $10 million in 2011 will also be deposited in this fund.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Mississippi or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Mississippi unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 45-12-5 Mississippi Code, 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 45-12-7 Mississippi Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 45-12-9 Mississippi Code.
MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 45-12-1 to 45-12-23 (2010).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale in violation of the above standard shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of such cigarettes sold or offered for sale; provided that in no case shall the penalties against any such person or entity exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation is subject to the same civil penalty as others above, but the penalty shall not exceed $25,000 during any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification in addition to any other penalty.
MISS. CODE ANN. § 45-12-11 (2010).

Preemption
Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances related to certain specified laws concerning the sale, promotion, and distribution of tobacco are not allowed.

Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $11,400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Department of Health Appropriations (H.B. 1628) enacted 5/21/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking in enclosed public facilities when persons under 18 are engaged in an organized athletic event at the facility, and within 100 feet of non-enclosed facilities except in designated areas separate from the field of activity.
S.B. 2644 enacted 4/27/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers $112 million from the Health Care Trust Fund to the Health Care Expendable Fund in FY2011. Eliminates the provision paying back money transferred in 2005 from the Health Care Trust Fund as well.
H.B. 1059 enacted and effective 5/21/10.
Novelty Lighters: Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters in Mississippi as specified and defined.
H.B. 232 enacted 3/15/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is restricted to designated areas in public places and at public meetings, see statutes cited below for further details and specific types of places that are covered. No more than 30 percent of the space of any public place may be designated as a smoking area.


Exceptions to the Law

Types of places where smoking is allowed without restriction are: 1) rooms or halls used for private social functions under control of the sponsor of the function; 2) limousines and taxicabs where the driver and passengers agree to allow smoking; 3) performers on stage, provided that smoking is part of the performance; 4) tobacco retail stores; 5) bars, taverns, restaurants that seat less than 50 people, bowling alleys and billiard parlors, which post signs saying “Nonsmoking Areas are Unavailable”; and 6) indoor sports arenas/facilities seating more than 15,000 persons.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in sections 191.775 and 191.776 shall prohibit local political subdivisions or local boards of education from enacting more stringent ordinances or rules.


Government Buildings

Smoking is restricted to designated areas in all public buildings. A designated smoking area where state employees may smoke during the work day shall be provided by each state executive department and institution of higher education, provided an area can be adequately ventilated at minimum cost within the physical confines of each facility.


Private Workplaces

No restrictions.

Schools

Use of tobacco products is prohibited entirely in any indoor area of a public elementary or secondary school building or educational facility, excluding institutions of higher learning, and on buses used to transport students any place for educational purposes. School boards or school districts may set policies on the use of tobacco products on school grounds or in facilities not occupied by students.


In educational facilities not covered above, smoking is restricted to designated areas.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking, and the use of other tobacco products, is prohibited in licensed day care facilities during their hours of operation. “Child care facility,” is defined as a house or other place conducted or maintained by any person who advertises or holds himself out as providing care for more than four children during the daytime, for compensation or otherwise with specified exceptions.


Health Care Facilities

Smoking is restricted to designated areas in health care facilities, health clinics or ambulatory care facilities including, but not limited to, laboratories associated with health care treatment, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians’ offices and dentists’ offices.


Restaurants

The person in charge of a restaurant seating 50 or more people shall designate an area of sufficient size to accommodate usual customer demand for non-smoking areas. Restaurants seating less than 50 people are exempt from any restrictions on smoking as long as they post signs saying “Nonsmoking Areas are Unavailable.”


Bars

Smoking is allowed in bars and taverns as long as they post signs saying “Nonsmoking Areas
Bars and taverns are defined as establishments licensed to serve liquor that make no more than 10 percent of their sales from food. MO REV. STAT. §§ 191.765 to 191.769 (1992).

Penalties/Enforcement

The person having custody or control of a public place or public meeting shall: 1) post appropriate signs indicating non-smoking or smoking areas and arrange seating accordingly; 2) arrange seating and utilize available ventilation systems and physical barriers to isolate designated smoking areas; 3) make a reasonable request of persons smoking to move to a designated smoking area; and 4) allow smoking in designated areas of theater lobbies only. Persons who smoke in a nonsmoking area or proprietors who allow persons to smoke in those areas where smoking is prohibited are guilty of an infraction.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: 17 cents
Date last changed: August 28, 1993 – from 13 cents to 17 cents
Year first enacted: 1955

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $94,709,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

A portion of cigarette tax revenue is deposited in the Health Initiatives Fund and the Fair Share Fund to be used for specific purposes.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

The revenue generated by four cents of the cigarette tax imposed effective August 13, 1982 shall be placed in a separate fund entitled “The Fair Share Fund.” Moneys in the fund shall be distributed to the schools in this state on an average daily attendance basis.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

All other tobacco products: 10% of the manufacturer’s invoice price.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes is deposited in the Health Initiatives Fund.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

All revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes is deposited in the Health Initiatives Fund. The tax on other tobacco products will sunset on July 1st following when and if the general assembly appropriates an amount equal to 25 percent of the net federal reimbursement allowance to the Health Initiatives Fund.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $3,258,000
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $5,545,073 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $8,803,073
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $73,200,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 12%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for tobacco control initiatives in Missouri comes from the state’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payment.

State Funding Details

Missouri allocated $3,258,000 for tobacco prevention initiatives and Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011)
from the state general fund. In FY2010, $1,200,000 was allocated to tobacco prevention initiatives only. FY2011 Department of Social Services Budget (H.B. 2011) enacted 6/17/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Note: The Missouri Foundation for Health, a private, non-profit foundation provided an additional $1 million during FY2011 for the state's tobacco use quitline/phone counseling service.

### Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

#### Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

18

#### Compliance/Enforcement

The Division of Liquor Control shall have the authority to inspect stores and tobacco outlets for compliance with all laws related to access of tobacco products to minors. The division may employ a person 17 years of age, with parental consent, to attempt to purchase tobacco for the purpose of inspection or enforcement of tobacco laws. The Supervisor of the Division of Liquor Control shall establish mandatory guidelines for the use of minors in investigations by a state, county, municipal or other local law enforcement authority. See the specified statute for details about the mandatory guidelines.

**MO REV. STAT. §§ 407.924 & 407.934 (2001).**

#### Penalties for Sales to Minors

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, provide or distribute tobacco products or rolling papers to persons under 18 years of age. This shall not apply to the distribution by family members on property that is not open to the public. Violation by any person, including but not limited to a sales clerk, owner or operator shall be subject to a fine of $25 for a first offense, $100 for the second offense and $250 for a third and subsequent offenses. Any owner of the establishment who violates this law, in addition to the penalties above, shall be issued a reprimand for the first violation within two years; shall be prohibited from selling tobacco products for 24 hours for a second violation within two years; shall be prohibited from selling tobacco products for 48 hours for a third violation within two years; and shall be prohibited from selling tobacco products for five days for a fourth and subsequent violation within two years. Owners shall be exempt from the above penalties if they have an employee compliance training program subject to specific guidelines. This exemption will not apply to owners who have four or more violations per location within a two year period or knowingly violate the law. It is an affirmative defense if the person accused reasonably relied on proof of age purporting to establish the person as 18 years of age or older.

**MO REV. STAT. § 407.931 (2001).**

#### Sign Posting Requirements

Signs shall be conspicuously displayed at every display from which tobacco products are sold stating “IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW FOR CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 OR FOR SUCH PERSON TO PURCHASE, ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS” and shall include a depiction of a pack of cigarettes defaced by a red diagonal diameter of a surrounding red circle, and the words “UNDER 18.” Violators shall be fined $25 for the first offense, $100 for a second offense and $250 for subsequent offenses.

**MO REV. STAT. §§ 407.927 & 407.931 (2001).**

#### Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

A person or entity selling tobacco products or rolling papers or distributing tobacco product samples shall require proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that such prospective purchaser or recipient may be under the age of 18. “Proof of age” means a driver’s license or other generally accepted means of identification that contains a picture of the individual and appears on its face to be valid.

**MO REV. STAT. § 407.929 (2001).**

#### Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

No person less than 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase or possess cigarettes or other tobacco products unless as part of an employment obligation or for enforcement purposes. Any person less than 18 years of age shall not misrepresent
their age to purchase cigarettes or tobacco products. A person who violates this law is guilty of an infraction and shall have any cigarettes or tobacco products confiscated. For a second violation the person shall also complete a tobacco education or smoking cessation program, if available.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No person or entity shall sell individual packs of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products unless they are displayed behind the check-out counter or are within the unobstructed line of sight of the sales clerk or store attendant from the checkout counter.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Any person or entity that sells or distributes tobacco products by mail or through the Internet to minors shall be assessed a fine of $250 for the first violation and $500 for each subsequent violation.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Except as specified below concerning youth tobacco investigations, stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are allowed.

If the state, county, municipal or other local law enforcement authority uses minors in investigations or in enforcing or determining violations of this chapter or any local ordinance and does not comply with the mandatory guidelines established by the supervisor of the Department of Liquor Control, the supervisor shall not take any disciplinary action against the establishment or seller pursuant to this chapter based on an alleged violation discovered when using a minor and shall not cooperate in any way with the state, county, municipal or other local law enforcement authority in prosecuting any alleged violation discovered when using a minor.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Distribution of tobacco products and rolling papers to minors is prohibited. This subsection shall not apply to the distribution by family members on property that is not open to the public. Violators shall be fined $25 for the first offense, $100 for a second offense and $250 for subsequent offenses. In addition, the owner shall be prohibited from selling tobacco products for a specific number of days for multiple violations. If an employee of a company conducting the sampling distributes a sample, such employee shall be guilty of an offense and responsible for the fine.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No person or entity shall sell, provide or distribute any individual cigarettes to any person in this state. Violators shall be fined $25 for the first offense, $100 for a second offense and $250 for subsequent offenses. In addition, the owner shall be prohibited from selling tobacco products for a specific number of days for multiple violations.


It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute in this state any cigarettes that do not comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to federal law and implementing regulations, including but not limited to the permanent imprinting on the primary packaging of the precise package warning labels in the precise format specified in Section Four of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Violation is a Class D felony.

MO REV. STAT. § 149.200 (2002).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are allowed.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Tobacco product vending machines shall be located within the unobstructed line of sight and under the direct supervision of an adult responsible for preventing persons under 18 years old from purchasing any tobacco product or shall be equipped with a lock-out device to prevent the machine from being operated until the person responsible for monitoring sales from the machines disables the lock. Such locking devices shall be of a design that prevents them from being left in an unlocked condition and
which will allow only a single sale when activated. A locking device shall not be required in machines located in areas where persons under 18 years old are not permitted or prohibited by law. This law shall not apply to a vending machine if located in a factory, private club or other location not generally accessible to the public.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Any person whose vending machine is not in compliance with the placement provisions above is subject to a fine of $25 for a first offense, $100 for a second offense and $250 for a third and subsequent offenses.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Signs shall be conspicuously posted on every vending machine where tobacco products are purchased stating “IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW FOR CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 OR FOR SUCH PERSON TO PURCHASE, ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS CIGARETTES OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS” and shall include a depiction of a pack of cigarettes defaced by a red diagonal diameter of a surrounding red circle, and the words “UNDER 18.” Violators shall be fined $25 for the first offense, $100 for a second offense and $250 for subsequent offenses.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco products vending machines are allowed.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products
Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesalers must obtain a license from the Director of the Department of Revenue to sell cigarettes or tobacco products, on or before February 15th of every year.

MO REV. STAT. § 149.035 (1993).

No person shall sell cigarettes or tobacco products unless the person has a retail sales tax license. The Department of Revenue shall permit persons to designate through the Internet or by including a place on all sales tax license applications for the applicant to designate themselves as a seller of tobacco products and to provide a list of all locations where the applicant sells such products.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Not specifically to sell cigarettes; a retail sales tax license is required.

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Not specifically to sell tobacco products; a retail sales tax license is required.

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Wholesaler's License: $100 each year.
Retail Sales Tax License: No fee


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The owner of an establishment who sells, provides or distributes a tobacco product to a minor shall be prohibited from selling tobacco products for 24 hours for a second violation, for 48 hours for a third violation and five days for a fourth and subsequent violations within two years.


Smoking Protection Laws
It shall be an improper employment practice for an employer to refuse to hire, to discharge, or to otherwise disadvantage any individual with respect to compensation, terms or conditions of employment because the individual uses lawful tobacco products off the premises of the employer during hours such individual is not working for the employer, unless such use interferes with the duties and performance of the employee, the employee's coworkers, or
overall business operation; except that, nothing in this section shall prohibit an employer from providing or contracting for health insurance benefits at a reduced premium rate for employees who do not smoke or use tobacco products. Religious organizations and nonprofit health promotion organizations are exempt from this section. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to create a cause of action for injunctive relief, damages or other relief.


Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
The total appeal bond or equivalent surety required to appeal a lawsuit judgment for a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement shall be set at $50 million, regardless of the value of the judgment. If the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that a party bringing an appeal or seeking a stay is purposefully dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding ultimate payment of the judgment, the limitation granted may be rescinded and the court may enter such orders as are necessary to prevent dissipation or diversion of the assets.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Annual Master Settlement Agreement payments are distributed 25 percent to the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund and the remaining 75 percent to the Healthy Families Trust Fund through the annual appropriations process.

MO REV. STAT. §§ 196.1100 to 196.1130 (2005).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
There is hereby established in the state treasury the “Life Sciences Research Trust Fund” to be held separate and apart from all other public moneys and funds of the state. Twenty-five percent of all monies received from the Master Settlement Agreement between Missouri and certain cigarette companies are deposited into the fund starting in FY2007 and each fiscal year thereafter. Moneys in the fund do not revert to the state general fund at the end of each biennium. All moneys that are appropriated from the trust fund shall be appropriated to the life sciences research board to increase the capacity for quality of life sciences research at public and private not-for-profit institutions in the state of Missouri as specified.

MO REV. STAT. §§ 196.1100 to 196.1130 (2005).

Note: The remaining 75 percent of the annual settlement revenue is directed to the Healthy Families Trust Fund through the annual appropriations process, and used to fund various health and social service programs/services.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection 7 of section 320.353 Missouri Revised Statutes, no cigarettes shall be sold or offered for sale in Missouri or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Missouri unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 320.353 Missouri Revised Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 320.356 Missouri Revised Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 320.359 Missouri Revised Statutes.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesaler, or other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale in violation of the above standard shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of such cigarettes sold or offered for sale; provided that in no case shall the penalties against any such person or entity exceed
$100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation is subject to the same civil penalty as others above, but the penalty shall not exceed $25,000 during any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited partnership, or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification in addition to any other penalty.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Requires state, county, municipal and other local law enforcement authorities to adhere to the mandatory guidelines set out by the Supervisor of Liquor Control when using minors in tobacco retailer compliance inspections.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $3,258,000 for the Medicaid tobacco cessation coverage benefit and tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives in FY2011.

FY2011 Department of Social Services Budget (H.B. 2011) enacted 6/17/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Settlement: Puts in place certain requirements for tobacco product manufacturers to help enforce the Master Settlement Agreement.

S.B. 884 enacted and effective 7/7/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places, which are defined as an indoor area, room, or vehicle that the general public is allowed to enter or that serves as a place of work, including restaurants, bars and non-tribal gaming facilities. For specific places covered, see the definition under Montana Code Annotated section 50-40-103.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) a private residence unless it is licensed and used as a family day-care home, group day-care home, adult foster care home or a health care facility; 2) a private motor vehicle; 3) not more than 35 percent of hotel/motel rooms rented to guests; and 4) a site that is being used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places the definition of which includes all buildings or portions of buildings occupied by state and local government.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places, the definition of which includes all places of work. Places of work are defined as an enclosed room where one or more people work.


Schools
An individual may not use a tobacco product in a public school building or on public school property. This does not apply to the use of a tobacco product in a classroom or on other school property as part of a lecture, demonstration, or educational forum sanctioned by a school administrator or faculty member concerning the risks associated with use of a tobacco product.


Smoking is also prohibited in community college facilities and facilities of the Montana university system.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places, the definition of which includes health care facilities. Home-based health care facilities are specifically included.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places, the definition of which includes restaurants.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places, the definition of which includes bars.


Penalties/Enforcement
The proprietor or manager of an establishment containing enclosed public places shall post a sign in a conspicuous place at all public entrances to the establishment stating, in a manner that can be easily read and understood that smoking in the enclosed public place is prohibited. The provisions of this part must be supervised and enforced by the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the department’s designees, local boards of health, and the boards’ designees under the direction of the department. A person who smokes in a place where smoking is prohibited is guilty of a
misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not
less than $25 or more than $100. A person who
owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls
a public place or place of employment and who
fails to comply with the above provisions is guilty
of a misdemeanor after a third violation within a
3-year period and shall receive a warning for a first
violation, receive a written reprimand for a second
violation, be subject to a $100 fine for a third viola-
tion, a $200 fine for a fourth violation and $500 for
a fifth or subsequent violation.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.70
Date last changed: January 1, 2005 – from 70 cents
to $1.70
Year first enacted: 1947

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008
to June 30, 2009): $79,547,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Cigarette tax revenue is dedicated to several pur-
poses, including 44 percent to a state special rev-
ue fund to the credit of the Health and Medicaid
Initiatives Account, as well a portion going to the
state general fund.

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—
Detailed Information
Cigarette tax revenue is distributed as follows: 8.3
percent or $2 million, whichever is greater, for
the operation and maintenance of state veterans’
nursing homes; for FY2010 and FY2011 only, 1.2
percent for the construction of a state veterans’
home in southwestern Montana; 2.6 percent to the
Long-Range Building Program Account; 44 per-
cent to the state special revenue fund to the credit
of the Health and Medicaid Initiatives Account;
and the remainder to the general fund. The Health
and Medicaid Initiatives Account is intended to
provide revenue for an increase in enrollment in
the state children’s health insurance program; a new
need-based prescription drug program; increased
Medicaid services and

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $8,393,183
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,199,653 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $9,592,836
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $13,900,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 69%
* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities
from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Montana’s tobacco control
program comes from the state’s annual Master
Settlement Agreement payment.

State Funding Details
Montana appropriated $8,393,183 for tobacco
prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July
1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). The same amount was
appropriated in FY2010. This is the second year of
the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.
FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Budget (H.B. 2) enacted 5/14/09
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Department of Public Health and Human Services shall conduct inspections of persons selling or distributing tobacco products to determine compliance with sections 16-11-301 et seq. of the Montana Code. Inspections may be conducted directly by the department or may be provided for by contract let by the department. The Department of Public Health and Human Services shall provide documentation to the Department of Revenue regarding alleged violations of licensing, sales or distribution of tobacco to minors or minimum cigarette sales amounts provisions. An individual under 18 years of age assisting in the enforcement of this part is not liable under a civil or criminal law for possession of, or attempt to purchase, a tobacco product.


Penalties for Sales to Minors
A person may not sell or distribute a tobacco product to a person under 18 years of age. The first through third offenses at any one location within a three-year period is punishable by a verbal notification of violation. The fourth offense is punishable by a written notice of violation to be sent by the Department of Public Health and Human Services to the owner of the establishment. The fifth offense is punishable by an assessment of a tobacco education fee of $500 against the owner of the establishment who may request a hearing to dispute the assessment. The employee or other person who sold the tobacco product, the establishment manager, and the owner, if the owner is a sole proprietor or partner, shall read and review the tobacco education material. The sixth offense is punishable by a three-month license suspension, and the seventh and subsequent violations are punishable by a one-year license suspension. Upon the sixth and subsequent violations of this section, the Department of Revenue shall review the record of violations and if they decline to initiate suspension proceedings, the violation may not be charged against the licensee. Two years after the first violation, if a person has not received notice of any further violation, a second violation is considered a first violation. In addition, the first and subsequent violations are punishable by a tobacco education fee of $25 for the employee who sold the tobacco product if not the owner of the establishment.


Sign Posting Requirements
Signs must be conspicuously posted at each place on the premises at which tobacco products are displayed and sold stating: “MONTANA LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.” Failure to do so is punishable by a civil penalty of $100.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
If there is a reasonable doubt as to the individual’s age, the seller shall require presentation of a driver’s license or other generally accepted identification that includes a picture of the individual.

MONT. CODE ANN. § 16-11-305(2).

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
A person under 18 years of age who knowingly possesses or consumes any tobacco product commits the offense of possession or consumption of a tobacco product. Violators shall be fined $50 for the first offense, between $75 and $100 for the second offense and between $100 and $250 for subsequent offenses, or may be adjudicated on a petition alleging the person to be a youth in need of supervision under the provisions of the Montana Youth Court Act. In addition, the violator may be required to perform community service or to attend a tobacco cessation program.


A person under 18 years of age who knowingly attempts to purchase a tobacco product commits the offense of attempting to purchase a tobacco product. Violation is subject to a fine of $50 and possible community service for the first offense and a fine of not more than $100 and possible community service for the second and subsequent offenses.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Prior to delivering, mailing, or shipping tobacco products into Montana to a person other than a licensed wholesaler or retailer, a person who accepts purchase orders for tobacco product sales shall file a statement with the Department of Revenue detailing specific information about themselves. By the 10th day of each calendar month, each person that has made a sale or delivered, mailed, or shipped tobacco products into this state during the previous calendar month shall file a memorandum of sale or a copy of the sales invoice with the department setting out specified information about the sale. Common carriers are also required to report certain information to the department on all shipments made in the state.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local law/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

A local government may by ordinance adopt regulations on the subjects of Montana Code 16-11-301 through 16-11-308 that are no more stringent than as outlined in those code sections.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
A person may not distribute a tobacco product to a person under 18 years of age. Violations are punishable by the same penalties for over-the-counter sales to minors, including the tobacco education fee assessed against the person who made the sale.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A person may not distribute a tobacco product for commercial purposes in other than a sealed package that is provided by the manufacturer and that contains the health warning required by federal law. Single cigarettes may not be sold. Penalties are the same as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

The sale of cigarettes in a package containing fewer than 20 cigarettes or rolling tobacco in a package containing less than 0.6 ounces net weight of tobacco is prohibited. Violations are punishable by a civil penalty of $100. The third violation is also subject to a license suspension for 3 months; and the fourth and subsequent violations are subject to a license suspension of 1 year.

A person may not knowingly import into this state for sale or other distribution any package of cigarettes or tobacco product that violates any federal requirement for the placement of labels, warnings, or other information, including health hazards that must be on the container or individual package. Violation is subject to a fine of up to $10,000.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Tobacco vending machines are restricted to places where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed on the premises and where the vending machine is under the direct line-of-sight supervision of the owner or an employee of the establishment. Vending machines may be located in a restaurant if the restaurant has a bar, the restaurant area shares seating with the bar area, and the vending machine meets the above requirements. Tobacco products must be in a vending machine that contains only tobacco products.
Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
No specific penalty given for violating restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local law/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

A local government may by ordinance adopt regulations on the subjects of Montana Code 16-11-301 through 16-11-308 that are no more stringent than as outlined in those code sections.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Any person who sells cigarettes at retail, including from vending machines must obtain a license from the Department of Revenue to sell tobacco products. Failure to obtain a license is subject to a civil penalty of $100.

Wholesalers and retailers must obtain a license to sell tobacco products from the Department of Revenue. A person who operates 10 or more cigarette vending machines on premises or locations not his own is treated as a wholesaler. A person who operates fewer than 10 cigarette vending machines on premises or locations not his own is considered a retailer. A license is required for each place of business. Licenses must be renewed annually.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Wholesaler license: $50 annually;
Retail license: $5 annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Selling or distributing tobacco products to minors upon the sixth offense within three years is punishable by a three-month license suspension, and the seventh and subsequent violations within three years are punishable by a one-year license suspension. The Department of Revenue shall review the record of violations and if they decline to initiate suspension proceedings, the violation may not be charged against the licensee.

State Preemption of Local Licensing Laws
Stronger local law/ordinances concerning the licensing of entities selling or distributing tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

A local government may by ordinance adopt regulations on the subjects of 16-11-301 through 16-11-308 that are no more stringent than 16-11-301 through 16-11-308.

Smoking Protection Laws
An employer may not refuse to employ or license and may not discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, promotion, or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the individual legally uses a lawful product off the employer’s premises during non-work hours. This does not apply to use of a lawful product that affects in any manner an individual’s ability to perform job-related employment responsibilities or the safety of other employees, or conflicts with a bona fide occupational qualification that is reasonably related to the individual’s employment; an individual who, on a personal basis, has a professional service contract with an employer and the unique nature
of the services provided authorizes the employer, as part of the service contract, to limit the use of certain products; or an employer that is a nonprofit organization that, as one of its primary purposes or objectives, discourages the use of one or more lawful products by the general public. However, an employer may offer, impose, or have in effect a health, disability, or life insurance policy that makes distinctions between employees for the type or price of coverage based on the employees’ use of a product with stipulations. The person against whom a violation is committed may file a civil action against an employer within one year of the alleged violation. Prior to filing a civil action, an employee shall within 120 days of the alleged violation, initiate any internal grievance procedure available. If a grievance procedure is not exhausted within 120 days, the employee may file a civil action.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

Statutory Initiative 146, approved by voters in November 2002, re-designated how Master Settlement Agreement payments would be spent: 32 percent is deposited in a state special revenue account and may only be used to fund state tobacco control programs; 17 percent is deposited in a state special revenue fund and is used to help fund the state Children’s Health Insurance Program and programs of the Montana Comprehensive Health Association; 40 percent is dedicated to the Tobacco Trust Fund per the constitutional referendum in 2000 (see below); and the remaining 11 percent is deposited in the state general fund. These allocations will apply to MSA payments received after June 30, 2003. The legislature retained the authority to override these allocations.

MONT. CODE ANN. § 17-6-602 & 17-6-606 (2007).

Referendum C-35 was passed by the voters of Montana in November 2000 to amend Article XII of the state constitution by adding a new section Four. It directs the legislature to dedicate not less than 40 percent of settlement proceeds received on or after January 1, 2001, to a trust fund, 90 percent of the interest and income of which may be appropriated. Ten percent of the interest and income derived from the trust fund on or after January 1, 2001, shall be deposited in the trust fund. The principal of the trust fund and 10 percent of the interest and income deposited in the trust fund shall remain forever inviolate unless appropriated by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature. Appropriations of the interest, income, or principal from the trust fund shall be used only for tobacco disease prevention programs and state programs providing benefits, services, or coverage that are related to the health care needs of the people of Montana and may not be used for other purposes. Appropriations of the interest, income, or principal from the trust fund shall not be used to replace state or federal money used to fund tobacco disease prevention programs and state programs that existed on December 31, 1999, providing benefits, services, or coverage of the health care needs of the people of Montana.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes shall be sold or offered for sale in Montana or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Montana unless:

1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standards specified in section 50-65-102 Montana Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal as specified in section 50-65-103 Montana Code; and the cigarettes have been marked as specified in section 50-65-104 Montana Code. This law shall not apply if a preemptive federal reduced cigarette ignition propensity standard is adopted and becomes effective.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each sale for the first offense, and not to exceed $25,000 for each such sale for subsequent offenses. However, the penalty shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retailer that knowingly sells cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 the first offense and not to exceed $400 for subsequent offenses for each sale and offer for sale of less than 1,000 cigarettes; and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for the first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for subsequent offenses for each sale and offer for sale of more than 1,000 cigarettes. The penalty against any one retailer may not exceed $25,000 in a 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $75,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $250,000 for each subsequent offense in addition to any other penalty.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Enactment of stronger local youth access laws/ordinances concerning Montana Code sections 16-11-301 to 16-11-308 are not allowed.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $8,393,183 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2010-FY2011 Biennial Budget (H.B. 2) enacted 5/14/09 and effective 7/1/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

It is unlawful for any person to smoke in a public place or place of employment, including restaurants, bars and gaming facilities. Public place means an indoor area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, whether or not the public is always invited or permitted. A private residence is not considered a public place.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Exceptions to the Law

The following indoor areas are exceptions to the law: 1) up to 20 percent of hotel/motel rooms subject to certain conditions; 2) indoor areas used in connection with a research study on the health effects of smoking as specified; 3) tobacco retail outlets as defined; and 4) cigar bars as specified and defined.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are allowed except laws/ordinances further restricting or prohibiting smoking in cigar bars.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover state and local government buildings.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in places of employment, the definition of which includes all private workplaces. Place of employment means an indoor area under the control of a proprietor that an employee accesses as part of their employment without regard to whether the employee is present or work is occurring at any given time. A private residence is a place of employment when such residence is being used as a licensed child care program and one or more children who are not occupants of such residence are present.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Schools

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover public and private educational facilities.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover child care facilities. A private residence is a place of employment when such residence is being used as a licensed child care program and one or more children who are not occupants of such residence are present.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover health care facilities.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover restaurants.

NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 71-5716 to 71-5734 (2010).

Bars

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover bars. Cigar bars are exempt. Cigar bar means an establishment operated by a holder of a Class C liquor license which: 1) does not sell food; 2) in addition to selling alcohol, annually receives 10 percent or more of its gross revenue from the sale of cigars and other tobacco products and tobacco-related products, except from the sale of cigarettes; 3) has a walk-in humidor on the premises; and 4) does not permit the smoking of cigarettes. Local communities are prohibited from passing stronger ordinances concerning cigar bars.


Penalties/Enforcement

A proprietor of a place of employment or public place where smoking is prohibited under the
Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act shall take necessary and appropriate steps to ensure compliance. A person who smokes in a place of employment or a public place is guilty of Class V misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class IV misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offenses. A person charged with this offense may voluntarily participate in a smoking cessation program approved by the Department of Health and Human Services at their expense, and the penalty shall be waived upon successful completion of the program. A proprietor who fails, neglects, or refuses to perform a duty under this law is guilty of Class V misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class IV misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offenses. Each day of violation is a separate offense. The Department of Health and Human Services or a local public health department may institute an action in any court with jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act. Any interested party may report possible violations of the act to such departments.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: 64 cents
Date last changed: October 1, 2002 – from 34 cents to 64 cents
Year first enacted: 1947

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $66,981,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Revenue from 49 cents of the state cigarette tax is deposited into the state general fund. The revenue from the remaining 15 cents is distributed to a variety of funds and purposes as specified below.

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

Beginning October 1, 2004, the revenue from 49 cents of the above tax is deposited into the state general fund. The remainder of the revenue is distributed as follows:

1) Beginning July 1, 1980, one cent is placed in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund;

2) Beginning July 1, 1993, three cents of such tax is placed in the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640 of the Nebraska statutes;

3) Beginning October 1, 2002, seven cents is placed in the Building Renewal Allocation Fund until the purposes of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled;

4) Beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until June 30, 2016, $1 million dollars each fiscal year is placed in the City of the Primary Class Development Fund;

5) Beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until June 30, 2016, $1.5 million dollars each fiscal year is placed in the City of the Metropolitan Class Development Fund;

6) Beginning July 1, 2009, and continuing until June 30, 2016, $2.57 million dollars is placed in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund;

7) Any remaining money is placed in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Snuff: 44 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;

All other tobacco products: 20% of the purchase price of such tobacco products paid by the first owner or the price at which a first owner who made, manufactured, or fabricated the tobacco product sells the items to others.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 77-4008 (2009).

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from the tax on other tobacco products is deposited in the Tobacco Products Administration Cash Fund. All costs required for administration of the Tobacco Products Tax Act shall be paid from such fund.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 77-4025 (2009).
**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $3,305,700
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,545,064 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $4,850,764
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $21,500,000
- Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 22.6%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Nebraska’s tobacco control program and Medicaid cessation coverage benefit comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and the state general fund.

**State Funding Details**

Nebraska allocated $3,305,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs and the state Medicaid cessation coverage benefit in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $3,524,850 was appropriated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.


**Tobacco Control Program Related Laws**

The Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund was created. The fund shall be used for a comprehensive statewide tobacco-related public health program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services which includes, but is not limited to: 1) community programs to reduce tobacco use, 2) chronic disease programs, 3) school programs, 4) statewide programs, 5) enforcement, 6) counter-marketing, 7) cessation programs, 8) surveillance and evaluation, and 9) administration.

**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

No provisions in state law.

**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

Whoever sells or furnishes tobacco products to a minor is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor for each offense.

**NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-1419 (1977).**

Any licensee who shall sell, give, or furnish in any way tobacco products to a minor; or allow to be taken from their place of business any tobacco products shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Any officer, director, or manager having charge or control either separately or jointly with others, of the business of any corporation which violates this provision, if he have knowledge of the same, shall also be subject to these penalties. In addition, such licensee shall be subject to a revocation and forfeiture of their license at the discretion of the court who hears the complaint.

**NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-1425 (1977).**

For purposes of compliance with and enforcement of restrictions on the purchase of tobacco products, a retailer pursuant to a license issued under the applicable statutory provision may scan machine-readable information encoded on an operator’s license or a state identification card presented for the purpose of such a sale. The retailer may store only the following information obtained from the license or card: Age and license or card identification number. The retailer shall post a sign at the point of sale of any of such items stating that the license or card will be scanned and that the age and identification number will be stored.

**NEB. REV. STAT. § 60-4, 111.01(3) (2010).**

**Sign Posting Requirements**

No state law/regulation.

**Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products**

No state law/regulation.

**Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors**

A minor who uses tobacco in any form shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor. Any minor so charged may be free from prosecution when they furnish evidence for the conviction of the person who sold or gave them tobacco products.

**NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-1418 (1977).**

Any minor who misrepresents their age while pur-
chasing tobacco products shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
Any person or licensee who shall give or furnish tobacco products to a minor is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. In addition, a licensee shall be subject to the additional penalty of revocation and forfeiture of their license.

Smokeless tobacco products, or coupons or rebate offers for such products, shall not be distributed for promotional purposes by manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, or representatives of these people. Smokeless tobacco product is defined as: 1) loose tobacco or a flat compressed cake of tobacco that may be chewed or held in the mouth; or 2) a small amount of shredded, powdered, or pulverized tobacco that may be inhaled through the nostrils, chewed, or held in the mouth. Violators of this law may be fined a civil penalty of $500 for the first offense, and between $600 and $3,000 for subsequent offenses. Each violation is considered a separate offense.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute in this state, or import or cause to be imported into this state any cigarettes that do not comply with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to federal law and regulations, including the permanent imprinting on the primary packaging of the precise packaging warning labels in the precise format specified in section Four of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a Class IV felony.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Vending machines are prohibited except when located in offices, businesses, plants or factories not open to the public, or in a room where alcohol is dispensed in establishments holding licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation of the restrictions on placement of vending machines is a Class III misdemeanor. In addition, upon conviction for a second offense, the court shall order a six-month suspension of the license to sell tobacco, and upon conviction for a third or subsequent offense, the license to sell tobacco products shall be permanently revoked.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or prohibit a governing body of a city or village from establishing and enforcing ordinances at least as stringent as or more stringent than the provisions of this section.
NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-1429.02(3) (1992).
Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Every person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation must obtain a license from the clerk or finance director of the city, town or village where their place of business is located to sell, keep for sale, or give away in course of trade, any cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, or cigarette material to anyone. A separate license is required for each place of business. Licenses are valid for one year unless suspended or revoked. Dealing in tobacco products without a license is a Class III misdemeanor for each offense.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retailers: $10 to $25 annually depending on the class/size of the city;
Wholesalers: $100 annually if their combined annual sales are over 150,000 packages of tobacco, and $15 annually if their annual sales are below that amount.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
A licensee who sells, gives or furnishes tobacco products to a minor may have their license revoked at the discretion of the court hearing the complaint.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
When the judgment, decree, or final order appealed from directs the payment of money, the bond, deposit of United States Government bonds, or cash deposit shall be the lesser of the amount of the judgment plus interest and applicable court costs, 50 percent of the appellant’s net worth, or $50 million. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating or diverting assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid the payment of a judgment, the court may enter any orders necessary to protect the appellee and require the appellant to provide a bond, deposit of United States Government bonds, or cash deposit up to and including the full amount of the judgment.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All payments received by Nebraska from the Master Settlement Agreement are deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. All this money is then transferred to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund and then portions are transferred to several purposes from there, including approximately $3 million each year transferred to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund to fund the state tobacco control program.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
The Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund is created. The fund shall include any settlement payments or other revenue received by the State of Nebraska in connection with any tobacco-related litigation. Money from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund as specified in section 71-7611.
The Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is created. The State Treasurer shall transfer $56.1 million, no later than July 15, 2009 from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, except that such amount shall be reduced by the amount of the unobligated balance in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund at the time of the transfer. One million dollars in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund is designated each year for the Autism Treatment Program Act for five fiscal years beginning in FY2008. The State Treasurer shall also transfer from the Health Care Cash Fund: 1) $250,000 to the University of Nebraska Medical Center Cash Fund for the Nebraska Regional Poison Center; 2) starting July 1, 2010, $3 million to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund; and 3) $500,000 to the Stem Cell Research Cash Fund.


Note: Legislation was approved in November 2009, transferring $1.3 million from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund back to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund by June 30, 2010.

L.B 2 (1st special session 2009) enacted and effective 11/20/09.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection 7 of section 69-503 Nebraska Revised Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Nebraska or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Nebraska unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 69-503 Nebraska Revised Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 69-504 Nebraska Revised Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 69-505 Nebraska Revised Statutes.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements shall be liable for a civil penalty for each sale of such cigarettes of not to exceed $10,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $25,000 for any subsequent offenses. Penalties shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell fewer than 1,000 cigarettes in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed $500 for a first offense and not to exceed $2,000 for subsequent offenses. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell 1,000 or more cigarettes in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for subsequent offenses. Penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. In addition, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of $75,000 for the first false certification and not to exceed $150,000 for each subsequent false certification.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning smoking in cigar bars are not allowed.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $3,305,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs and the Medicaid tobacco cessation benefit in FY2011.


Tobacco Sales Regulations: Allows the scanning of licenses and identification cards by retailers when selling tobacco products, and sets requirements on what and how long information can be kept.

L.B. 261 enacted 2/11/10 and effective 7/14/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking tobacco is prohibited in many indoor places of employment, including, but not limited to: child care facilities; movie theatres; video arcades; government buildings and public places; malls and retail establishments; all areas of grocery stores; all indoor areas within restaurants; and within all public and private school buildings and on all public and private school property. Major exemptions include: bars, taverns and saloons; strip clubs and brothels; and areas of casinos where minors are prohibited from loitering.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) areas within casinos where loitering by minors is prohibited by state law; 2) stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons as defined; 3) strip clubs or brothels; 4) retail tobacco stores as defined; 5) private residences, including those which may serve as an office workplace, except if used as a child care, adult day care or health care facility; and 6) the area of a convention facility in which a meeting or trade show is being held, if the meeting or trade show: is not open to the public, is being produced or organized by a business relating to tobacco or a professional association for convenience stores and involves the display of tobacco products.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in state law shall be construed to restrict local control or otherwise prohibit a county, city or town from adopting and enforcing local tobacco control measures that meet or exceed the minimum applicable standards in the above law.


Government Buildings

Smoking tobacco is prohibited in indoor places of employment, including government buildings, which are defined as any building or office space owned or occupied by: any component of the University and Community College System of Nevada and used for any purpose related to the system; the state of Nevada and used for any public purpose; or any county, city, school district or other political subdivision of the state and used for any public purpose.


Private Workplaces

Smoking tobacco is prohibited in indoor places of employment. Place of employment is defined as an enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer, which employees normally frequent during the course of employment including, but not limited to, work areas, restrooms, hallways, employee lounges, cafeterias, conference and meeting rooms, lobbies and reception areas.


Schools

Smoking tobacco is prohibited within school buildings and on school property/grounds of any public or private school. Smoking is also prohibited in any building or office space owned or occupied by any component of the University and Community College System of Nevada and used for any purpose related to the system.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in child care facilities, including private residences used as child care facilities. “Child care facility” is defined as an establishment operated and maintained to furnish care on a temporary or permanent basis, during the day or overnight, to five or more children under 18 years of age, if compensation is received for the care of any of those children, an on-site child care facility or an outdoor youth program.


Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in indoor places of employment, which includes health care facilities. Health care facilities in a private residence are specifically included.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in indoor places of employment, including all indoor areas within restaurants. Restaurant is defined as a place that gives or offers for sale food, with or without alcoholic beverages, to the public, guests or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere.

Bars
Smoking is allowed in stand-alone bars, taverns and saloons as well as strip clubs and brothels. A stand-alone bar is defined as an establishment devoted primarily to the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises, in which food service is incidental to its operation, and provided that smoke from such establishments does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under this law. In addition, a stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon must be housed in either: a physically independent building that does not share a common entryway or indoor area with a restaurant, public place or any other indoor workplaces where smoking is prohibited; or a completely enclosed area of a larger structure, such as a strip mall or an airport, provided that indoor windows must remain shut at all times and doors must remain closed when not actively in use.

Penalties/Enforcement
All public places and places of employment where smoking is prohibited shall be designated by the specified signs. A person who violates this law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, in addition, liable for a civil penalty of $100 for each violation. Health authorities or local police officers shall, within their respective jurisdictions, enforce the provisions of this law.

Note: A court decision issued by a Nevada district court judge in January 2007 upheld Nevada’s smokefree air law, but declared the criminal penalty provisions of the law unconstitutional. That means violation of the law can be punished by the civil penalty of $100 only.

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 80 cents
Date last changed: July 22, 2003 – from 35 cents to 80 cents
Year first enacted: 1947

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $110,008,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 30% of the wholesale price.

Tobacco Control Program Funding
Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
Nevada provides no state funding for its tobacco control program.

State Funding Details
The money originally allocated to the state tobacco control program in FY2011 was transferred to the state general fund under legislation passed in February 2010. Allocated state funding was diverted in FY2010 as well. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.


Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products
Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
18
Compliance/Enforcement
The state Attorney General shall conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco and products made from tobacco are sold, distributed or offered for sale, to inspect for and enforce compliance with laws regarding sales to minors and restrictions on tobacco vending machines. The Attorney General may contract with local law enforcement officials or any other person who will perform the inspection in a fair and impartial manner. The inspector may enlist a child under 18 to assist with the inspection if written consent is obtained from the child’s parent, the child states their true age if questioned during the inspection, the child’s appearance is not altered to make them appear older and a picture is taken of the child immediately before the inspection and retained. The Attorney General shall compile the results of the inspections performed and submit the report as required by federal law.


Penalties for Sales to Minors
It is unlawful for any person to sell, distribute or offer to sell tobacco in any form or cigarette papers to a child under the age of 18 years. Violators shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500 and a civil penalty of not more than $500. A person shall be deemed to be in compliance with this provision if, before they sell or distribute any tobacco product, they demand valid proof of age, are presented with the required identification and reasonably relies upon the information presented to them. The employer of a child who is under 18 years of age may, for the purpose of allowing the child to handle or transport tobacco or products made from tobacco in the course of the child’s lawful employment, provide tobacco or products made from tobacco to the child. With respect to any sale made by their employee, the owner of a retail establishment shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions for sales or distribution to minors if they had no actual knowledge of the sale and establishes and carries out a continuing program of training for their employees which is reasonably designed to prevent violations.


Sign Posting Requirements
The owner of a retail establishment shall, whenever any product made from tobacco is being sold or offered for sale at the establishment, display prominently at the point of sale a notice indicating that the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors is prohibited by law; and the retailer may ask for proof of age to comply with this prohibition. A person who violates this shall be punished by a fine of not more than $100.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No state law/regulation.

Placement of Tobacco Products
It is unlawful for any retailer to sell cigarettes through the use of any type of display, which contains cigarettes and is located in any area to which customers are allowed access; and from which cigarettes are readily accessible to a customer without the assistance of the retailer, except a vending machine used in compliance with Nevada Revised Statute section 202.2494. A person who violates this subsection shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
A person must obtain a retail license to sell tobacco products before accepting an order for a delivery sale defined as sales of tobacco products by mail, phone, fax or over the Internet. A person shall not cause the mailing or shipment of cigarettes in connection with an order for a delivery sale unless the person first obtains from the prospective purchaser a certification, which includes reliable confirmation the person, is 18 or older and a statement attesting to this fact. The person must then make a good faith effort to verify the information using a federal or commercially available database. The person must also receive payment from the prospective purchaser by credit or debit card issued in that purchaser’s name. Records of each delivery sale are required to be created and retained for three years. Violating the above provisions or knowingly submitting a false certification is a Class C felony punishable by up to a $10,000 fine and/or one to five years in state prison. The Department of Revenue may also impose a civil penalty of up to
$1,000 for a first violation and $1,000 to $5,000 for subsequent violations as well as suspend or revoke the applicable license to sell tobacco products.


It is unlawful for a person to knowingly sell or distribute cigarettes, cigarette paper, tobacco of any description or products made from tobacco to a child under the age of 18 years through the use of the Internet. Violators shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500, and a civil penalty of not more than $500. Every person who sells or distributes cigarettes, cigarette paper, tobacco of any description or products made from tobacco through the use of the Internet shall adopt a policy to prevent a child under the age of 18 years from obtaining these products from the person through the use of the Internet. The policy must include a method for ensuring that the person who delivers such items obtains the signature of a person who is over the age of 18 years when delivering the items, that the packaging or wrapping of the items when they are shipped is clearly marked with the word “cigarettes” or “tobacco products,” and that the person complies with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 376 (the Jenkins Act). A person who fails to adopt a policy is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

It is unlawful for any person to distribute tobacco in any form or cigarette papers to a child under the age of 18 years. Violators shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500 and a civil penalty of not more than $500. A person shall be deemed to be in compliance with this provision if before they distribute any tobacco product to another person, they demand valid proof of age, are presented with the required identification and reasonably rely upon the information presented to them.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

A person shall not sell, distribute or offer to sell tobacco products in any form other than in an unopened package that originated with the manufacturer and bears any health warning required by federal law. A person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of $100 and a civil penalty of $100.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

An agency, board, commission or political subdivision of this state, including any agency, board, commission or governing body of a local government, shall not impose more stringent restrictions on the smoking, use, sale, distribution, marketing, display or promotion of tobacco or products made from tobacco than are provided by Nevada Revised Statutes sections 202.2491, 202.24915, 202.2492, 202.2493 and 202.2494.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

A cigarette vending machine may be placed in a public area only if persons who are under 21 years of age are prohibited from loitering in that area. This applies to stand-alone bars and gaming facilities. A coin-operated vending machine containing cigarettes must not be used to dispense any product
not made from tobacco.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to a fine of not more than $500.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

An agency, board, commission or political subdivision of this state, including any agency, board, commission or governing body of a local government, shall not impose more stringent restrictions on the smoking, use, sale, distribution, marketing, display or promotion of tobacco or products made from tobacco than are provided by Nevada Revised Statutes sections 202.2491, 202.24915, 202.2492, 202.2493 and 202.2494.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Wholesale cigarette dealer’s license: $150 annually;
Retail cigarette dealer license: No fee;
Cigarette Manufacturer’s license: No fee;
No fee specified for retail and wholesale licenses for other tobacco products.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
It is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to fail or refuse to hire a prospective employee or discharge or otherwise discriminate against any employee concerning their compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, because they engage in the lawful use in this state of any product outside the premises of the employer during non-working hours, if that use does not adversely affect their ability to perform their job or the safety of other employees. Any wages and benefits lost as a result of a violation may be recovered by civil action.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state disclosure.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.
Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

If an appeal is taken of a judgment in a civil action involving a signatory, or a successor in interest or affiliate of a signatory, of the Master Settlement Agreement is required to give a bond in order to secure a stay of execution of the judgment during the pendency of any or all such appeals, the total cumulative sum of all the bonds required from all the appellants involved in the civil action must not exceed $50 million. If the plaintiff proves by a preponderance of evidence that an appellant who posted a bond is purposefully dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business to evade the ultimate payment of the judgment, the court may, if it determines that such an order is necessary to prevent such dissipation or diversion, require the appellant to post a bond in an amount that does not exceed the full amount of the judgment. The provisions of this section do not limit the discretion of a court, for good cause shown, to set the bond on appeal in an amount less than the amount otherwise required by law.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

Portions of Nevada’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments are deposited into: the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (50%), Millennium Trust Fund (40%) and the Trust Fund for Public Health (10%). The money, or in the case of the Trust Fund for Public Health the interest and income, is dedicated to specific purposes and programs, including in previous years tobacco prevention/cessation programs. The legislature retains the power to transfer money from these funds to other purposes, including the state general fund.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

The Fund for a Healthy Nevada was created in the state Treasury to receive 50 percent of the annual Master Settlement Agreement payments. The money in the fund remains in the fund and does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of any fiscal year, and interest and income earned on money in the fund also remains in the fund. All money that is deposited or paid into the fund is hereby appropriated to be used for any purpose authorized by the legislature or by the Department of Health for expenditure or allocation as follows: 1) not more than 15 percent of available money in the fund for programs that are consistent with guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services relating to evidence-based best practices to prevent, reduce or treat the use of tobacco and the consequences of the use of tobacco as specified; 2) allocate not more than 30 percent of available revenues to pay for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits for senior citizens; 3) allocate not more than 30 percent of available revenues to the Aging Services Division of the department for programs that help seniors with independent living; 4) allocate $200,000 for funding assisted living facilities; 5) allocate not more than 10 percent of revenues for programs that help improve the health and well-being of persons with disabilities; and 7) not more than 5 percent to subsidize a portion of the cost of providing prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services or other benefits to persons with disabilities.


Note: On February 28, 2010, $21.3 million and on July 1, 2010, $8,828,165 was transferred from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to the General Fund Reserve Account.

A.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted 2/28/10 and effective 2/28/10 and 7/1/10.

The Millennium Trust Fund is established in the state treasury, and 40 percent of the proceeds from the MSA are deposited into the trust fund. All interest and income earned on the money in the Trust Fund must, after deducting any applicable charges, be credited to the Trust Fund. The money in the Trust Fund remains in the fund and does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of any fiscal year. Money in the fund may be used for the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program as set forth in the law cited below or for any other purpose authorized by the legislature.

NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 396.911 to 396.938 (2010).

Note: On July 1, 2010, $5 million was transferred
from the Millennium Trust Scholarship Fund to the General Fund Reserve Account.

A.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted 2/28/10 and effective 2/28/10 and 7/1/10.

The Trust Fund for Public Health was created in the state treasury, and 10 percent of proceeds from the MSA are deposited into the trust fund. The interest and income earned on the money in the trust fund is hereby appropriated to the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund for Public Health and must, after deducting any applicable charges, be credited to the Fund and accounted for separately. Only the interest and income can be spent, and the money must be spent on: 1) Grants made pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes section 439.615 for: (a) The promotion of public health and programs for the prevention of disease or illness, (b) Research on issues related to public health, and (c) The provision of direct health care services to children and senior citizens; 2) Expenses related to the operation of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund; 3) Actual costs incurred by the Health Division for providing administrative assistance to the Board; and 4) any other purpose authorized by the legislature. Money in the trust fund does not revert to the state general fund in any fiscal year.

NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 439.605 to 439.615 (2010).

Note: On February 28, 2010, $5,922,687 and on July 1, 2010, $4,839,733 was transferred from the Trust Fund for Public Health to the General Fund Reserve Account.

A.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted 2/28/10 and effective 2/28/10 and 7/1/10.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as otherwise provided in section 477.192 Nevada Revised Statutes, a person shall not sell or offer to sell any cigarettes in this State unless: (a) The cigarettes have been tested in accordance with and meet the performance standard required by section 477.192 Nevada Revised Statutes; (b) The manufacturer has submitted to the State Fire Marshal, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes section 477.194, a written certification in which the cigarettes are listed; and (c) The packages that contain the cigarettes have been marked pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 477.198.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or other person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale in violation of the above standard shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of such cigarettes sold or offered for sale; provided that in no case shall the penalties against any such person exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation is subject to the same civil penalty as others above, but the penalty shall not exceed $25,000 during any 30-day period. Any manufacturer that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of not less than $75,000 or more than $250,000 for each false certification in addition to any other penalty.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances related to the sale, distribution, marketing, display or promotion of tobacco products are not allowed.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: The money originally allocated to tobacco prevention/cessation programs in FY2010 & FY2011 was transferred to the state general fund.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Allows Master Settlement Agreement dollars in the three funds the money is distributed to currently to be used for any purpose authorized by the legislature. Also transfers money from the same three funds to the General Fund Reserve Account.

A.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted 2/28/10 and effective 2/28/10 (FY2010) and 7/1/10 (FY2011).
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in certain specified public places, including restaurants and bars, see New Hampshire Revised Statute section 155.66 for a list of places covered. Smoking may be permitted in enclosed places of public access and publicly-owned buildings and offices, including workplaces, other than those listed, in effectively segregated smoking-permitted areas designated by the person in charge. Smoking shall be totally prohibited in any such enclosed place, if smoking cannot be effectively segregated.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) guest rooms of hotels, motels and resorts; 2) public conveyances rented out for private purposes; 3) buildings owned and operated by social, fraternal, or religious organizations when used by the membership of the organization, their guests or families, or when they are rented or leased for private functions from which the public is excluded and arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the function; 4) halls, ballrooms, dining rooms and conference rooms of hotels, motels, restaurants, resorts, and publicly accessible buildings or portions thereof, excluding those that are publicly owned, when rented or leased for private functions from which the public is excluded and arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the function; 5) resident rooms in dormitories, public housing facilities and in facilities such as nursing homes, sheltered care facilities, and residential treatment and rehabilitation facilities, and prisons and detention facilities; 6) other health care facilities as specified; 7) patients with extraordinary medical conditions, psychiatric disorders, or patients in an alcohol and drug withdrawal program, provided that the patient’s physician has written a prescription or an order allowing the patient to smoke and 8) cigar bars as specified and defined.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically not allowed due to a court decision, see below.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the New Hampshire state Clean Indoor Air Act (N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 155:64 to 155:78) constitutes a comprehensive and detailed statutory scheme, and because there was no provision permitting additional municipal regulation, the state law preempts local ordinances regarding indoor smoking more stringent than state law.


Government Buildings

Smoking is restricted to effectively segregated areas in all buildings, offices, and facilities owned, leased, or rented by state, county, or municipal governments, or agencies supported by funds from the collection of federal, state, county, or municipal taxes. This definition includes legislative offices and other areas used by legislative bodies, courtrooms, jury rooms, recreation facilities, penal and detention institutions, public housing, subsidized housing, polling places and public meeting and hearing rooms. If smoking cannot be effectively segregated, it shall be prohibited entirely.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is restricted to effectively segregated areas in all private enclosed workplaces that employ more than four people or volunteers. If smoking cannot be effectively segregated, it shall be prohibited entirely.


Schools

No person shall use any tobacco product, e-cigarette or liquid nicotine in any public educational facility or on the grounds of any public educational facility.


To the extent not covered above, smoking is prohibited in public educational facilities serving grades kindergarten through 12th grade at any time. Smoking is restricted to effectively segregated
areas in private educational facilities and postsecondary educational institutions receiving funds appropriated by the state legislature. Resident rooms in dormitories operated by postsecondary institutions are specifically exempted.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in licensed child care agencies during the hours of operation. Smoking is allowed in foster family homes or foster family group homes.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in hospitals and other acute care facilities. Other health care facilities and resident rooms in facilities such as nursing homes, sheltered care facilities, and residential treatment and rehabilitation facilities are specifically exempted, but shall follow any procedures established by rule. Patients with extraordinary medical conditions, psychiatric disorders, or patients in an alcohol and drug withdrawal program, provided that the patient’s physician has written a prescription or an order allowing the patient to smoke are also exempted.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants. Restaurant is defined as any room or enclosed place used and kept open on a regular basis and in a bona fide manner for the serving of meals to guests for compensation. The definition includes any such room or place in resorts, hotels, and motels.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in cocktail lounges defined as that portion or specified area of a restaurant, hotel, motel, convention center or resort which is used primarily to serve liquor or other alcoholic beverages, irrespective of whether or not food is also served there. Smoking of cigars is allowed in cigar bars, see below.


The smoking of cigars only is allowed in cigar bars. Cigar bar is defined as a business that: 1) Generates 60 percent or more of its quarterly gross revenue from the sale of cigar-related products, which is limited to cigars, humidors, cigar cutters, cigar cases, lighters, and ashtrays; 2) has a humidor on the premises; 3) does not allow minors to enter the premises; and 4) does not allow cigarette smoking or service of food on the premises. The business must also have a tobacco retailer’s license.


Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Waiver from Smoking Restrictions:
The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services may grant a waiver to the above law under specified circumstances.


Penalties/Enforcement
The person in charge of an enclosed place shall develop, or oversee the development of written policies to comply with the regulations of this law that shall specify the area or areas where smoking is permitted in the building or facility. The appropriate signs shall be posted for notification of smoking restrictions in all facilities regulated under this law. Any person who smokes where smoking is prohibited shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a fine of not less than $100. Any person in charge who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this law or rules adopted pursuant to it is subject to an administrative fine of not more than $100 per day for a first offense and not more than $200 per day for subsequent offenses. The person in charge or his designee may call law enforcement authorities if any person refuses to refrain from smoking in an area where smoking is prohibited. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services or their designee shall investigate any complaint regarding noncompliance.


Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.78

Date last changed: July 1, 2009 – from $1.33 to $1.78

Year first enacted: 1939

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $190,829,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from $1.00 of the cigarette tax is deposited in the state general fund. Revenue from the remainder of the cigarette tax is deposited in the Education Trust Fund.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Little Cigars (under 3 lbs./thousand): $1.78 per 20 cigars;
Loose tobacco, smokeless tobacco, snuff and cigars (not including premium cigars as defined): 65.03% of the wholesale sales price.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $0
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,346,160*
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,346,160
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $19,200,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 7%
* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
New Hampshire spends no state dollars on a tobacco control program.

State Funding Details
New Hampshire allocated no state dollars for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.

There is hereby established in the office of the state Treasurer the Comprehensive Cancer Plan Fund, to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. Money in the fund is dedicated for specific programs, potentially including state tobacco control initiatives. Allocation of funds is decided by the Comprehensive Cancer Plan Oversight Board.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

A tobacco use prevention and cessation program was established in the Department of Health and Human Services, which shall be administered with funds appropriated to the department for such purpose. It shall include, but is not limited to: tobacco use prevention community programs and grants; tobacco use prevention school programs and grants; tobacco use prevention statewide programs and grants; tobacco use cessation programs; tobacco use prevention and cessation counter marketing; evaluation of tobacco control initiatives; and administration and enforcement.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
18

Compliance/Enforcement
The New Hampshire state Liquor Commission shall have the primary responsibility for enforcing this chapter. Local, county, and state law enforcement officers shall also have jurisdiction to enforce this chapter. Such authority may be delegated to agents working under their authority.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
No person shall sell, give, or furnish, or cause or allow or procure to be sold, given, or furnished, tobacco products, e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine to a minor. Penalties for violation are not more than $250 for the first offense; not more than $500 for the second offense; and between $500 and $1,500 for the third offense, and the license to sell tobacco products shall be suspended for a period of 10 consecutive days but not exceeding 30 consecutive days. For the fourth offense, the commission shall issue an administrative fine between $750 and $3,000 and a suspension of a minimum of 10 consecutive days not to exceed 40 consecutive days; or a suspension without a fine of 40 consecutive days. For any violation beyond the fourth, the commission shall revoke any license for the business or business entity at the location where the infraction occurred or any principle thereof for a period of one year. The commission shall determine the level
of the violation by reviewing the licensee’s record and counting violations that have occurred within three years of the date of the violation being considered. In addition to the civil penalty above, a person who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense and a misdemeanor for each subsequent offense.


No person shall sell, give, or furnish rolling papers to a minor. The fines for violations shall not exceed $250 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense, and $750 for the third and subsequent offenses.


No person shall sell, give, or furnish tobacco products, e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine to a minor who has a note from an adult requesting such sale, gift, or delivery. Penalties for violation are the same as selling tobacco products to minors (see above).


Sign Posting Requirements
When issuing or renewing a retailer’s license, the retailer will be furnished with a sign which reads as follows: “STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 18 AND THE PURCHASE, POSSESSION, OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY PERSONS UNDER AGE 18. WARNING: VIOLATORS OF THESE PROVISIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE.” Signs shall be posted at any location where tobacco products are sold or distributed. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration shall adopt rules relative to placement of these warning signs in areas where tobacco products are sold or distributed.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
Any person responsible for monitoring sales from a tobacco vending machine or any person making the sale of tobacco products, e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine, which vending machine or other sale is to be made to any person who does not appear to be at least 18 years of age, shall require the purchaser to furnish specified photographic identification. Photographic identification shall be consistent with the appearance of the person, and shall be correct and free of alteration, erasure, blemish, or other impairment. It is a defense to prosecution if the person falsely represented in writing and supported by some official documents that the person was 18 years of age or older, the appearance of the person was such that an ordinary and prudent person would believe such person to be at least 18 years of age or older and the sale was made in good faith relying on such written representation and appearance in the reasonable belief that the person was actually 18 years of age or over.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No person under 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase, use or possess any tobacco product, e-cigarette or liquid nicotine. A person under 18 years of age shall not misrepresent their age for the purpose of purchasing tobacco products. Violators shall be guilty of a violation and punished by a fine of up to $100 for each offense or shall be required to complete up to 20 hours of community service for each offense, or both. Where available, punishment may also include participation in an educational program. The prohibition on possession of tobacco products, e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine shall not prohibit minors from performing the necessary handling of tobacco products during the duration of their employment.


No person under 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or use any rolling paper. Any minor who violates this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $100 for each offense.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the power of any county, city, town, village, or other subdivision of the state to adopt local laws,
Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
No person may distribute or offer to distribute samples of tobacco products, e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine in a public place. This prohibition does not apply to areas where minors are denied access; stores where a retailer’s license has been issued; and factory sites, construction sites, conventions, trade shows, fairs or motorsport facilities in areas to which minors are denied access. Penalties for violation are the same as those provided for selling, giving or furnishing tobacco products to minors.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
All tobacco products shall be sold in their original packaging bearing the Surgeon General’s warning. The sale of single cigarettes is also prohibited. Penalties are the same as those provided for selling, giving, or furnishing tobacco products to minors.


No person shall knowingly sell or offer to sell a package of tobacco products or affix the required stamp or imprint on a package of tobacco products unless that package of tobacco products complies with all federal laws regarding the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of tobacco products. Violation is subject to a 90 day license suspension for the first violation, loss of license for a year for subsequent violations, and a fine not to exceed $10,000.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the power of any county, city, town, village, or other subdivision of the state to adopt local laws, ordinances, and regulations that are more stringent than state youth access laws.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
No state law/regulation.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
N/A

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the power of any county, city, town, village, or other subdivision of the state to adopt local laws, ordinances, and regulations that are more stringent than state youth access laws.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesalers, manufacturers and sub-jobbers must obtain a license to sell or distribute tobacco products from the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. A separate license is required for each wholesale and sub-job outlet. Licenses expire on June 30 of each even numbered year. Any person who shall sell, offer for sale or possess with intent to sell any tobacco products without such license shall be subject to the penalty provisions under New Hampshire Revised Statutes section 21-J:39.


No person shall sell tobacco products to individuals or the public in any method or manner, directly or indirectly, or keep for sale any tobacco products without first registering to do business with the Secretary of State and obtaining a license for such activity from the New Hampshire Liquor Commission. Each retail outlet must obtain a license, a person who engages in the business of operating vending machines for retail sales and distribution of tobacco products must obtain a license.
and a separate permit for each machine, and each individual engaged in public sampling must obtain a license. Any person who shall sell, offer for sale or possess with intent to sell any tobacco products without such license shall be subject to the penalty provisions under New Hampshire Revised Statutes section 21-J:39.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retailer’s license: $6;
Wholesaler’s license: $250;
Manufacturer’s license: $100;
Sub-jobber’s license: $150;
Sampler’s license: $6;
Vending machine operator’s license: $35 plus $6 for each vending machine.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
License specific penalties for selling, giving or furnishing tobacco products to minors starts with a suspension of the license to sell tobacco products for 10 consecutive days not to exceed 30 consecutive days for the third violation. For the fourth violation the license to sell tobacco products shall be suspended for at least 10 days not to exceed 40 days with an administrative fine or 40 consecutive days without an administrative fine. For any subsequent violations the license to sell tobacco products shall be revoked for the business or business entity at the location where the infraction occurred or any principle thereof for a period of one year from the date of revocation. The New Hampshire Liquor Commission shall determine the level of the violation by reviewing the licensee’s record and counting violations that have occurred within three years of the date of the violation being considered.


Smoking Protection Laws
No employer shall require as a condition of employment that any employee or applicant for employment abstain from using tobacco products outside the course of employment, as long as the employee complies with any workplace smoking policy.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services shall obtain annually from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Health, or other sources if they become available, a public report containing the list of additives for each brand of tobacco products sold.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
Note: No appeal bond is required to appeal monetary judgments in lawsuits in New Hampshire.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
An education trust fund was established in the state treasury for specified purposes. Forty million in Master Settlement Agreement money is transferred annually to the fund as well as other specified sources of revenue.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, on and after October 1, 2007, no cigarettes shall be sold or
offered for sale in New Hampshire unless: 1) the cigarette have been tested in accordance with the test method prescribed in New Hampshire Revised Statute section 339-F:3; 2) the cigarettes meet the performance standard specified in New Hampshire Revised Statute section 339-F:4; 3) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Commissioner of Safety and the New Hampshire Department of Justice in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statute section 339-F:6; and 4) the cigarettes are marked in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statute section 339-F:8.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

Any wholesaler, agent, or other person or entity who knowingly sells cigarettes at wholesale in violation of the above shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each sale. Any retailer who knowingly sells cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 if the sale involves 1,000 or less cigarettes and not to exceed $1,000 if more than 1,000 cigarettes. In addition, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each such false certification.

Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Local laws/ordinances on smoking more stringent than state law are not allowed.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated no state money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Tobacco Taxes: Increases the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes to 65.03% of the wholesale sales price.

H.B. 1 (special session 2010) enacted and effective 6/10/10.

E-Cigarettes: Prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine as defined to persons under age 18.

H.B. 1541 enacted 6/1/10 and effective 7/31/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in almost all indoor public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars. "Indoor public place" is defined as a structurally enclosed place of business, commerce or other service-related activity, whether publicly or privately owned or operated on a for-profit or nonprofit basis, which is generally accessible to the public (see statute cited for list of specific places covered).


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) cigar bars and cigar lounges as defined; 2) tobacco retail establishments that make 51 percent or more of their sales from tobacco products; 3) tobacco businesses as specified; 4) private homes, private residences, and private automobiles; 5) the floors of casinos and casino simulcasting facilities; and 6) up to 20 percent of rooms in hotels/motels.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

The provisions of this act shall supersede any other statute, municipal ordinance and rule or regulation adopted pursuant to law concerning smoking in an indoor public place or workplace, except where smoking is prohibited by municipal ordinance or by any other statute or regulation adopted pursuant to law for purposes of protecting life and property from fire or protecting public health, and except for those provisions of a municipal ordinance which provide restrictions on or prohibitions against smoking equivalent to, or greater than, those provided under this act.


Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in “indoor public places,” the definition of which includes an office or building owned, leased or rented by the state or by a county or municipal government.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in “workplaces,” which are defined as structurally enclosed locations or portions thereof at which a person performs any type of service or labor. Smoking is also prohibited in “indoor public places,” the definition of which includes all private workplaces that are open to the public. Tobacco businesses when the testing of a cigar or pipe tobacco by heating, burning or smoking is a necessary and integral part of the process of making, manufacturing, importing or distributing cigars or pipe tobacco are exempt.


Schools
Smoking is prohibited in any area of any building of, or on the grounds of, any public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school, regardless of whether the area is an indoor public place or is outdoors.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in “indoor public places,” the definition of which includes licensed child care centers. Smoking is also prohibited in “workplaces,” that are defined as structurally enclosed locations or portions thereof at which a person performs any type of service or labor.


A resource (a.k.a. foster) family parent shall maintain a smokefree environment in all indoor areas of the home, and in all vehicles used to transport a child in placement. Smoking may be permitted outdoors when no child in placement is present. The resource family parent shall also prohibit smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco by children in placement.

N.J. ADMIN. CODE § 10:122C-7.2(a)3 (2007).

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in “indoor public places,” the definition of which includes health care facilities and the patient waiting rooms of health care providers. Smoking is also prohibited in “workplaces,” that are defined as structurally enclosed locations or portions thereof at which a person
performs any type of service or labor. Smoking may be prohibited on the grounds of a state psychiatric hospital, if the hospital offers a smoking cessation program for employees, patients and residents. The cessation program must be in place for one year before the policy prohibiting smoking on the grounds takes effect, and the cessation program must continue to be provided unless the policy prohibiting smoking on the grounds is rescinded.


Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in “indoor public places,” the definition of which includes restaurants or other establishments where the principal business is the sale of food for consumption on the premises, including the bar area of the establishment.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in “indoor public places,” the definition of which includes bars. Cigar bars and cigar lounges are exempt if in the calendar year ending December 31, 2004, the cigar bar or cigar lounge generated 15 percent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, not including any sales from vending machines, and is registered with the local board of health in the municipality in which the bar or lounge is located. The registration shall remain in effect for one year and shall be renewable only if in the preceding calendar year, the cigar bar or lounge generated 15 percent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, and the cigar bar or cigar lounge has not expanded its size or changed its location since December 31, 2004.


Penalties/Enforcement
The person having control of an indoor public place or workplace shall place in every public entrance a sign, which shall be located so as to be clearly visible to the public indicating that smoking is prohibited or permitted in establishments allowed to do so. The person having control of an indoor public place or workplace shall order any person smoking in violation of this law to comply. A person, after being so ordered, who continues to smoke is subject to a fine of not less than $250 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense and $1,000 for each subsequent offense. The Department of Health and Senior Services or the local board of health or the board, body or officers exercising the functions of the local board of health, upon written complaint or having reason to suspect that an indoor public place or workplace may be in violation, shall, by written notification, advise the person having control of the place accordingly and order appropriate action to be taken. A person receiving that notice that fails or refuses to comply is subject to a fine of not less than $250 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense and $1,000 for each subsequent offense.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.70
Date last changed: July 1, 2009 – from $2.575 to $2.70
Year first enacted: 1948

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $726,781,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
The first $1 million of cigarette tax revenue is placed in the Cancer Research Fund, and the rest of revenue goes to the Dedicated Cigarette Tax Revenue Fund and the Health Care Subsidy Fund as specified.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
The first $1 million in cigarette tax revenue is deposited annually in the Cancer Research Fund, to be appropriated toward funding of the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research or to projects authorized and approved by the commission. After the above deposit, beginning July 1, 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, the next $150 million of cigarette tax revenue collected is dedicated to the Health Care Subsidy Fund. After that, the remaining revenue is deposited to the Dedicated Cigarette Tax Revenue Fund and the Health Care
Subsidy Fund as specified in section 34:1B-21.20 New Jersey Statutes.

In 2004, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) was authorized to issue “bonds” primarily for the purpose of providing revenue for the state in any fiscal year starting with FY2005. NJEDA then will establish and maintain a Cigarette Tax Securitization Proceeds Fund where proceeds from these sales minus required costs will be deposited. These bonds are payable solely by revenue from the cigarette tax starting in FY2007. The required revenue from the cigarette tax will be set aside in a Dedicated Cigarette Tax Revenue Fund in the Department of Treasury.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Moist snuff: 75 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
All other tobacco products: 30% of the wholesale price.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Beginning July 1, 2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the first $5 million of other tobacco products tax revenue collected in a fiscal year is dedicated to the Health Care Subsidy Fund.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $1,100,000
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,838,702*
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $2,938,702
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $119,800,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 2.5%
* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for New Jersey’s tobacco control program comes from the state general fund.

State Funding Details
New Jersey allocated $1,100,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $7,560,000 was appropriated.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 3000) enacted 6/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products
Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services is authorized to enforce the prohibition on the sale and commercial distribution of tobacco products to persons less than 19 years of age. The commissioner may delegate the enforcement authority to local health agencies, subject to the availability of sufficient funding. Grants from the Special Projects and Development Fund shall be made on an annual basis to local health agencies for local enforcement efforts in an amount based on the number of cigarette retail dealer and vending machine licenses issued within their jurisdiction in order to ensure statewide coverage and statewide consistency. Each grant recipient shall report quarterly to the commissioner on the number of compliance check inspections it has completed and the results of those compliance checks. The commissioner reports to the legislature on a quarterly basis on enforcement efforts.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
Any person who directly or indirectly, acting as an agent or otherwise, sells, gives or furnishes any cigarettes made of tobacco, or of any other matter or substance which can be smoked, or any cigarette paper or tobacco in any form, including smokeless tobacco, to a minor less than 19 years of age, including from tobacco product vending machines, is liable for a civil penalty of $250 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for each subsequent violation. In addition, upon the recommendation of the municipality, following a hearing by the municipality, the Division of Taxation in the Department of Treasury may suspend or, after a second or subsequent violation, revoke the license.
of a retail dealer. The licensee shall be subject to administrative charges based on a schedule issued by the director of the division, which may provide for a fine in lieu of the suspension. The establishment of all of the following shall constitute a defense to any prosecution: 1) that the purchaser of the tobacco product or person receiving a promotional sample falsely represented that they were of legal age by producing photo identification; 2) that the appearance of the purchaser or recipient of the tobacco product was such that an ordinary prudent person would believe them to be of legal age; and 3) that the sale or distribution was made in good faith, relying upon the identification, the minor’s appearance, and in the reasonable belief that the purchaser or recipient was actually of legal age to make the purchase or receive the sample.


A person who sells or gives to a person under 19 years of age any cigarettes made of tobacco or of any other matter or substance which can be smoked, or any cigarette paper or tobacco in any form, including smokeless tobacco, shall be punished by a fine as provided for a petty disorderly persons’ offense. Subsequent offenses are subject to twice the amount of the fine provided for a petty disorderly persons’ offense. The same defense to prosecution is available for an offense, see paragraph above.


Sign Posting Requirements
A person to whom a license is issued shall, as a condition of the license, conspicuously post a legible sign at the point of display and at the point of sale, stating “A PERSON WHO SELLS OR OFFERS TO SELL A TOBACCO PRODUCT TO A PERSON UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE SHALL PAY A PENALTY OF UP TO $1,000 AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO A LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. PROOF OF AGE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.”


Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
The laws prohibiting the sale, giving or furnishing of tobacco products to minors includes bidi cigarettes as well. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling or furnishing tobacco products to minors.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No state law/regulation.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
A person may only engage in a non-face-to-face sale of cigarettes to a person in this state if: 1) the seller has complied with all requirements of the federal Jenkins Act; 2) the seller has verified payment of, paid, or collected all applicable state taxes; 3) the seller has, before mailing or shipping the cigarettes, obtained from the purchaser reliable confirmation that the purchaser is at least 19 years old and a statement by the purchaser certifying the purchaser’s date of birth and address, made a good faith effort to verify the information in the certification against a commercially available database or has obtained a photocopy or other image of a government-issued identification bearing the purchaser’s image and stating the date of birth or age of the purchaser; and 4) received payment for the sale from the prospective purchaser by a credit or debit card that has been issued in the purchaser’s name or by check, and verified that a credit or debit card used for payment has been issued in the purchaser’s name, and the address to which the cigarettes are being shipped matches the credit or debit card company’s address for the cardholder. In addition to any other remedies provided by law, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury shall assess a penalty of not less than $1,000 and not more than $2,000 for the first violation, a penalty of not less than $2,500 and not more than $3,500 for the second violation within a five-year period, penalty of not less than $4,000 and not more than $5,000 for the third violation within a five-year period, a penalty of not less than $5,000 and not more than $6,500 for a fourth violation within a five-year period, and a penalty of $10,000 for a fifth or subsequent violation within a five-year period.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
Flavored Cigarettes/Tobacco Products: No person, either directly or indirectly by an agent or employee, or by a vending machine owned by the person or located in the person's establishment, shall sell, offer for sale, distribute for commercial purpose at no cost or minimal cost or with coupons or rebate offers, give or furnish, to a person a cigarette, or any component part thereof, which contains a natural or artificial constituent or additive that causes the cigarette or any smoke emanating from that product to have a characterizing flavor other than tobacco, clove or menthol. “Characterizing flavor other than tobacco, clove or menthol” means that: the cigarette, or any smoke emanating from that product, imparts a distinguishable flavor, taste or aroma other than tobacco, clove or menthol prior to or during consumption, including, but not limited to, any fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb or spice flavoring; or the cigarette or any component part thereof is advertised or marketed as having or producing any such flavor, taste or aroma. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of not less than $250 for a first violation, not less than $500 for a second violation and $1,000 for subsequent violations. A retailer's license to sell tobacco products may also be suspended after the first violation or revoked after the second or subsequent violations.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products
Tobacco Product Samples
Any person who directly or indirectly, acting as an agent or otherwise, distributes any tobacco product for commercial purposes at no cost or at minimal cost or with coupons or rebate offers to a minor under the age of 19 is liable for a civil penalty of $250 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for each subsequent violation. A defense to such action may be established if the conditions listed under the “Penalties for Sales to Minors” section are met.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A person shall not sell, offer for sale, give away or deliver single cigarettes, or cigarettes in packs of less than 20 cigarettes from a vending machine or in a retail establishment. A person owning a vending machine that is in violation of this section shall be fined not less than $100 but no more than $500 for each day the violation continues. A person who violates this law in a retail establishment shall be fined $250 for a first offense and $500 for the second and subsequent offenses.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
No state law/regulation.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
N/A

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
A legible sign shall be posted conspicuously on any licensed cigarette vending machine stating “A PERSON WHO SELLS OR OFFERS TO SELL A TOBACCO PRODUCT TO A PERSON UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE SHALL PAY A PENALTY OF UP TO $1,000 AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO
A LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. PROOF OF AGE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE."

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer’s representatives and retailers must obtain the appropriate license from the Commissioner of Taxation to sell or distribute tobacco products. Each vending machine must also be licensed. Wholesalers, distributors and retailers must obtain a license for each place of business. Licenses expire on March 31st of each year and must be renewed annually.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retail dealer or vending machine license: $50 annually;
Wholesale dealer license: $250 annually;
Distributor license: $350 annually;
Manufacturers’ license: $10 and $5 annually for each manufacturer’s representative license.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Upon the recommendation of a municipality, following a hearing by a municipality, the Division of Taxation may suspend, or, after a second or subsequent violation, revoke the license of a retail dealer that sells or distributes tobacco products to minors. The licensee shall be subject to administrative charges based on a schedule issued by the Director of the Division, which may provide for a fine in lieu of the suspension.

Smoking Protection Laws
No employer shall refuse to hire or employ any person or shall discharge from employment or take any adverse action against any employee with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or other privileges of employment because that person does or does not smoke or use other tobacco products, unless the employer has a rational basis for doing so which is reasonably related to employment, including the responsibilities of the employee or prospective employee. An aggrieved person may institute a civil action within one year from the date of the alleged violation. The Commissioner of Labor may collect a civil penalty imposed against the employer of an amount up to $2,000 for the first violation and $5,000 for each subsequent violation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
The appeal bond required to appeal a lawsuit judgment for a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or any affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement is limited to $50 million regardless of the value of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of
business to avoid payment of a judgment, a court may enter orders that: are necessary to protect the appellee; and require the appellant to post a bond in an amount up to the total amount of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

The rights to almost all of New Jersey’s Master Settlement Agreement payments have been sold to the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation to obtain a smaller lump sum payments up front; see Securitization section below for additional details.

Securitization

The Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation was established in, but not of, the state Department of Treasury. The state acting through the department may sell to the corporation, and the corporation may purchase, for cash or other consideration and in one or more installments, all or a portion of the state’s Master Settlement Agreement payments pursuant to the terms of one or more sale agreements. The net proceeds, any earnings thereon and any residual interests shall be applied, transferred, or paid to, and upon the order of the state, and shall be used for any bona fide governmental purposes, including without limitation for capital expenditures, debt service on outstanding bonds, working capital expenditures or operating deficit needs of the state, endowments, or grants or aid to political subdivisions, including without limitation school districts, of the state.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection g of section 54:40A-57 New Jersey Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in New Jersey or offered for sale or sold to persons located in New Jersey unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 54:40A-57 New Jersey Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Consumer Affairs in accordance with section 54:40A-58 New Jersey statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 54:40A-59 New Jersey Statutes.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale in violation of the above shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each sale for a first offense and not to exceed $25,000 for subsequent offenses. In no case shall the penalty against any such person or entity exceed $100,000 during a 30-day period. Any retailer who knowingly sells cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a first offense and not to exceed $2,000 for subsequent offenses if the sale involves less than 1,000 cigarettes and not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for subsequent offenses if the sale involves 1,000 cigarettes or more. In addition, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $250,000 for subsequent offenses for each such false certification.


Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,100,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 3000) enacted 6/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in most indoor workplaces or public places, including restaurants and bars, or in buses, taxicabs or other means of public transit not specifically exempted. “Indoor public place” is defined as the enclosed area within any governmental or nongovernmental place to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted regardless of whether work or public business, meetings or hearings occur at any given time. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) a private residence, except during the hours of operation while it is being used to provide child care, adult care or health care or any combination of those activities; 2) a retail tobacco store as defined; 3) a cigar bar as defined; 4) the facilities of a tobacco manufacturing company, provided that smoke does not infiltrate other indoor workplaces or other indoor public places where smoking is otherwise prohibited; 5) a state-licensed gaming facility, casino or bingo parlor; 6) an indoor workplace to the extent that tobacco smoking is an integral part of a smoking cessation program that is approved by the department or of medical or scientific research that is conducted in the indoor workplace as specified; 7) designated outdoor smoking areas; 8) private clubs as defined; 9) a limousine under private hire; 10) up to 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms; 11) enclosed areas within restaurants, bars, hotel and motel conference or meeting rooms while these places are being used for private functions, provided that none of these areas are open to the general public while the private functions are occurring and that smoke does not infiltrate other indoor work or public places where smoking is prohibited; 12) a site that is being used in connection with the practice of cultural or ceremonial activities by Native Americans; 13) a business of a sole proprietor or a business with fewer than two employees that is not commonly accessible to the public under certain conditions; and 14) a theatrical stage or a motion picture or television production set when it is necessary for performers to smoke as part of the production.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the above act shall be construed to preempt or in any manner preclude specific provisions of a county or municipal smoking ordinance; provided that the smokefree provisions of such a county or municipal ordinance are inclusive of all minimum standards and provisions for smokefree areas within the above act.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-12 (2007).

Government Buildings

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace, which includes the state or a political subdivision of the state that employs the services of one or more individuals. No part of the state capitol or capitol north shall be designated as a smoking-permitted area. Employers shall adopt, implement, post and maintain a written smoking policy that conforms to the above requirements. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

Private Workplaces

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace. “Indoor workplace” is defined as any enclosed place where one or more persons engage in work, including lobbies, reception areas, offices, conference and meeting rooms, employee cafes and lunchrooms, break rooms and employee lounges, classrooms, auditoriums, hallways, stairways, waiting areas, elevators and restrooms and includes all indoor workplaces and enclosed parts regardless of whether work occurs at any given time. A business of a sole proprietor or a business with fewer than two employees that is not commonly accessible to the public is exempt; provided that the business is not a restaurant or bar, the employer or manager of such business shall provide a smokefree work environment for
each employee requesting it; and cigarette smoke does not infiltrate other smokefree work environments. Also exempt is an indoor workplace to the extent that tobacco smoking is an integral part of a smoking cessation program that is approved by the department or of medical or scientific research that is conducted in the indoor workplace and in which each room of the indoor workplace in which tobacco smoking is permitted complies with signage requirements. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Schools**

The State Board of Education adopted a regulation that prohibits the use of tobacco products by students, school staff, parents, and school visitors in school buildings, on school property and for students at school functions away from school property. Each school district shall develop provisions for enforcement of this policy and communicating the policy to all affected parties.


To the extent not covered above, it is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace or indoor public place, the definitions of which cover public and private schools. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Child Care Facilities**

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace or indoor public place, the definitions of which cover child care facilities. Smoking is specifically prohibited in private residences during the hours when it is being used commercially to provide child care or adult care. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Health Care Facilities**

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace or indoor public place, the definitions of which cover health care facilities. Smoking is specifically prohibited in private residences during the hours when it is being used commercially to provide health care. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Restaurants**

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace or indoor public place, the definitions of which cover restaurants. “Restaurant” means a coffee shop, cafeteria, private or public school cafeteria or eating establishment and any other eating establishment that gives or offers for sale food to the public, patrons or employees, including kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere or a bar area within or attached to the premises. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Bars**

It is unlawful for a person to smoke in any indoor workplace or indoor public place, the definitions of which cover bars. “Bar” is defined as an establishment that is devoted to the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by patrons on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges and cabarets. Cigar bars are exempt if they generate ten percent or more of their total annual gross revenue or at least $10,000 in annual sales from the sale of cigars, not including any sales from vending machines. A cigar bar that fails to generate at least 10 percent of its total annual sales from the sale of cigars in the calendar year after December 31, 2006, not including sales from vending machines, shall not be defined as a cigar bar and shall not thereafter be known as such regardless of sales figures. A cigar bar shall agree to provide adequate information to demonstrate to the state’s satisfaction compliance with this definition. Smoking is also prohibited near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of public places where smoking is prohibited.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Penalties/Enforcement**

For each indoor workplace or indoor public place where smoking is prohibited or permitted, the ap-
propriate sign shall be posted where it is clear, conspicuous and easily legible at each public entrance. The local fire, police or sheriff's department with appropriate jurisdiction over the location where a violation occurs shall enforce that act by issuance of a citation, and may inspect an establishment for compliance. A person may register a complaint regarding an alleged violation to initiate enforcement with the state Department of Health or the local fire, police or sheriff's department. Violation by a person 18 years of age and older, is subject to a fine not to exceed $100 for the first violation, a fine not to exceed $200 for a second violation in a 12-month period, and a fine not to exceed $500 for a third or subsequent violation within a 12-month period of the previous violation. The owner, manager or operator of premises subject to regulation shall not be subject to a penalty if a person on the premises is in violation as long as the owner, manager or operator has posted signs, implemented the appropriate policy and informed the person that the person is in violation.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 24-16-1 et seq. (2007).

**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.66

Date last changed: July 1, 2010 – from 91 cents to $1.66

Year first enacted: 1943

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 7-12-3 (2010).

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $58,659,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**

A portion of cigarette tax revenue is distributed to a variety of purposes, see below.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 7-1-6.11 (2010).

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**

A portion of cigarette tax revenue is distributed as follows: 0.83 percent to the Cancer Research and Treatment Center at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center; 1.25 percent to the New Mexico Finance Authority; 8.89 percent to the New Mexico Finance Authority, on behalf of and for the benefit of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center; 3.74 percent to the New Mexico Finance Authority for land acquisition and the planning, designing, construction and equipping of Department of Health facilities or improvements to such facilities; 9.77 percent to the New Mexico Finance Authority for deposit in the credit enhancement account created in the authority; and 0.62 percent to the New Mexico Finance Authority on behalf of and for the benefit of the Rural County Cancer Treatment Fund.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 7-1-6.11 (2010).

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

Cigars that look like, are packaged and labeled like or are marketed and advertised like cigarettes: $1.66 per 20 cigars

Roll-your-own tobacco: $1.66 per 1.8 ounces of tobacco;

Bidis/Kreteks: $1.66 per 20;

All other tobacco products: 25% of the product value of the tobacco products.


**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $6,989,100

FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,480,334 *

FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $8,469,134

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $23,400,000

Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 36.2%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for New Mexico’s tobacco control programs come from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

**State Funding Details**

New Mexico appropriated $6,989,100 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from the state’s annual MSA payment. In FY2010, $9,515,000 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 2, 1st special session 2010) enacted 3/24/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Alcohol and Gaming Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department and the appropriate law enforcement authorities in each county and municipality shall conduct random, unannounced inspections of facilities where tobacco products are sold to ensure compliance.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
No person shall knowingly sell or offer to sell tobacco products to persons under 18. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year and/or not more than a $1,000 fine.

Sign Posting Requirements
Any entity engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products shall prominently display a warning sign in the place where tobacco products are sold. The sign shall read as follows: “A PERSON LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WHO PURCHASES A TOBACCO PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO $1,000. A PERSON WHO SELLS A TOBACCO PRODUCT TO A PERSON LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO $1,000.” Violation is a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year and/or not more than a $1,000 fine.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
Any person selling goods at retail or wholesale may refuse to sell tobacco products to any person who is unable to produce an identity card as evidence that he is 18 years of age or over. Evidence of the age and identity of the person may be shown by any document that contains a picture of the person issued by a federal, state, county or municipal government, including a motor vehicle driver’s license or an identification card issued to a member of the armed forces. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year and/or not more than a $1,000 fine.

Purchase/ Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
A minor who procures or attempts to procure tobacco products for their own use, or for the use of any other minor shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $100 or 48 hours of community service. Any minor who presents false evidence of their age or identity to procure tobacco products for such use shall be subject to the same penalty.

Placement of Tobacco Products
A person shall not sell tobacco products at a retail location in New Mexico by any means other than a direct, face-to-face exchange between the customer and the seller or the seller’s employee; and a person selling goods at a retail location in New Mexico shall not use a self-service display for tobacco products. “Self-service display” means a display to which the public has access without the assistance of the seller or the seller’s employee. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year not more than a $1,000 fine.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.
When a municipality or county adopts an ordinance or a regulation pertaining to sales of tobacco products, the ordinance or regulation shall be consistent with the provisions of the Tobacco Products Act [30-49-1 to 30-49-12 New Mexico Statutes].

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
A person, who sells, distributes, promotes or advertises tobacco products shall not provide free samples of tobacco products to a minor. This law shall not apply to an individual who provides free samples to a family member or to an acquaintance on private property not held open to the public. Violation is a
misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year and/or not more than a $1,000 fine.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No person shall sell, offer to sell or deliver a tobacco product in a form other than an original factory-sealed package. Specific penalty for a violation is not specified.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

When a municipality or county adopts an ordinance or a regulation pertaining to sales of tobacco products, the ordinance or regulation shall be consistent with the provisions of the Tobacco Products Act [30-49-1 to 30-49-12 New Mexico Statutes].

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Tobacco products may be sold through vending machines only in locations not open to the public, including factories, businesses and offices; in locations in which the vending machine is equipped with a remote-controlled lock-out device; or in areas where minors are not permitted unless accompanied by an adult.
N.M. STAT. ANN. § 30-49-7(B) (2003).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year and/or not more than a $1,000 fine.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Warning signs shall be prominently displayed where a tobacco product vending machine is located. The sign shall read as follows: “A PERSON LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WHO PURCHASES A TOBACCO PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO $1,000. A PERSON WHO Sells A TOBACCO PRODUCT TO A PERSON LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO $1,000.” Violation is a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for less than a year and/or not more than a $1,000 fine.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or the required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

When a municipality or county adopts an ordinance or a regulation pertaining to sales of tobacco products, the ordinance or regulation shall be consistent with the provisions of the Tobacco Products Act [30-49-1 to 30-49-12 New Mexico Statutes].

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
A person shall not engage in the manufacture or distribution of cigarettes in New Mexico without a license issued by the state Department of Taxation and Revenue. A license shall be issued for a term not to exceed one year. Violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to $1,000 for a first offense, $1,500 to $2,500 for a second offense and not less than $5,000 for a third or subsequent offense.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Up to $100 each year for both distributors and manufacturers.
License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

**Smoking Protection Laws**
It is unlawful for an employer to refuse to hire or discharge any individual, or otherwise disad- vantage any individual, with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because the individual is a smoker or non-smoker, provided that the individual complies with applicable laws or policies regulating smoking on the premises of the employer during working hours. It is also unlawful for an employer to require as a condition of employment that any employee or applicant for employment abstain from using tobacco products during non-working hours. This does not apply to any activity that materially threatens an employer’s legitimate conflict of interest policy reasonably designed to protect the employer’s trade secrets, proprietary information or other proprietary interests; or relates to a bona fide occupational requirement and is reasonably and rationally related to the employment activities and responsibilities of a particular employee or a particular group of employees, rather than to all employees of the employer. Any employee claiming to be aggrieved by any unlawful action of any employer may bring a civil suit for damages.


**Advertising & Promotion**
No state law/regulation.

**Product Disclosure**
No state law/regulation.

**Divestment**
No state law/regulation.

**Liability**

**Tobacco Industry Liability**
In any civil action involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory or any affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), the supersedeas bond required of all appellants collectively in order to stay the execution of a judgment during the entire course of appellate review shall not exceed $100 million, regardless of the amount of the judgment.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 39-3-22(C) (2007).

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary**
All money received from the annual Master Settlement Agreement payment is deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund. All or a portion of the money is then transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund and distributed through the normal appropriations process from there, including a portion dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 6-4-9 (2009) & 6-4-10 (2000).

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**
The Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund was established in the state treasury where all MSA payments are distributed to. In FY2007 and each fiscal year thereafter, 50 percent of the money in each fiscal year is transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund until that amount is less than an amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent of the average of the year-end market values of the tobacco settlement permanent fund for the immediately preceding five calendar years. In addition, in FY2009 and FY2010, the remaining 50 percent will also be transferred to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund. The Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund is considered a reserve fund of the state, and the legislature may authorize a transfer to the general fund under certain circumstances.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 6-4-9 (2009).

The Tobacco Settlement Program Fund is also created in the state treasury and monies in the fund shall consist of distributions made to the fund from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund. Money may be appropriated from the program fund for health and educational purposes, including support of additional public school programs, including extracurricular and after-school programs designed to involve students in athletic, academic, musical, cultural, civic, mentoring and similar types of activities; any health or health care program or service for prevention or treatment of disease or illness; basic and applied research conducted by higher educational institutions or state agencies addressing the impact of smoking or other behavior on health...
and disease; public health programs and needs; and tobacco use cessation and prevention programs, including statewide public information, education and media campaigns beginning in FY2002.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 6-4-10 (2000).

## Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

### Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection K of section 57-2B-3 New Mexico Statutes, cigarettes shall not be sold or offered for sale in New Mexico unless: (1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 57-2B-3 New Mexico Statutes; (2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with 57-2B-4 New Mexico Statutes; and (3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 57-2B-5 New Mexico Statutes.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 57-2B-1 to 57-2B-12 (2010).

### Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sales, in violation of the above requirements may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold. Penalties shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer may be subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

N.M. STAT. ANN. §§ 57-2B-1 to 57-2B-12 (2010).

## Legislative Activity

### 2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $6,989,100 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 2, 1st special session 2010) enacted 3/24/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 75 cents to $1.66 per pack. Dedicates the new revenue to the state general fund, and otherwise changes the way cigarette tax revenue is distributed.

H.B. 3 (2nd special session 2010) enacted 3/24/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers the remaining 50 percent of the annual Master Settlement Agreement payment from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund for FY2011.


### Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

All stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in virtually all public places and places of employment, including restaurants and bars, see New York Public Health Law section 1399-o for a detailed list of places covered.

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private homes, private residences and private automobiles; 2) hotel and motel rooms; 3) retail tobacco businesses as defined; 4) separate, enclosed rooms of residential health and mental health care facilities; 5) membership organizations as defined that have no compensated work staff; 6) cigar bars as defined under certain conditions; 7) outdoor dining areas under certain conditions; and 8) specified enclosed places where the public is invited for the primary purpose of promoting and sampling tobacco products, and the service of food and drink is incidental to such purpose.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.
Smoking may not be permitted where prohibited by any other law, rule or regulation of any state agency or any political subdivision of the state. Nothing herein shall be construed to restrict the power of any county, city, town, or village to adopt and enforce additional local law, ordinances, or regulations which comply with at least the minimum applicable standards set forth in the above law.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in places of employment. The definition of “employer” includes the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state government and any political subdivision of the state.

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in all places of employment. “Place of employment” means any indoor area or portion thereof under the control of an employer in which employees of the employer perform services, and shall include, but not be limited to, offices, school grounds, retail stores, banquet facilities, theaters, food stores, banks, financial institutions, factories, warehouses, employee cafeterias, lounges, auditoriums, gymnasiums, restrooms, elevators, hallways, museums, libraries, bowling establishments, employee medical facilities, rooms or areas containing photocopying equipment or other office equipment used in common, and company vehicles.

Schools
Tobacco use, including smoking, shall not be permitted on school grounds. “School grounds” means any building, structure and surrounding outdoor grounds contained within a public or private preschool, nursery school, elementary or secondary school’s legally defined property boundaries as registered in a county clerk’s office, and any vehicles used to transport children or school personnel.

Smoking is prohibited in all public and private colleges, universities and other educational and vocational institutions, including dormitories, residence halls and other group residential facilities that are owned or operated by such colleges, universities and other educational/vocational institutions. These restrictions do not apply to off-campus housing occupied by a person who is not enrolled as an undergraduate student in such college, university or other educational/vocational institution.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all facilities that provide child care services, except for private homes when no children are present.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all health care facilities except separate enclosed rooms in specified residential health and mental health care facilities.
Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in all indoor food service establishments. Smoking is permitted in outdoor areas of food service establishments with no roof or ceiling enclosure as long as the smoking area constitutes no more than 25 percent of the total outdoor seating area, is at least three feet away from the non-smoking outdoor area, and is clearly designated by written signage.


Bars
Smoking is prohibited in bars. A cigar bar that makes 10 percent of its gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, not including vending machines sales are exempt. The cigar bar must also be registered with the appropriate enforcement officer, which will remain in effect for one year. The registration will only be renewable if in the preceding calendar year the cigar bar continued to make 10 percent of its gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors and has not expanded its size or changed its location from its size or location since December 31, 2002.


Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Economic Hardship Waiver from Smoking Restrictions:
The designated enforcement officer may grant a waiver from the above law prohibiting smoking in public places and workplaces, provided that prior to the granting of any such waiver the applicant for a waiver shall establish that compliance would cause undue financial hardship; or other factors exist which would render compliance unreasonable. Every waiver granted shall be subject to such conditions or restrictions as may be necessary to minimize the adverse effects of the waiver upon persons subject to involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke and to ensure that the waiver is consistent with the general purpose of this article.


Penalties/Enforcement
Signs shall be prominently posted and maintained indicating smoking and nonsmoking areas. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this article, including persons who smoke in areas where smoking is prohibited, is punishable by a civil penalty up to $1,000 if imposed by the state and up to $500 if imposed by a local enforcement officer. Each county’s board of health or a designated enforcement officer in counties with no local board of health shall enforce these provisions. If no such designation is made, the county will be deemed to have designated the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as its enforcement officer. In cities of over one million people the city’s board of health shall enforce these provisions within the city.


**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

- Tax rate per pack of 20: $4.35
- Date last changed: July 1, 2010 – from $2.75 to $4.35
- Year first enacted: 1939


**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009): $1,327,691,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**

Cigarette tax revenue is distributed in accordance with section 171-a of New York Tax law, except 66 percent is distributed to the tobacco control and insurance initiatives pool, which is spent in accordance with section 2807-v of New York Public Health law.


**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

- Little Cigars (weighing less than 4 lbs./thousand): 21.75 cents/cigar
- Snuff: $2.00/oz. and a proportionate rate on fractional parts of an ounce, provided that cans or packages of snuff with a net weight of less than one ounce shall be taxed at the equivalent rate of cans or packages weighing one ounce;
- All other tobacco products: 75% of the wholesale price

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $58,415,000
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $10,718,770 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $69,133,770

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $254,300,000

Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 27.2%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for New York’s tobacco control program comes from state general fund dollars.

State Funding Details

New York allocated $58,415,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011). In FY2010, $55,175,000 was allocated.

FY2011 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Annual Budget (A.B. 9704) enacted and effective 7/7/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

The commissioner of the state Department of Health shall develop, plan and implement a comprehensive program to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use, particularly among persons less than 18 years of age. This program shall include, but not be limited to, support for enforcement of article thirteen-F of this chapter (youth access laws.) An enforcement officer, as defined, may annually, on specific dates fixed by the commissioner, submit an application for such monies as are made available for such purpose. Such application shall include, but not be limited to, plans regarding random spot checks, including the number and types of compliance checks that will be conducted, and other activities to determine compliance.


A contract between the state Department of Health and municipalities specifies that local enforcement officers perform at least one compliance check annually for all places where tobacco products are sold in that municipality using youth ages 15 to 17. Additional compliance checks are required when a place that sells tobacco products has past violations. Enforcement officers also check for violations of other youth access laws pursuant to Article 13-F of the New York Public Health Law.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

The sale of tobacco products, herbal cigarettes, rolling papers or pipes to minors by any person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products or herbal cigarettes are sold or offered for sale is prohibited. Any person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products or herbal cigarettes are sold or offered for sale may perform a transaction scan as a precondition for such purchases. In any instance where the information deciphered by the transaction scan fails to match the information printed on the driver’s license or non-driver identification card, or if the transaction scan indicates that the information is false or fraudulent, the attempted transaction shall be denied. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution that a person had produced a driver’s license or non-driver ID apparently issued by a governmental entity, successfully completed a transaction scan and that the tobacco product or herbal cigarette had been sold, delivered, or given to such person in reasonable reliance upon such identification and transaction scan. In evaluating the applicability of such affirmative defense the commissioner shall take into consideration any written policy adopted and implemented by the seller. Use of a transaction scan shall not excuse any person from using reasonable diligence.


If an enforcement officer determines, after a hearing, that a violation of the above provision occurred, a civil penalty of $300, but not to exceed $1,000, shall be imposed for a first violation; and a minimum of $500, but not to exceed $1,500 for each subsequent violation. The enforcement officer shall also assign two points to a retailer’s record for violation if the individual committing the violation has not completed a state certified tobacco sales training program and one point if the individual has. Points remain on the retailer’s record for 36 months. If the state Department of
Health determines that a retailer has accumulated three points or more, the department shall direct the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to suspend such dealer’s registration for six months. The three points serving as the basis for a suspension shall be erased upon the completion of the six month penalty. If the enforcement officer determines the retailer has violated the above provisions four or more times in a three year period, they shall direct the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to revoke the retailer’s registration for one year. If a retail dealer was selling tobacco products or herbal cigarettes while their registration was either suspended or permanently revoked, a civil penalty of $2,500 shall be imposed. The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall also permanently revoke the dealer’s registration and not permit the dealer to obtain a new registration in the case of selling with a suspended license. A $50 surcharge shall also be imposed for each violation to be used for enforcement purposes.


In addition, the enforcement officer shall promptly notify the Director of the Division of the Lottery of any determination that a violation of the article regulating the sale of tobacco products/sales to minors has occurred. The lottery license shall be suspended for a period of six months upon notification to the division by the Commissioner of Health of a lottery sales agent’s accumulating three points or more. A license shall be revoked for one year upon notification of a lottery sales agent’s fourth violation within a three year period.


Sign Posting Requirements
Any person operating a business wherein tobacco products or herbal cigarettes are sold shall post in a conspicuous place a sign upon which there shall be imprinted the following statement, “SALE OF CIGARETTES, CIGARS, CHEWING TOBACCO, POWDERED TOBACCO, OR OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, HERBAL CIGARETTES, ROLLING PAPERS OR PIPES, TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.” Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $300, but not to exceed $1,000 for the first violation; and a minimum of $500, but not to exceed $1,500 for each subsequent violation.


Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
No person shall knowingly sell or provide bids to any other person. “Bidis” means a product containing tobacco that is wrapped in temburni leaf or tendra leaf or any other product offered to consumers as “beedies” or “bids.” Any person who violates the provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than $500. This does not apply to a tobacco business. This law further prohibits tobacco businesses from selling bidis to minors, and directs posting of a sign in a conspicuous place upon which there shall be imprinted the following statement, “SALE OF BIDIS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.” The sign is to be printed on a white card in red letters at least one half inch in height.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
The sale of tobacco products or herbal cigarettes other than by a vending machine, shall be made only to an individual who demonstrates, through a driver’s license or other photographic identification issued by a government entity or educational institution indicating that the individual is at least 18 years of age. Such identification need not be required of any individual who reasonably appears to be at least 25 years of age, provided that such appearance shall not constitute a defense in any proceeding alleging the sale of tobacco products or herbal cigarettes to an individual less than 18 years of age.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No state law/regulation.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No person operating a place of business wherein tobacco products or herbal cigarettes are sold or offered for sale shall sell, permit to be sold, offer for sale or display for sale any tobacco product or herbal cigarettes in any manner, unless such products and cigarettes are stored for sale behind a counter in an area accessible only to the personnel of such business, or in a locked container; however, such restriction shall not apply to tobacco businesses and to places to which admission is restricted to persons 18 years of age or older. Violation is
subject to a civil penalty of $300, but not to exceed $1,000 for the first violation; and a minimum of $500, but not to exceed $1,500 for each subsequent violation.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly transport cigarettes to any person in this state, other than (a) a person licensed as a cigarette tax agent or wholesale dealer or registered retail dealer; (b) an export warehouse proprietor or an operator of a customs bonded warehouse; or (c) a person who is an officer, employee or agent of the United States government, this state or a department, agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the United States or this state, when such person is acting in accordance with their official duties. Any person who violates these provisions shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and for a second or subsequent violation shall be guilty of a Class E felony. In addition to the criminal penalty, the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may impose a civil fine not to exceed $5,000 for each violation.


Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

The sale of “Gutka” (a tobacco product containing lime paste, spices, areca, and tobacco) is prohibited except at a “tobacco business.” It is unlawful to sell “gutka” at a tobacco business to a person less than 18 years of age. Violation is a civil penalty of not more than $500.


Nicotine water, bottled water that is laced with nicotine, was added to the definition of tobacco product thus prohibiting its sale to minors.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are generally allowed; however, no local laws are allowed concerning the sampling of tobacco products, see below.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

No person engaged in the business of selling or otherwise distributing tobacco products or herbal cigarettes for commercial purposes, or any agent or employee of such person, shall knowingly distribute without charge any tobacco products or herbal cigarettes to any individual; or distribute coupons which are redeemable for tobacco products or herbal cigarettes to any individual, provided that this shall not apply to: a) coupons contained in newspapers, magazines or other types of publications; b) coupons obtained through the purchase of tobacco products or herbal cigarettes or obtained at locations which sell tobacco products or herbal cigarettes provided that such distribution is confined to a designated area; or c) to coupons sent through the mail. Sampling restrictions shall not apply at all to: 1) private social functions when seating arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the function; 2) conventions and trade shows, provided that the distribution is confined to designated areas generally accessible only to persons over the age of 18; 3) events sponsored by tobacco or herbal cigarette manufacturers provided that the distribution is confined to designated areas generally accessible only to persons over the age of 18; 4) bars; 5) tobacco businesses; and 6) factories, provided that the distribution is confined to designated areas generally accessible only to persons over the age of 18. No person shall distribute tobacco products or herbal cigarettes at trade shows, events sponsored by tobacco or herbal cigarette manufacturers or factories unless such person gives five days written notice to an enforcement officer. Before distribution a photographic ID is required for any person who appears to be under the age of 25. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $300, but not to exceed $1,000 for the first violation; and a minimum of $500, but not to exceed $1,500 for each subsequent violation.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

All cigarettes must be sold or offered for sale in the package or container provided by the manufacturer, which bears all health warnings required by applicable law. No person shall sell or distribute any package or other container of cigarettes containing fewer than 20 cigarettes; any package of roll-your-own tobacco containing less than six-tenths of an ounce of tobacco; or any package or other container of cigarette wrapping papers, wrapping leaves or tubes containing fewer than 20
sheets, leaves, or tubes. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $300, but not to exceed $1,000 for the first violation; and a minimum of $500, but not to exceed $1,500 for each subsequent violation.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the sampling of tobacco products are not allowed (see below), but stronger local laws/ordinances concerning minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are allowed.

The provisions of sections 1399-bb of article 13-F of New York Public Health Law restricting sampling of tobacco products shall govern and take precedence over the provisions of any local law, ordinance, rule, regulation, resolution, charter or administrative code hereafter enacted by any political subdivision of the state.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Vending machines that sell tobacco or herbal cigarettes are restricted to locations such as bars or bar areas of food service establishments with valid, on-premises full liquor licenses; private clubs; tobacco businesses; and workplaces that have an insignificant portion of its regular workforce comprised of minors and only in such locations that are not accessible to the general public. However, vending machines located in such places of employment must be in plain view and under the direct supervision and control of the person in charge of the location or their designated employee.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $300, but not to exceed $1,000 for the first violation; and a minimum of $500, but not to exceed $1,500 for each subsequent violation. In addition, if it is determined that a vending machine operator has violated this article three times within a two year period, or four times cumulatively, the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall suspend the vendor’s registration for one year.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law related to placement of and required sign posting on tobacco products vending machines; stronger local laws/ordinances are allowed.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesale dealers are required to obtain a license from the Department of Taxation and Finance. The license must be displayed in the wholesaler’s place of business. Licenses are valid indefinitely unless suspended or revoked.

Retail dealers are required to obtain and display a certificate of registration from the Department of Taxation and Finance. Retail dealers are defined as all other people dealing in cigarettes and tobacco products besides wholesalers. All vending machines must also be registered with the department and have a registration certificate affixed to it. Registrations for retail dealers and vending machines are valid for a calendar year unless suspended or revoked and must be renewed each year. Violation of any of these requirements by retail dealers is subject to a civil fine of $5,000 to $25,000 for the first violation and $10,000 to $35,000 for the second or subsequent violations within three years of the first violation. Violation by owners or operators of vending machines is subject to a civil fine of $750 to $2,000 for the first violation and $2,000 to $6,000 for the second or subsequent violations within three years of the first violation.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes
License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products

Yes

License Fees

Wholesale license: $1,500;

Retail Dealer Certificate of Registration: $1,000 to $5,000 annually depending on the gross sales of the retail establishment;

Vending Machine Certificate of Registration: $250 to $1,250 annually depending on the gross sales of the vending machine.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors

Retailers are subject to a suspension or revocation of their certificate of registration based on a point system for violation. Retailers receive two points for violation if the individual seller has not completed a state certified tobacco sales training program and one point if the seller has. Three points or more is subject to a six-month registration certificate suspension. Four violations in a three year period is subject to a license revocation for one year. A vending machine operator that violates the sales to minors’ law three times within a two year period, or four or more times cumulatively shall have the registration certificate for the vending machine(s) suspended for a year.


Smoking Protection Laws

It shall be unlawful for any employer or employment agency to refuse to hire, employ or license, or to discharge from employment or otherwise discriminate against an individual in compensation, promotion, or terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of an individual’s legal use of consumable products prior to the beginning or after the conclusion of the employee’s work hours and off of the employer’s premises and without use of the employer’s equipment or property. This does not apply to activities that create a material conflict of interest related to the employer’s trade secrets, proprietary information or other proprietary or business interest; state employees when the activity could conflict with performance of their official duties under specified circumstances; and when the activity is in violation of a collective bargaining agreement. This shall not prohibit an organization or employer from offering, imposing or having in effect a health, disability or life insurance policy that makes distinctions between employees for the type of coverage or the price of coverage based upon the employees’ recreational activities or use of consumable products, provided that differential premium rates charged employees reflect a differential cost to the employer and that employers provide employees with a statement delineating the differential rates used by the carriers providing insurance for the employer, and provided further that such distinctions in type or price of coverage shall not be utilized to expand, limit or curtail the rights or liabilities of any party with regard to a civil cause of action. The attorney general may apply for an order enjoining or restraining the commission or continuance of the alleged unlawful acts. The court may impose a civil penalty in the amount of $300 for the first violation and $500 for subsequent violations. An aggrieved individual may commence an action for equitable relief and damages as well.


Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

No state law/regulation.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

The rights to virtually all of New York’s Master Settlement Agreement payments have been sold as bonds to obtain a smaller lump sum payment up front.

Securitization

Note: New York has securitized virtually all of its Master Settlement Agreement payments, but we have been unable to locate any statute/law that spells out the details of this action.
**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

By rule of the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, after June 28, 2004, cigarettes sold in New York state are required to self-extinguish if left unattended to help prevent cigarette caused fires. Cigarettes are required to be tested in accordance with the American Society of Testing and Materials standard E2187-02b “Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition Strength of Cigarettes,” subject to the modifications stated in Appendix A. When tested no more than 25 percent of the cigarettes shall exhibit full length burns. A certification is required from each manufacturer stating that each cigarette has been tested and has met the performance standard.

NYCRR Title 19, Part 429 (2004).

By 2002, the Office of Fire Prevention and Safety shall promulgate fire safety standards for cigarettes sold or offered for sale in this state. The standards shall insure that such cigarettes will stop burning within a time period specified by the standards if the cigarettes are not smoked during that period or will meet performance standards which limit the risk that such cigarettes will ignite upholstered furniture, mattresses or household furnishings. On or after the date such standards are promulgated by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, it will be unlawful to sell in the state cigarettes that do not meet the required standards.


**Preemption**

**Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the distribution of tobacco product samples only are not allowed.

**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $58,415,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Annual Budget (A.B. 9704) enacted and effective 7/7/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by $1.60 to $4.35 per pack. Changes the tax on little cigars to be equal to the tax on cigarettes and increases the tax on snuff and other tobacco products. Sets up a system to collect taxes from cigarettes sold on Native American lands to non-tribal members. A.B. 11515 enacted 6/21/10 and effective 7/1/10, 8/1/10 & 9/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in several specific types of public places in North Carolina, including public schools, state government buildings and vehicles, long-term care facilities and all restaurants and bars. The use of tobacco products is also prohibited completely in and on the grounds of public schools and in state correctional facilities.


Exceptions to the Law

Specific exceptions to the law include: 1) up to 20 percent of rooms in lodging establishments; 2) cigar bars as specified and defined; and 3) private clubs as defined. Smoking is also allowed in private workplaces as well as most public places and workplaces not listed above.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are allowed in some public places and local government buildings, but not in private workplaces and the specific places/vehicles listed below.

Except as specified, a local government may adopt and enforce ordinances, board of health rules, and policies restricting or prohibiting smoking that are more restrictive than state law and that apply in local government buildings, on local government grounds, in local vehicles, or in public places. However, the definitions in North Carolina General Statutes section 130A-492 apply to local laws. Local laws or policies cannot restrict or prohibit smoking in: 1) a private residence; 2) a private vehicle; 3) a tobacco shop as specified; 4) all of the premises, facilities, and vehicles owned, operated, or leased by any tobacco products processor or manufacturer, or any tobacco leaf grower, processor, or dealer; 5) smoking guest rooms in lodging establishments; 6) a cigar bar as specified and defined in state law; 7) a private club as defined in state law; 8) the actors or performers portraying the use of tobacco products on a motion picture, television, theater, or other live production set. Penalties and enforcement must be the same as state law as well.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited inside state government buildings and state vehicles as provided in this section. State government building is defined as a building owned, leased as lessor, or the area leased as lessee and occupied by state government. This includes all agencies of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. As to smoking rooms in residence halls that were permitted by North Carolina General Statutes section 143-597(a)(6), this law becomes effective beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year. Smoking is permitted inside state government buildings that are used for medical or scientific research to the extent that smoking is an integral part of the research, and is confined to the area where the research is being conducted. The individual in charge of the state government building or assigning the vehicle or the individual’s designee shall post signs in conspicuous areas of the building or vehicles. This does not apply to vehicles used in undercover operations.

N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 130A-491 to 130A-495 (2010).

No person may use or possess tobacco products on the premises of a state correctional facility, except for authorized religious purposes. Tobacco products are also allowed to be kept in locked cars in facility parking lots by employees or visitors. Any person who knowingly gives or sells tobacco products to an inmate except for authorized religious purposes is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Inmates in violation of this section are subject to disciplinary measures to be determined by the department, including the potential loss of sentence credits earned prior to that violation. Employees in violation are subject to disciplinary action by the department. Visitors in violation are subject to removal from the facility and loss of visitation privileges. Inmates in local confinement facilities that possess tobacco products, except for authorized religious purposes are also guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.


Private Workplaces

No restrictions.
Schools
No later than August 1, 2008, local boards of education shall adopt, implement and enforce a written policy prohibiting the use of all tobacco products by any person, in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, and on any property owned by the local school administrative unit. Tobacco use shall also be prohibited by persons attending a school-sponsored event at a location not listed above when in the presence of students or school personnel or in an area where smoking is otherwise prohibited by law. The policy may permit tobacco products to be included in instructional or research activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking, chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product. Nothing in this section or any other section prohibits a local board of education from adopting and enforcing a more restrictive policy on the use of tobacco in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, or at school-related or school-sponsored events, and in or on other school property.


Smoking is prohibited in state government buildings, including any facilities of state-supported colleges/universities. This specifically includes residence halls starting in the 2008-2009 academic year.


Local community college boards of trustees may adopt, implement, and enforce a written policy prohibiting at all times the use of any tobacco product by any person in community college buildings, in community college facilities, on community college campuses, in vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the local community college, and in or on any other community college property owned, leased, or operated by the local community college. The policy may also prohibit the use of all tobacco products by persons attending a community college-sponsored event.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is not permitted in child care programs, including home-based child care programs, in space used by children when children are present. All smoking materials shall be kept in locked stor-
violation occurs is a separate offense.
N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 130A-22(h1) & 130A-497 (2010).

■ Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 45 cents
Date last changed: September 1, 2009 – from 35 cents to 45 cents
Year first enacted: 1969
N.C. GEN. STAT. § 105-113.5 (2009).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $219,971,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 12.8% of the cost price of the products.
N.C. GEN. STAT. § 105-113.35(a) (2009).

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from three percent of the tax on the cost price of tobacco products is deposited in the state general fund, and the revenue from the remaining 9.8 percent of the tax on the cost price of tobacco products is deposited in the University Cancer Research Fund established pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 116-29.1.

■ Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

| FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: | $18,300,000 |
| FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $2,370,191* |
| FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $20,670,191 |

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $106,800,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 19.4%

*Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for North Carolina’s tobacco control program comes from Master Settlement Agreement dollars dedicated to the North Carolina Health & Wellness Trust Fund.

State Funding Details
North Carolina allocated $18,300,000 from the Health and Wellness Trust Fund for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $18,341,837 was allocated.

Allocation by decision of the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
The Health and Wellness Trust Fund is to be administered by a commission of 18 (speaker of the house, president pro tem of the senate, and the governor appoint six members each) with the help of an advisory committee (includes secretary of Health and Human Services, State Health Director, dean of UNC School of Public Health, as well as others considered necessary). The Commission will develop criteria for awarding grants, programs, and initiatives to be funded, as well as criteria to measure the outcomes of funded programs, including tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives.
N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 147-86.30 to 86.36 (2008).

■ Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
18

Compliance/Enforcement
The Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is designated as the state agency, in coordination with local police and sheriffs’ departments, and the Department of Health and Human Services to implement model education and enforcement of North Carolina General Statute section 14-313. The standard model of education and enforcement shall include: merchant education; age-testing of youth volunteers involved in enforcement; providing public notice of upcoming enforcement operations; conducting vending machine and retail enforcement; issuing warning notices or citations; public recognition for good behavior; and advising communities of the results of enforcement.

If any person shall knowingly send or assist a person less than 18 years old in purchasing, acquiring, or receiving tobacco products or cigarette wrap-
Penalties for Sales to Minors

If any person shall distribute, or aid, assist, or abet any other person in distributing tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers to any person under the age of 18 years, or if any person shall purchase tobacco products on behalf of a person less than 18 years, the person shall have committed a Class Two misdemeanor; provided, that it shall not be unlawful to distribute tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers to an employee when required in the performance of the employee's duties. Proof that the defendant demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon proof of age or the defendant relied on the electronic system established by the Division of Motor Vehicles shall be a defense to any action brought under this subsection.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

A person engaged in the sale of tobacco products at retail or through a vending machine shall demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser if the person has reasonable grounds to believe that the prospective purchaser is less than 18 years of age. Failure to demand proof of age as required is a Class Two misdemeanor if in fact the prospective purchaser is under 18 years of age. “Proof of age” is defined as a driver’s license or other photographic identification that includes the bearer’s date of birth that purports to establish that the person is 18 years of age or older.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

If a person under the age of 18 purchases or accepts receipt, or attempts to purchase or accept receipt, of tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers, or presents or offers to any person any purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually their own, for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product or cigarette wrapping papers, the person shall be guilty of a Class Two misdemeanor.


Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

To ensure uniformity, no political subdivisions, boards, or agencies of the State nor any county, city, municipality, municipal corporation, town, township, village, nor any department or agency thereof, may enact ordinances, rules or regulations concerning the sale, distribution, display or promotion of tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers on or after September 1, 1995.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

If any person shall furnish, give, or provide tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers, including tobacco product samples, at no cost for the purpose of promoting the product, to any person under the age of 18 years, the person shall be guilty of a Class Two misdemeanor.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

A person who sells or holds for sale a package of cigarettes that differs in any respect with the requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is to be sold within the United States commits a Class A1 misdemeanor and engages in an unfair trade practice prohibited by North Carolina General Statute section 75-1.1.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

To ensure uniformity, no political subdivisions, boards, or agencies of the State nor any county, city, municipality, municipal corporation, town, township, village, nor any department or agency thereof, may enact ordinances, rules or regulations concerning the sale, distribution, display or promotion of tobacco products or cigarette wrapping papers on or after September 1, 1995.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

Tobacco vending machines are restricted to any establishment which is open only to persons 18 years or older; or any establishment where the vending machine is under the continuous control of the owner or licensee of the premises or an employee thereof, can be operated only upon activation by the owner, licensee or employee prior to each purchase, and is not accessible to the public when the establishment is closed.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is a Class Two misdemeanor.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of and required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically allowed, see below.

The regulation of vending machines is specifically exempted from statewide preemption.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

No person shall engage in business as a distributor of cigarettes without obtaining a license from the Secretary of Revenue for each place of business. Distributing cigarettes without the appropriate license is a Class One misdemeanor.


Retail dealers and wholesale dealers of tobacco products other than cigarettes must obtain a license for each place of business.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes

No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes

Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products

Yes
License Fees
Cigarette distributors and wholesale dealers of other tobacco products: $25;
Retail dealers of other tobacco products: $10

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
It is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to fail or refuse to hire a prospective employee, or discharge or otherwise discriminate against any employee with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the prospective employee or the employee engages in or has engaged in the lawful use of lawful products if the activity occurs off the premises of the employer during non-working hours and does not adversely affect the employee’s job performance or the person’s ability to properly fulfill the responsibilities of the position in question or the safety of the other employees. It is not unlawful if the restriction relates to a bona fide occupational requirement and is reasonably related to the employment activities; if the restriction relates to the fundamental objectives of the organization; or if the employee fails to comply with the requirements of the employer’s substance abuse prevention program. This section shall not prohibit an employer from offering, imposing, or having in effect a health, disability, or life insurance policy distinguishing between employees for the type or price of coverage based on the use or nonuse of lawful products if differential rates assessed employees reflect actuarially justified differences in the provision of employee benefits; the employer provides written notice to employees setting forth the differential rates assessed employees; and the employer contributes an equal amount to the insurance carrier on behalf of each employee of the employer. The employee against whom the violation occurs may bring a civil action within one year from the date of the alleged violation against the employer to obtain lost wages or benefits, an order of reinstatement without loss or position, seniority, or benefits or an order directing the employer to offer employment to the prospective employee.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
If the appellee in a civil action brought under any legal theory obtains a judgment directing the payment or expenditure of money in the amount of $25 million or more, and the appellant seeks a stay of execution of the judgment within the period of time during which the appellant has the right to pursue appellate review, including discretionary review and certiorari, the amount of the undertaking that the appellant is required to execute to stay execution of the judgment during the entire period of the appeal shall be $25 million. If the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant for whom the undertaking has been limited is, for the purpose of evading the judgment, (i) dissipating its assets, (ii) secreting its assets, or (iii) diverting its assets outside the jurisdiction of the courts of North Carolina or the federal courts of the United States other than in the ordinary course of business, then the limitation shall not apply and the appellant shall be required to make an undertaking in the full amount.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Fifty percent of Master Settlement Agreement payments each year are allocated to the Golden LEAF Foundation and the other 50 percent is deposited to the Settlement Reserve Fund. Money is then split between two separate accounts in the Settlement Reserve Fund and transferred to the Health and Wellness Trust Fund and Tobacco Trust Fund respectively to be used for specified purposes, see below. State funding for the tobacco control program comes from the Health and Wellness Trust Fund.
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

The “Settlement Reserve Fund” is established as a restricted reserve in the state General Fund. All Master Settlement Agreement payments not allocated to the Golden LEAF Foundation (see below) are initially deposited into this fund, and then transferred as specified to Health Trust and Tobacco Trust accounts created within the Settlement Reserve Fund. Money in the two accounts is then transferred to the Health and Wellness Trust Fund and Tobacco Trust Fund respectively (also see below).


The Health and Wellness Trust Fund was established in the office of the state Treasurer and by law receives 25 percent of state MSA payments. Investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund shall become part of the fund, and any balance in the fund remains in the fund at the end of a fiscal year. Money in the fund is first used each year to assist in paying off special indebtedness authorized by the State Capital Facilities Act of 2004. Remaining funds are used to address the health needs of underserved populations, to fund programs and initiatives that include research, education, prevention, and treatment of health problems in the state, and to develop a comprehensive, community-based plan with an emphasis on reducing youth tobacco use.

N.C. GEN. STAT. §§ 147-86.30 to 86.36 (2008).

The Tobacco Trust Fund was established in the office of the state Treasurer and by law receives 25 percent of state MSA payments. Investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund shall become part of the fund, and any balance in the fund remains in the fund at the end of a fiscal year. Money in the fund is first used each year to assist in paying off special indebtedness authorized by the State Capital Facilities Act of 2004. Remaining funds are used to compensate persons in tobacco-related businesses from the economic impact of the MSA, and specified agricultural programs.


As part of the lawsuit settlement between the state of North Carolina and certain cigarette companies, 50 percent of the settlement payments received by North Carolina each year were required to be directed to a non-profit foundation for the purposes of providing economic impact assistance to economically-affected or tobacco dependent regions of North Carolina. The non-profit foundation that was eventually created is called the Golden LEAF Foundation.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection g of section 58-92-15 North Carolina General Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in North Carolina or offered for sale or sold to persons located in North Carolina unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 58-92-15 North Carolina General Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance in accordance with section 58-92-20 North Carolina General Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 58-92-25 North Carolina General Statutes.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above requirements shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer shall be subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances on smoking in pri-
private workplaces and other more specific locations and restricting youth access to tobacco products, except in relation to vending machines are not allowed.

### Legislative Activity

#### 2010 Legislative Activity

- **Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $18,300,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
  
  Allocation by decision of the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, effective 7/1/10.

- **Fire Safety Standards:** Makes a small change to the law requiring fire safety standards for cigarettes.
  
  H.B. 1905 enacted and effective 7/20/10.

- **Tobacco Use/State Health Plan:** Requires the Executive Administrator of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees to consult with the Committee on Employee and Hospital Medical Benefits prior to implementing any program to verify tobacco usage by members of the Plan.
  
  H.B. 1707 enacted and effective 6/7/10.

- **Use of Settlement Dollars:** Redirects from the annual Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payment $10,397,000 from the Health Trust Account where 25 percent of the payment is deposited by law to the state general fund on or after April 30, 2010. Also redirects $5 million from the 25 percent of the payment that goes to the Tobacco Trust by law to the state general fund on or after April 30, 2011.
  
  S.B. 202 enacted and effective 8/7/09 & S.B. 897 enacted and effective 6/30/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in many workplaces and public places. Public places are defined as an enclosed area to which the public has access or in which the public is permitted, including a publicly owned building or office, and enclosed areas available to and customarily used by the general public in businesses and nonprofit entities patronized by the public (see state law citation below for a detailed list).


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences except when being used as home-based child care facilities; 2) designated smoking rooms in hotels/motels; 3) retail tobacco stores as defined, provided that smoke does not infiltrate into places where smoking is prohibited; 4) outdoor areas of places of employment, except a sports arena; 5) areas in owner-operated businesses that have no employees and are not generally accessible to the public; 6) bars as defined, including separately enclosed bar areas in restaurants, hotels and bowling centers; 7) places of public access rented or leased for private functions from which the general public and children are excluded and arrangements for the function are under the control of the sponsor; and 8) separately enclosed areas in truck-stops accessible only to adults. Smoking as part of a traditional Native American ceremony is also allowed.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

A city or county ordinance, a city or county home rule charter, or an ordinance adopted under a home rule charter may not provide for less stringent provisions on smoking than those provided by state law. Nothing in this act shall preempt or otherwise affect any other state or local tobacco control law that provides more stringent protection from the hazards of environmental tobacco smoke.

N.D. CENT. CODE § 23-12-10.2 (2005).

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes places owned, leased, or rented by any state or political subdivision, or by any agency supported by appropriation of, or by contracts or grants from, funds derived from the collection of taxes. The state office of management and budget shall develop and implement a uniform policy regarding smoking restrictions with respect to the outdoor areas near the public entrances of all buildings on the state capitol grounds.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in places of employment which are defined as areas under the control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference rooms, elevators, employee cafeterias, employee lounges, hallways, meeting rooms, private offices, restrooms, and stairs. Outdoor areas of places of employment and areas in owner-operated businesses that have no employees and are not generally accessible to the public are exempt.


Schools
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes public and private educational facilities.


Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes all child care facilities subject to licensure by the state Department of Human Services, including those operated in private homes when any child cared for under that license is present.


Smoking is not permitted in an early childhood facility at any time during which a child who receives services from that facility is present and receiving such services.

Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes any office or institution providing health care services, including a hospital, clinic, ambulatory surgery center, outpatient care facility, nursing, basic, or assisted living facility, and laboratory. Smoking is allowed by a patient in or on the grounds of a licensed hospital if the patient’s attending physician authorizes the activity based on medical policies adopted by the hospital organized medical staff and by a resident in or on the grounds of a licensed basic care facility or a licensed nursing facility if approved by the board of the facility.


Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in public places the definition of which includes restaurants. Separately enclosed bar areas of restaurants are exempt.


Bars

Smoking is allowed in bars, which are defined as places devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages.


Penalties/Enforcement

An individual who smokes in an area in which smoking is prohibited is guilty of an infraction. An owner or other person with general supervisory responsibility over a public place or place of employment who willfully fails to comply is guilty of an infraction, subject to a fine not to exceed $100 for the first violation, not to exceed $200 for a second violation within one year, and not to exceed $500 for each additional violation within one year of the preceding violation. State agencies with statutory jurisdiction over a state-owned building or office shall enforce these provisions. These agencies include the Fire Marshal Department, state Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Legislative Council, and Office of Management and Budget. The agencies may mutually agree as to the manner in which enforcement is to be accomplished and may adopt administrative rules to ensure compliance, including referral of violations


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: 44 cents

Date last changed: July 1, 1993 – from 29 cents to 44 cents

Year first enacted: 1925


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $20,564,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from the cigarette tax is credited to the state General Fund, except revenue from three cents of the tax is distributed to incorporated cities in North Dakota, based on population.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Cigars and Pipe Tobacco: 28% of the wholesale purchase price;

Chewing Tobacco: 16 cents per ounce and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;

Snuff: 60 cents per ounce and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

All revenue from the taxes on other tobacco products is credited to the state General Fund.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $8,196,248

FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,155,818 *

FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $9,352,066

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $9,300,000

Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 100.6%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for North Dakota’s tobacco control
program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

State Funding Details
North Dakota appropriated $8,196,248 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). The same amount was appropriated in FY2010. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.


Note: When dollars received by the state from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are added in, North Dakota is one of only two states that funds its tobacco control program at or above the level recommended by CDC.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
Established a community health grant program, the purpose of which is to prevent or reduce tobacco usage in the state by strengthening community-based public health programs and by providing assistance to public health units and communities. The program must, to the extent funding is available, follow guidelines concerning tobacco prevention programs recommended by CDC.


To develop and implement the comprehensive tobacco prevention plan required by North Dakota Century Code section 54-27-25(2), a Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Committee of nine members with specified backgrounds and qualifications is appointed by the governor for three-year terms. An executive committee of three members is selected from the advisory committee also for three-year terms, and is responsible for implementation and administration of the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan must be developed within 180 days of the initial meeting of the advisory committee.

North Dakota Ballot Measure 3, approved by voters 11/4/08 and effective 12/08.

Compliance/Enforcement
A state agency, city, county, board of health, tobacco retailer, or association of tobacco retailers may conduct compliance surveys, after coordination with the appropriate local law enforcement authority. An individual under 18 years of age may purchase and possess tobacco as part of a compliance survey program when acting with the permission of the individual’s parent or guardian and while acting under the supervision of any law enforcement authority.


Penalties for Sales to Minors
It is an infraction for any person to sell or furnish tobacco products to a minor or procure tobacco products to or for a minor. “Sell” includes dispensing from a vending machine under the control of the actor. A city or county may adopt an ordinance or resolution regarding the sale of tobacco to minors and use of tobacco by minors, which includes prohibitions in addition to those mentioned above.


Sign Posting Requirements
No state law/regulation.

Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
The sale of the tobacco product commonly referred to as bidis or beedies is prohibited. “Bidis” or “beedies” means a product containing tobacco which is wrapped in temburni leaf or tendu leaf.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is a noncriminal offense for a minor to purchase, possess, smoke or use tobacco in any form. It is a noncriminal offense for a minor to present or offer to another individual a purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent, or not actually the minor’s own proof of age, for the purpose of attempting to purchase or possess cigarettes, cigars, cigarette papers, snuff, or tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chewing. This does not prohibit minors from taking part in compliance surveys. A city or county may adopt an ordinance or resolution regarding the sale of
tobacco to minors and use of tobacco by minors, which includes prohibitions in addition to those mentioned above. Any ordinance or resolution adopted must include provisions deeming a violation a noncriminal violation and must provide for a fee of not less than $25 for a minor 14 years of age or older who has been charged with an offense.


Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

It is unlawful for any person in the business of selling tobacco products to take an order for a tobacco product, other than from a person who is in the business of selling tobacco products, through the mail or through any telecommunications means, including by telephone, facsimile, or the Internet, unless: 1) before mailing or shipping the product, the person receives from the individual a copy of a valid government-issued identification and a signed statement from the individual providing a certification of certain specified information; 2) the person verifies the date of birth or age of the individual against a commercially available data base or obtains a photocopy of the government-issued identification; 3) sends a notice with specified information to the prospective consumer; 4) in the case of an order by the Internet, receives payment via debit card, credit card or check; 5) and employs a method of shipping that the purchaser be the addressee, have an adult of legal minimum purchase age sign for the package and present a photo ID if they appear to be under 27 years of age. The person must also provide specified information to the state Tax Commissioner. A person that generally violates this chapter is subject to a fine of $1,000 for the first offense and a fine of $1,000 to $5,000 for the second and subsequent offenses. Knowingly and falsely submitting a certification in another person’s name is a noncriminal violation subject to the fines listed above. Failure to pay the tax is subject to a penalty of 50 percent of the tax due but unpaid.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are generally allowed; however, the penalties for purchase and use of tobacco by a minor must be as indicated in the statute below.

A city or county may adopt an ordinance or resolution regarding the sale of tobacco to minors and purchase and use of tobacco by minors which includes prohibitions in addition to those in state law. Any ordinance or resolution adopted concerning purchase and use of tobacco by minors must include provisions deeming a violation a noncriminal violation and must provide for a fee of not less than $25 for a minor 14 years of age or older who has been charged with an offense.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

It is an infraction for any person to furnish or procure tobacco products to or for a minor.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

All cigarettes sold or distributed must be in packages containing 20 or more cigarettes each. All packages of roll-your-own smoking tobacco sold or distributed in this state must be in packages containing at least 0.6 ounces of tobacco. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor and the cigarettes in violation will be confiscated and forfeited to the state.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting the sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

It is unlawful to sell or furnish cigarettes, cigarette papers, cigars, snuff, or tobacco in any other form in which it may be utilized for smoking or chew-
ing through a vending machine, except a vending machine that is located in an area in which minors are not permitted access; or a vending machine that dispenses cigarettes through the operation of a device that requires a salesperson to control the dispensation of such product. Tobacco product vending machines can not contain nontobacco products other than matches.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is an infraction.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco products vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Dealers (retailers) and distributors must obtain a license for each place of business from the Attorney General to sell tobacco products at wholesale or retail. Licenses are valid for one year from July 1st to June 30th and must be renewed annually. Selling or distributing tobacco products without a license is a Class A misdemeanor.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Dealer license: $15 annually;
Distributor license: $25 annually

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
It is discriminatory practice for an employer to fail or refuse to hire a person; to discharge an employee; or accord adverse or unequal treatment to a person or employee with respect to application, hiring, training, apprenticeship, tenure, promotion, upgrading, compensation, layoff, or a term, privilege, or condition of employment, because of participation in lawful activity off the employer's premises during non-working hours which is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related interests of the employer. It is also a discriminatory practice for an employer, employment agency, or labor organization, or the employees, agents, or members thereof directly or indirectly to advertise or in any other manner indicate or publicize that individuals who participate in lawful activity off the employer's premises during non-working hours which activity is not in direct conflict with the essential business-related interests of the employer, are unwelcome, objectionable, not acceptable, or not solicited.
N.D. CENT. CODE §§ 14-02.4-01 et seq. (1993).

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
No state law/regulation.
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

All dollars received from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) from 2008 to 2017, except a certain portion of payments called MSA strategic contribution payments, are deposited in a Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund, and allocated to the community health trust fund, the common schools trust fund and the water development trust fund. MSA strategic contribution payments received from 2008 to 2017 are deposited in the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund and used to fund state tobacco control programs as specified.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

On November 4, 2008, North Dakota voters approved, 54 to 46 percent, a ballot initiative (Measure 3) dedicating additional money from the MSA the state began receiving in 2008 to a comprehensive tobacco control program to be funded at or above the $9.3 million level recommended by CDC through a Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Committee.

North Dakota Ballot Measure 3, approved by voters 11/4/08 and effective 12/08.

There is created in the state treasury a tobacco settlement trust fund where all MSA dollars, except MSA strategic contribution payments received from 2008 to 2017, are deposited. Interest earned from money in the trust fund is deposited in the trust fund. The principal and interest from the fund must be allocated as follows: 1) 10 percent of annual transfers to a community health trust fund administered by the state health department, a minimum of 80 percent of which must be used for tobacco prevention and control programs; 2) 45 percent of annual transfers to the common schools trust fund to become part of the principal of that fund; and 3) 45 percent of annual transfers to the water development trust fund to address the long-term water development needs of the state.


There is created in the state treasury the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund where MSA strategic contribution payments received from 2008 to 2017 are deposited. Interest earned from money in the trust fund is deposited in the trust fund. Moneys in the fund are administered by the executive committee of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Committee for the purpose of creating and implementing a comprehensive plan to reduce tobacco use in North Dakota based on CDC Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs. The comprehensive plan can not duplicate the work of the community health grant program established under North Dakota Century Code section 23.38 et. seq. If in any biennium, the tobacco prevention and control trust fund does not have adequate dollars to fund a comprehensive plan, the treasurer shall transfer money from the water development trust fund to the tobacco prevention and control trust fund in an amount equal to the amount determined necessary by the executive committee.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection 7 of section 18-13-02 North Dakota Century Code, a cigarette may not be sold or offered for sale in North Dakota or offered for sale or sold to persons located in North Dakota unless: 1) the cigarette has been tested in accordance with the test method and meets the performance standard specified in section 18-13-02 North Dakota Century Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 18-13-03 North Dakota Century Code; and 3) the cigarette has been marked in accordance with section 18-13-04 North Dakota Century Code.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes other than through retail sale and in violation of the above standard is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $25,000 for each subsequent offense. Penalties may not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above standard is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a first offense and not to exceed $2,000 for each subsequent offense in which the total number of ciga-
rettes sold or offered for sale does not exceed 1,000 cigarettes; and a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and $5,000 for each subsequent offense in which the total number of cigarettes sold or offered for sale is over 1,000 cigarettes. Penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. A manufacturer that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 but not to exceed $250,000 for each false violation, in addition to any other penalty.


■ Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Local laws/ordinances must adhere to specified penalties concerning the purchase or use of tobacco products by minors.

■ Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $8,196,248 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited and no proprietor shall permit smoking in a public place or place of employment as defined. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences, except during the hours of operation as a child care or adult care facility for compensation, or a home-based business when specified; 2) up to 20 percent of sleeping rooms in hotels, motels and other lodging facilities; 3) family-owned and operated places of employment in which all employees are related to the owner as specified; 4) nursing homes subject to certain conditions; 5) retail tobacco stores that make more than 80 percent of their gross revenue from the sales of tobacco products; 6) outdoor patios as defined; and 7) private clubs with no employees.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law, local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited and no proprietor shall permit smoking in places of employment. “Place of employment” is defined as an enclosed area under the direct or indirect control of an employer that the employer’s employees use for work or any other purpose, including but not limited to, offices, meeting rooms, sales, production and storage areas, restrooms, stairways, hallways, warehouses, garages, and vehicles. An enclosed area as described herein is a place of employment without regard to the time of day or the presence of employees. Smoking is still allowed in home-based businesses except: 1) during the hours of operation as a business by a person other than a person residing in the private residence; or 2) during the hours of operation as a business, when employees of the business, who are not residents of the private residence or are not related to the owner, are present. Smoking is also allowed in family-owned and operated places of employment in which all employees are related to the owner, but only if the enclosed areas of the place of employment are: 1) not open to the public; 2) are in a free standing structure occupied solely by the place of employment; and 3) smoke from the place of employment does not migrate into an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Schools
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which include the indoor areas of schools. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which include indoor areas of child care facilities. Home-based child care and adult care facilities are specifically included during their hours of operation. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of
employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which include indoor areas of health care facilities. Smoking is allowed in nursing homes only to the extent necessary to comply with section 3721.13(A)(18) of the Ohio Revised Code. If an indoor smoking area is provided by a nursing home for residents of the nursing home, the designated indoor smoking area shall be separately enclosed and separately ventilated so that tobacco smoke does not enter, through entrances, windows, ventilation systems, or other means, any areas where smoking is otherwise prohibited under this chapter. Only residents of the nursing home may utilize the designated indoor smoking area for smoking. A nursing home may designate specific times when the indoor smoking area may be used for such purpose. No employee of a nursing home shall be required to accompany a resident into a designated indoor smoking area or perform services in such area when being used for smoking. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover restaurants, including restaurants with attached bars. Smoking is allowed on outdoor patios of restaurants if they are physically separated from an enclosed area. If windows or doors form any part of the partition between an enclosed area and the outdoor patio, the openings shall be closed to prevent the migration of smoke into the enclosed area. If windows or doors do not prevent the migration of smoke into the enclosed area, the outdoor patio shall be considered an extension of the enclosed area. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Bars

Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, the definitions of which cover bars. Smoking is allowed on outdoor patios of bars if they are physically separated from an enclosed area. If windows or doors form any part of the partition between an enclosed area and the outdoor patio, the openings shall be closed to prevent the migration of smoke into the enclosed area. If windows or doors do not prevent the migration of smoke into the enclosed area, the outdoor patio shall be considered an extension of the enclosed area. Smoking is also prohibited in areas immediately adjacent to entrances and exits of public places and places of employment.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Penalties/Enforcement

“No-smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol shall be conspicuously posted in and ashtrays shall be removed from every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this chapter, including at each entrance. The law will be enforced by the Ohio Department of Health and its designees. The department will promulgate rules to implement and enforce the law, including the schedule of fines for violation. Smoking in a public place or place of employment after being requested not to is subject to a maximum fine of $100. Violation by a proprietor of a public place or place of employment is subject to minimum fine of $100 and a maximum fine of $2,500 after a warning letter for a first violation. Each day of violation will be a separate offense and fines for the proprietor will be progressive based on prior violations. Fines will double for intentional violations.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3794.01 to 3794.09 (2006).

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.25
Date last changed: July 1, 2005 – from 55 cents to $1.25
Year first enacted: 1931
OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 5743.02 (2005).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $872,232,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

After all refunds of tax, as certified by the state
Tax Commissioner, are paid, all remaining revenue from the tax on cigarettes is distributed to the state General Revenue Fund.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 5743.02 (2005).

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 17% of the wholesale price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
After all refunds of tax, as certified by the state Tax Commissioner, are paid, all remaining revenue from the tax on other tobacco products is distributed to the state General Revenue Fund.


Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

| FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: | $0 |
| FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $2,158,353* |
| FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $2,158,353 |
| Funding Level Recommended by CDC: | $145,000,000 |
| Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: | 1.5% |

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
Ohio provided no new state funding for tobacco control programs.

State Funding Details
Ohio has allocated no new state money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $6,000,000 was allocated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.


Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
The state Department of Health may prepare a plan to reduce tobacco use by Ohioans, with emphasis on reducing the use of tobacco by youth, minority and regional populations, pregnant women, and others who may be disproportionately affected by the use of tobacco. The plan may provide for periodic surveys to measure tobacco use and behavior toward tobacco use by Ohioans. The plan may also describe youth tobacco consumption prevention programs to be eligible for consideration for grants from the department and may set forth the criteria by which applications for grants will be considered. Programs eligible for consideration may include: youth-focused media campaigns, school and community based youth educational programs, retailer education and compliance efforts and mentoring programs designed to prevent or reduce tobacco use by students. Pursuant to the plan, the department may carry out, or provide funding for private or public agencies to carry out, research and programs related to tobacco use prevention and cessation subject to specified conditions.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3701.84 (2008).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
18

Compliance/Enforcement
No provisions in state law.

Penalties for Sales to Minors
No manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer of tobacco products, or employee thereof, shall sell or otherwise distribute tobacco products to any person under 18. First violation constitutes a fourth degree misdemeanor and subsequent violations constitute a misdemeanor of the third degree. It is an affirmative defense if the minor was accompanied by a parent, spouse older than 18, or legal guardian; or the person selling or distributing the tobacco product was a parent, spouse older than 18, or legal guardian.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2927.02 (2002).

A seller or an agent or employee of a seller may perform a transaction scan by means of a transaction scan device to check the validity of a driver’s or commercial driver’s license or identification card presented by a card holder as a condition for selling, giving away, or otherwise distributing cigarettes or other tobacco products. If the information deciphered by the transaction scan fails to match the identification presented by the card holder, or if it indicates that the information so printed is false or fraudulent, neither the seller nor any agent or employee of the seller shall sell,
give away, or otherwise distribute any cigarettes or other tobacco products to the card holder. It will be an affirmative defense to a charge of selling or distributing tobacco products to minors if: 1) a card holder attempting to purchase or receive cigarettes or other tobacco products presented a specified identification card; 2) a transaction scan of the identification card that the card holder presented indicated that the license or card was valid; and 3) the cigarettes or other tobacco products were sold, given away, or otherwise distributed in reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan. This does not excuse a seller or an agent or employee of a seller from exercising reasonable diligence to determine if the person is in fact 18 years or older and the picture on the identification is the card holder.


Sign Posting Requirements
No person shall give away, sell or distribute tobacco products in any place that does not have posted a sign stating that giving, selling, or otherwise distributing tobacco products to a minor is prohibited by law. Violation constitutes a fourth degree misdemeanor for the first offense and a third degree misdemeanor for each subsequent violation.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No child shall do any of the following unless accompanied by a parent, spouse who is 18 years of age or older or legal guardian of the child: use, consume, possess, purchase or attempt to purchase cigarettes; or, order, pay for, or share the cost of or accept or receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or papers used to roll cigarettes. No child shall knowingly furnish false information concerning the child’s name, age, or other identification for the purpose of obtaining cigarettes, other tobacco products, or papers used to roll cigarettes. If a juvenile court finds that a minor violated this division it may do either or both of the following: require the minor to attend a youth smoking education program or other smoking treatment program approved by the court, if one is available; or impose a fine of not more than $100. If the minor disobeys a juvenile court order the court may increase the fine imposed upon the minor; and/or require the minor to perform not more than 20 hours of community service; and/or suspend for a period of 30 days the temporary instruction permit, probationary driver’s license, or driver’s license issued to the minor. It is not a violation for a minor to accept or receive cigarettes, other tobacco products, or papers used to roll cigarettes if the minor is required to do so in the performance of their duties as an employee; or while participating in an inspection or compliance check conducted by a federal, state, local, or corporate entity at a location at which tobacco products are sold or distributed.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No person shall cause to be shipped any cigarettes to any person in this state other than an authorized recipient of tobacco products. No common carrier, contract carrier, or other person shall knowingly transport cigarettes to any person in this state that the carrier or other person reasonably believes is not an authorized recipient of tobacco products. If cigarettes are transported to a home or residence, it shall be presumed that the common carrier, contract carrier, or other person knew that the person to whom the cigarettes were delivered was not an authorized recipient of tobacco products. An authorized recipient of tobacco products is: 1) a licensed cigarette wholesaler; 2) a licensed distributor of tobacco products; 3) an export warehouse proprietor; 4) an operator of a customs bonded warehouse; 5) an officer, employee, or agent of the state or federal government acting in the person’s official capacity; 6) a department, agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of this state or the federal government; and 7) a person having a consent for consumer shipment issued by the state Tax Commissioner. No person engaged in the business of selling cigarettes who ships or causes to be shipped cigarettes to any person in this state in any container or wrapping other than the original container or wrapping of the cigarettes shall fail to plainly and visibly mark the exterior of the container or wrapping in which the cigarettes are shipped with the words “cigarettes.” Violation is subject to a fine of up $1,000 for each violation.

Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
No manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler or retailer of tobacco products, or agent or employee thereof, shall give or otherwise distribute tobacco products to any person under 18. The first violation is a fourth degree misdemeanor and subsequent violations are a third degree misdemeanor.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2927.02 (2002).

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No manufacturer, producer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of cigarettes, other tobacco products, or papers used to roll cigarettes, or agent or employee thereof, shall manufacture, sell, or distribute in this state any pack or other container of cigarettes containing fewer than 20 cigarettes or any package of roll-your-own tobacco containing less than six-tenths of one ounce of tobacco. Selling cigarettes in a smaller quantity than that placed in the pack or other container by the manufacturer is also unlawful. Violation is a fourth degree misdemeanor for the first offense and third degree misdemeanor for subsequent offenses.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2927.02 (2002).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Sales from vending machines are prohibited unless the machine is in an office, factory, business or other place not open to the general public, or in a place where persons under 18 are not permitted. Vending machines are also allowed in locations where they are in the immediate vicinity, plain view, and control of the owner or operator of the establishment. In such locations, vending machines shall not be located in an unmonitored coatroom, restroom, hallway or outer waiting room, and must be inaccessible to the public when the place is closed.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2927.02 (2002).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violations are a misdemeanor of the fourth degree for the first offense and a misdemeanor of the third degree for subsequent offenses.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2927.02 (2002).

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of and required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Retailers must obtain a license from the County Auditor of the county in which they wish to do business to sell cigarettes. A separate license shall be issued for each place of business specified on the required license application. Wholesalers, manufacturers and importers of cigarettes are required to obtain a license from the state Tax Commissioner. All licenses are valid for one year starting on the fourth Monday of May.


Distributors of tobacco products are required to obtain a license from the Department of Taxation. Separate licenses are issued for each place of business on the required license application and are valid for one year commencing on the 1st day of February.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 5743.61 (2010).
License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes—obtained from county

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retail cigarette license: $125 annually for the first five places of business;
Wholesale cigarette license: $1,000 annually;
Tobacco product distributor license: $1,000 annually.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability
An appeal does not operate as a stay of execution of a judgment until a stay of execution has been obtained pursuant to the Rules of Appellate Procedure or in another applicable manner, and a superseded bond is executed by the appellant to the appellee, with sufficient sureties and in a sum that is not less than, if applicable, the cumulative total for all claims covered by the final order, judgment, or decree that is sought to be superseded or by the court to which the appeal is taken.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2505.09 (2002).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
The rights to virtually all of Ohio’s future Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments have been sold to the Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority to receive a lump sum payment up front, see Securitization section below.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
In 2007, Ohio securitized all of its future annual Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments, and repealed the statute requiring deposit of the payments in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund. Many of the various trust funds created to receive portions of the MSA payment still exist, but will receive no more money from future MSA payments.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 183.01 to 183.35 (2007).

In May 2008, legislation was passed that abolished the former Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation and Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Endowment Fund and transferred the $270 million left in its endowment back to state control. A lawsuit was then filed by the American Legacy Foundation claiming a contract was signed giving a majority of the money to them before the legislation above took effect. That case ended with an Ohio Supreme Court decision in favor of the state in December 2010. Money in the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Endowment Fund was from earlier MSA payments.

H.B. 544 enacted and effective 5/6/08.

The Tobacco Use Prevention Fund was created in the state treasury and shall consist of money liquidated from the former tobacco use prevention and control endowment fund and any gifts, grants or donations received. Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be used to pay outstanding expenses of the former Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation (TUPCF) at the discretion of the di-
rector of the state Department of Health, and for initiatives to reduce tobacco use in Ohio pursuant to a state plan as specified.


Securitization

The sale and assignment of all of the state’s future payments expected to be received under the Master Settlement Agreement to the Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority is authorized. The authority can then issue and sell bonds and other obligations although the aggregate principal amount of these bonds can not exceed $6 billion dollars. At least 75 percent of the net proceeds of the sale of obligations by the authority shall be deposited into the school building program assistance fund.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as otherwise permitted in section 3739.12 Ohio Revised Code, no person shall sell or offer to sell cigarettes in Ohio or sell or offer to sell cigarettes to persons located in Ohio unless all of the following requirements are met: (A) The manufacturer of the cigarettes has the cigarettes tested in accordance with the testing method specified in section 3739.03 Ohio Revised Code or the testing method approved by the state Fire Marshal under section 3739.04 Ohio Revised Code; (B) the cigarettes meet the performance standard specified under division (B) of section 3739.03 Ohio Revised Code or the performance standard approved by the state Fire Marshal under section 3739.04 Ohio Revised Code; (C) the manufacturer has marked the packaging of the cigarettes as required in section 3739.06 Ohio Revised Code; and (D) the manufacturer files a written certification with the state fire marshal as required under section 3739.07 Ohio Revised Code.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3739.01 to 3739.18 (2010).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any person other than a retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above standard is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation is subject to the same civil penalty as others above, but the penalty shall not exceed $25,000 during any 30-day period. A manufacturer that is a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited partnership, or association who knowingly violates the certification requirements is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 not to exceed $250,000 for each such violation, in addition to any other penalty.


Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated no new state money for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in many indoor places used by or open to the public, all parts of a zoo to which the public may be admitted, whether indoors or outdoors and on public transportation. Smoking is allowed in separately enclosed and separately ventilated areas/rooms in government and private workplaces, restaurants and non-tribal gaming establishments.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) stand alone bars/taverns and cigars bars as defined; 2) a room or rooms where licensed charitable bingo games are operated during their hours of operation; 3) up to 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms, 4) retail tobacco stores as specified; 5) workplaces where only the owner or operator of the workplace, or the immediate family of the owner or operator, performs any work in the workplace, and the workplace has only incidental public access as defined; 6) workplaces occupied by one or more smokers if the workplace has incidental public access; 7) private offices occupied by one or more smokers; 8) workplaces within private residences except licensed childcare facilities; 9) medical research or treatment centers, if smoking is integral to the research or treatment; 10) outdoor seating areas of restaurants except within 15 feet of exterior doorways and air intakes; and 11) nonprofit veterans’ organizations except when an event is open to the public. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted, such smoking space must either occupy the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and be under negative air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within 15 feet of any entrance, exit or air intake.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are not allowed, see below.

The state legislature by adopting this act intends to preempt any other regulation promulgated to control smoking in public places and to standardize laws that governmental subdivisions may adopt to control smoking. Cities and towns may enact and enforce laws prohibiting and penalizing conduct under provisions of this act, but the provisions of such laws shall be the same as provided in this act and the enforcement provisions under such laws shall not be more stringent than those of this act.


Government Buildings
Smoking is not permitted in any building owned or operated by the state of Oklahoma or political subdivisions or within 25 feet of the entrance or exit, except one designated smoking room is allowed. The designated smoking room shall not be used for the conduct of public business; and shall be in a location which is fully enclosed, directly exhausted to the outside, under negative air pressure so smoke cannot escape when a door is opened, and no air is recirculated to nonsmoking areas of the building. No smoking exhaust shall be located within 25 feet of any entrance, exit or air intake.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is not permitted in any indoor workplace except private offices occupied by one or more smokers; workplaces that have incidental public access and in which the only employees are the owner and immediate family; or workplaces that have incidental public access and are occupied only by one or more smokers. An employer not otherwise restricted from doing so may elect to provide smoking rooms where no work is performed except for cleaning and maintenance during the time the room is not in use for smoking, provided each smoking room is fully enclosed and exhausted directly to the outside in such a manner that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area. No exhaust from a smoking room shall be located within 15 feet of any entrance, exit or air intake.

Schools
Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, or portions thereof, owned by an educational facility as defined. In addition, an educational facility which offers an early childhood education program or in which children in grades K-12 are educated shall prohibit use of tobacco products on the grounds of the facility by all persons including all types of employees during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., during the school session, or when class or any program established for students is in session. However, career and technology centers may designate smoking areas outdoors completely out of sight of children under 18 under certain conditions, and educational facilities can have outdoor smoking areas during certain events or activities such as athletic contests. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit educational facilities from having more restrictive policies regarding smoking and the use of other tobacco products in the buildings or on the grounds of the facility. In addition, all campuses, buildings and grounds, or portions thereof, owned or operated by an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may be designated as tobacco-free, including smoking or smokeless tobacco, by the institution upon adoption of a policy stating the tobacco restrictions for the institution and an intent to enforce the penalty for violations as specified in state law.

Child Care Facilities
No person shall smoke in a licensed child care facility or in a private residence used as a child care facility during its hours of operation. The definition of “child care facility” includes a foster family home. In addition to any other penalties, the Department of Human Services shall impose administrative fines of $50 for the first offense, $100 for the second offense in a one year period and $250 for a third or subsequent offense in a one year period against childcare facilities for violations.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places, the definition of which includes health facilities. “Health facility” is defined as an entity which provides health services, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, kidney disease treatment centers, health maintenance organizations and ambulatory treatment centers. Smoking is allowed in medical research or treatment centers, if smoking is integral to the research or treatment. Nursing homes may also designate smoking rooms.

Restaurants
Smoking areas are allowed in restaurants, but are required to be enclosed and separately ventilated. Outdoor seating areas of restaurants are exempt except smoking shall not be allowed within 15 feet of any exterior public doorway or any air intake of a restaurant.

The state Department of Health is hereby authorized to implement a rebate program for the purpose of reimbursing persons or entities that own restaurants located in Oklahoma for the costs incurred for building separately enclosed and ventilated areas in restaurants as required by law, see paragraph above. The rebate shall be equal to 50 percent of the original expenditure, minus depreciation costs, and shall only be disbursed if the restaurant converts to a completely smokefree environment no later than January 1, 2013.

Bars
Bars, taverns, and cigar bars are exempted from the prohibition on smoking in public places. If smoking is to be permitted in any space exempted, such smoking space must either occupy the entire enclosed indoor space or, if it shares the enclosed space with any nonsmoking areas, the smoking space shall be fully enclosed, exhausted directly to the outside with no air from the smoking space circulated to any nonsmoking area, and under negative air pressure so that no smoke can drift or circulate into a nonsmoking area when a door to an adjacent nonsmoking area is opened. Air from a smoking room shall not be exhausted within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, or air intake. Any employer may choose a more restrictive smoking policy, including being totally smokefree.
Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions

Tobacco Products in Correctional Facilities:

Any person, including a resident, that knowingly or willfully brings or has possession of cigarettes or tobacco products in a certified secure facility or certified juvenile detention facility is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment in county jail for up to a year and/or a fine not to exceed $500.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 10, § 7302-6.11(c) (2009).

Smoking and Custody/Visitation of Children:

Custody of, guardianship of or any visitation with a child shall not be granted to any person if it is established that the custody, guardianship or visitation will likely expose the child to a foreseeable risk of material harm. This could apply to secondhand smoke if a person can establish that secondhand smoke can cause a foreseeable risk of material harm.


Penalties/Enforcement

The person who owns or operates a place where smoking or tobacco use is prohibited by law shall be responsible for posting a sign or decal at each entrance to the building indicating that the place is smokefree. Any person who knowingly violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of $10 to $100. The Oklahoma State Board of Health is the designated enforcement agency.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.03

Date last changed: January 1, 2005 – from 23 cents to $1.03

Year first enacted: 1933


State sales taxes are no longer collected on cigarettes and tobacco products pursuant to a legislative referendum passed on November 2, 2004.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff: 60% of the factory list price;
Smoking Tobacco: 80% of the factory list price;
Little Cigars (not weighing more than three lbs. per thousand): 3.6 cents per cigar;
Cigars (weighing more than three lbs. per thousand): 10 cents to 12 cents per cigar depending on recommended retail selling price.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from taxes on tobacco products other cigarettes is distributed to the state general revenue fund and the same programs and purposes as 80 cents of the cigarette tax. See above for details.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
Revenue from 50 percent of the tax on chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff; 50 percent of the tax on smoking tobacco; 0.9 cents of the tax on little cigars; and 1 to 3 cents of the tax on other cigars goes to the General Revenue Fund. The remaining revenue (50 percent of the tax on chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff; 50 percent of the tax on smoking tobacco; 2.7 cents of the tax on little cigars; and 9 cents of the tax on regular cigars) is distributed based on the same percentages specified for 80 cents of the cigarette tax. See above for details.

Tobacco Control Program Funding
Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $45,000,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 53.4%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Oklahoma’s tobacco prevention and control program comes from the state general revenue fund, tobacco tax revenue and interest generated from the state’s Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund funded by annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

State Funding Details
Oklahoma allocated $21,683,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2009, $19,798,734 was allocated.


Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
The “Tobacco Use Reduction Fund” was created as a revolving fund administered by the state Department of Health. The fund is not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall consist of all monies appropriated by the legislature, any other funds that may be appropriated by the Board of Directors of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund and all other monies including gifts, grants and other funds that may be directed thereto. All monies credited to the fund may be used for the state Plan for Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation, overseen by the 20-member Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee, which is to meet at least four times a year. On or before January 1, 2002, the committee shall review and recommend a plan that is in compliance with nationally recognized guidelines or scientific evidence of effectiveness. Such eligible programs shall include media campaigns targeting youth, school and community based education programs, prevention and/or cessation programs for youth and adults. Any money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be retained for use in the next year.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products
Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission is authorized and empowered to enforce most tobacco youth access laws. Persons under 18 years of age may be enlisted by the ABLE Commission.
Commission, a municipality or town, or a county to assist in compliance checks and enforcement if written parental consent has been provided and the testing is conducted under the direct supervision of the ABLE Commission or another authorized law enforcement agency. This shall not apply to the use of persons under 18 to test compliance if the test is being conducted by or on behalf of a retailer of cigarettes at any location where the retailer is authorized to sell cigarettes. Any other use of minors to test compliance shall be unlawful and punishable by a fine of $100. The ABLE commission shall notify storeowners when one of their employees has been determined to be in violation by the ABLE commission or convicted of a violation by a municipality.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.11 (2004).

Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for any person to sell, give or furnish in any manner any tobacco product to another person who is under 18 years of age. This does not apply to an employee under 18 handling tobacco products as part of their employment. Persons who violate this law shall be fined not more than $100 for the first offense, not more than $200 for the second offense within a two-year period, not more than $300 for the third offense within a two-year period and the license to sell tobacco products may be suspended for no more than 30 days, not more than $300 for a fourth and subsequent offense in a two-year period and the license to sell tobacco products may be suspended for no more than 60 days. If the sale is made by the employee of the owner of the store, the employee shall be guilty of the violation and shall be subject to the fine. Each violation by any employee shall be a violation against the owner for purposes of a license suspension. Proof that the defendant demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon proof of age, shall be a defense to any action brought pursuant to this section. This can be proved if the individual who purchased or received the tobacco product presented a driver’s license or other form of government-issued photo identification purporting to establish that the individual was 18 years of age or older and the person cited for the violation confirmed the validity of the identification by performing a transaction scan by means of a transaction scan device. This does not relieve any person cited for a violation from exercising reasonable diligence to determine whether the physical description and picture appearing on the driver’s license was that of the person who presented it. County sheriffs may enforce this law.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.3 (2004).

It is unlawful to sell, give or furnish in any manner to another person who is under 18 any material or device used in the smoking, chewing, or other method of consumption of tobacco, including cigarette papers, pipes, holders of smoking materials of all types, and other items designed primarily for the smoking or ingestion of tobacco products. Violation is an administrative fine not to exceed $100 for each offense.


Sign Posting Requirements

Every person who sells tobacco at retail shall post at the place of business a sign that states “IT’S THE LAW. WE DO NOT SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.” The sign shall also provide the number for the ABLE Commission for reporting violations of youth access laws. Violators shall be fined $50 for each day such offense occurs.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.5 (2004).

Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes

Any person who shall furnish to any minor by gift, sale or otherwise any bidis shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine in the amount of not less than $25 or more than $200 and by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not less than 10 days or more than 90 days for each offense.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products shall demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that the prospective purchaser may be less than 18 years of age. “Proof of age” means a driver’s license, license for identification only, or other generally accepted means of identification that describes the individual as 18 years of age or older and contains a photograph or other likeness of the individual and appears on its face to be valid. If an individual engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products has demanded proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient, the individual engaged in the sale or distribution shall reasonably rely upon proof of age presented by the purchaser or recipient and reasonably may assume that the purchaser or recipient is 18 years of age or older and is of the age at which the individual can purchase tobacco products without restriction of sale.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.7 (2004).

Penalties for Photocopying Licenses

It is unlawful to possess or circulate any form of a driver’s license or a license for identification only that is identical to, or contains a photograph of, the photo identification of another person except as permitted by law. Any such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $25 or more than $200 and by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not less than 10 days or more than 90 days for each offense.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 21, § 1242 (2002).
purchaser or recipient who is not less than 18 years of age, the failure to subsequently require proof of age shall not constitute a violation. Penalties for violation are the same as those for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.3 (2004).

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

It is unlawful for a person who is under 18 years of age to purchase, receive, or have in their possession a tobacco product; or to present or offer to any person any purported proof of age which is false or fraudulent, for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product. It shall not be unlawful for an employee under 18 years of age to handle tobacco products when required in the performance of the employee's duties. Minors found guilty shall be fined $100 for a first offense and $200 for subsequent offenses within a one-year period. If they fail to pay within 90 days, their driver’s license may be suspended, or not be issued or renewed.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.4 (1997).

Any minor in possession of tobacco products who is asked where and from whom such products were obtained by any police officer, constable, juvenile court officer, truant officer, or teacher, and who refuses to furnish such information shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. If the minor is 16 years of age or older, they shall be sentenced to a fine of $5 or imprisonment in the county jail for up to five days. If younger than 16, they shall be certified to the juvenile court for such action that court deems proper.


Placement of Tobacco Products

It is unlawful for any person or retail store to display or offer for sale tobacco products in any manner that allows public access to the tobacco product without assistance from the person displaying the tobacco product or an employee of the store. These provisions shall not apply to retail stores which do not admit into the store persons under 18 years of age. Violation is subject to an administrative fine of not more than $200 for each violation.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No person shall mail, ship or otherwise deliver cigarettes in connection with a delivery sale unless first the person obtains a certification from the prospective customer that includes reliable confirmation the purchaser is over 18, and a statement verifying the consumer’s age and address, and indicates that the purchaser understands that signing another person’s name to the certification and/or sales to people under the age of 18 is illegal. The person must make a good faith effort to verify the information against a commercially available database or obtain a photocopy of the government issued ID of the purchaser. The person must also use a delivery service that requires the purchaser placing the delivery sale, or another adult of legal minimum purchase age residing at the purchaser’s address, to sign to accept delivery of the shipping container and proof, in the form of a valid, government-issued identification bearing a photograph of the individual unless the individual appears to be over 27 years of age. A first violation of the above provisions is a fine of up to $1,000. A second and subsequent violation is a penalty of at least $1,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. Knowingly violating the above provisions is a fine of $10,000, or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater and/or up to five years in prison. Failing to collect or remit taxes is a penalty of five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved in addition to any other penalty.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

Each individual employed as a retail clerk shall be informed of state law regarding sales of tobacco products to minors and shall sign a form attesting to their understanding of this law and promising as a condition of their employment to obey the law.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.6 (1997).

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

No agency or other political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, municipalities,
counties or any agency thereof, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the sale, purchase, distribution, advertising, sampling, promotion, display, possession, licensing, or taxation of tobacco products, except as provided in Section 1511 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1-1521 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 1247 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, however, nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt any agency or political subdivision from exercising its lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use or to enforce a fire code regulation regulating smoking or tobacco products to the extent that such regulation is substantially similar to nationally recognized standard fire codes.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.10 (1994).

**Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products**

**Tobacco Product Samples**

It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute tobacco products or product samples to anyone under 18, and in or on any public street, sidewalk, or park that is within 300 feet of any playground, school, or other facility when the facility is being used primarily by persons under 18. Violators shall be fined not more than $100 for the first offense, not more than $200 for the second offense, and not more than $300 for any subsequent offense. If they fail to pay within 90 days, their driver’s license may be suspended, or not be issued or renewed.


**Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts**

It is unlawful for any person to sell cigarettes except in the original, sealed package in which they were placed by the manufacturer. Violators will be fined $200 for each offense.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.9 (1997).

**State Preemption of Local Samples Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

No agency or other political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties or any agency thereof, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the sale, purchase, distribution, advertising, sampling, promotion, display, possession, licensing, or taxation of tobacco products, except as provided in Section 1511 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1-1521 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 1247 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, however, nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt any enforcement of any state law, regulation, or ordinance concerning smoking or tobacco products.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.10 (1994).

**Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines**

**Vending Machine Placement**

Vending machines containing tobacco products shall be located in the following areas: areas of factories, businesses, offices or other places that are not open to the public; and places that are open to the public, but to which persons under 18 are not admitted.

OKLA. STAT. tit. 37, § 600.7 (2004).

**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**

No penalty specified for violation.

**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**

No state law/regulation.

**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or sign posting on tobacco products vending machines are not allowed, see below.

No agency or other political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties or any agency thereof, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the sale, purchase, distribution, advertising, sampling, promotion, display, possession, licensing, or taxation of tobacco products, except as provided in Section 1511 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1-1521 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 1247 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, however, nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt any
agency or political subdivision from exercising its lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use or to enforce a fire code regulation regulating smoking or tobacco products to the extent that such regulation is substantially similar to nationally recognized standard fire codes.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.10 (1994).

### Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

#### Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Retailers, distributors, wholesalers and manufacturers must obtain a license from the state Tax Commission to sell cigarettes. Distributors, wholesalers and manufacturers’ licenses shall be valid for one year and a retailer’s license is valid for three years unless suspended or revoked. A separate license is required for each place of business and must at all times be conspicuously displayed in the place of business.


#### License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

#### License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

#### License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

#### License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

#### License Fees
Retail cigarette license: $30 every three years; Manufacturers, wholesalers or distributors of cigarettes: $25 annually for each place of business.


#### License Suspension for Sales to Minors
For a third violation of the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors, the license to sell tobacco products may be suspended for not more than 30 days in addition to any other penalties. For a fourth and subsequent violations the license to sell tobacco products may be suspended for not more than 60 days in addition to any other penalties. Failure to pay an administrative fine as a result of a violation of the sales to minors’ law within 90 days will also result in a license suspension.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 37, § 600.3 (2004).

### Smoking Protection Laws
It is unlawful for an employer to discharge any individual, or otherwise disadvantage any individual, with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the individual is a nonsmoker or smokes or uses tobacco products during non-working hours or require as a condition of employment that any employee or applicant abstain from tobacco use during non-working hours. This shall not apply when the restriction on smoking relates to a bona fide occupational requirement or an applicable collective bargaining agreement which prohibits or allows off-duty use of tobacco products. The sole remedy for any individual claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of this law shall be a civil action for damages, including all wages and benefits deprived the individual by reason of the violation.


### Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

### Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

### Divestment
No state law/regulation.

### Liability

#### Tobacco Industry Liability
The appeal bond required in any action or litigation involving a tobacco product manufacturer that is a party to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) or a party to the Smokeless Tobacco MSA shall be in an amount not to exceed 100 percent of the judgment, exclusive of interest and costs, 10 percent of the net worth of the judgment debtor or $25 million, whichever is less. However, if it is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant for whom the bond has been limited is intentionally dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of...
avoiding payment of the judgment, the court shall enter such orders as are necessary to prevent dissipation or diversion, including, but not limited to, requiring that a bond be posted equal to the full amount of security required.


More generally, the bond to appeal a lawsuit judgment for money shall be for the amount of the judgment, decree or order, including costs and interest on appeal, except the bond can not exceed $25 million dollars. The bond may also be limited if it poses substantial economic harm to a defendant. If it is proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant for whom the bond has been limited is intentionally dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business for the purpose of avoiding payment of the judgment, the court shall enter such orders as are necessary to prevent dissipation or diversion, including, but not limited to, requiring that a bond be posted equal to the full amount of security required. After November 1, 2009, appeal bonds are not required for appeals of punitive damages only.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (H) of section 326.3 Oklahoma Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Oklahoma or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Oklahoma unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 326.3 Oklahoma Statutes; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the State Fire Marshal in accordance with section 326.4 Oklahoma Statutes; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 326.5 Oklahoma Statutes.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale in violation of the above shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for each pack of cigarettes sold; provided that in no case shall the penalty against any such person or entity exceed $100,000 during a 30-day period. Any retail dealer who knowingly sells cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $300 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale; provided that in no case shall be the penalty be more than $25,000 in any 30-day period. In addition, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of at least $500 for each false certification.
least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit. 74, §§ 326.1 to 326.11 (2009).

■ Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Prohibits local governing bodies from enacting stronger laws/ordinances concerning the smoking/use of, sale, purchase, distribution, advertising, sampling, promotion, display, possession, licensing, or taxation of tobacco products.

■ Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $21,683,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking in all buildings or portions of buildings owned by educational facilities as defined. Allows institutions within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to adopt policies restricting or prohibiting smoking and/or tobacco use in buildings or on the campuses/grounds owned or operated by the institution.

H.B. 2748 enacted 4/13/10 and effective 11/1/10.

Smoking/Restaurants: Gives restaurants a rebate of 50 percent of the costs of creating a smoking room as allowed under Oklahoma’s current smoking restrictions if they become entirely smokefree no later than January 1, 2013.

H.B. 2774 enacted 5/7/10 and effective 11/1/10.

Tobacco Liability/Non Participating Manufacturers: Limits the bond required to appeal a lawsuit judgment against cigarette manufacturers that do not participate in the Master Settlement Agreement to a maximum of $25 million.

S.B. 2125 enacted 4/16/10 and effective 11/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
No person shall smoke in a public place or place of employment, including restaurants, bars and non-tribal gaming establishments. “Public place” means any enclosed indoor area open to the public. Smoking is also prohibited within 10 feet of entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes to public places and places of employment.

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) up to 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms, 2) smoking of noncommercial tobacco products for ceremonial purposes in spaces designated for traditional ceremonies, 3) smoke shops as defined and 4) cigar bars as specified and defined.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in all places of employment, including all places of public employment. “Place of employment” means every enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer that employees frequent during the course of employment, including but not limited to work areas, employee lounges, vehicles that are operated in the course of an employer’s business that are not operated exclusively by one employee, rest rooms, conference rooms, classrooms, cafeterias, and hallways, meeting rooms, elevators and stairways.

Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in all places of employment. “Place of employment” means every enclosed area under the control of a public or private employer that employees frequent during the course of employment, including but not limited to work areas, employee lounges, vehicles that are operated in the course of an employer’s business that are not operated exclusively by one employee, rest rooms, conference rooms, classrooms, cafeterias, and hallways, meeting rooms, elevators and stairways.

Schools
No student, staff member, or school visitor is permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, or chew or sell tobacco at any time, including non-school hours, in any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the school district, school, or public charter school; or on school grounds, athletic grounds or parking lots.
To the extent not covered by the restrictions above, smoking is prohibited in all public places, including educational facilities.

Oregon Head Start Pre-Kindergarten (OHS Pre-K) program participants, family members, staff members, visitors and all others are not permitted to smoke, inhale, dip, or chew or sell tobacco at any time, including non-school hours, when they are in the following environments: (a) In any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, rented, or chartered by an OHS Pre-K program; or (b) on any outdoor grounds, or portions thereof, that are wholly owned and/or operated by the OHS Pre-K program, including but not limited to playgrounds and parking lots. Staff and volunteers of any Head Start program must also avoid bringing or wearing clothing that smells of smoke into the center, on the playground, or in other areas where children are present. The new policy took effect January 1, 2009, and all OHS Pre-K programs were required to establish policies and procedures to implement and enforce this rule for Head Start participants, family members, staff, visitors, and all others.
Oregon Department of Education Policy Letter, “Tobacco Free Environments,” issued 10/30/08 and effective 1/1/09.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in all public places and places of employment, including child care facilities. Home-based child care and adult day care facilities are specifically included in the definition of place of employment.
Children in the custody of the State Office for Services to Children and Families (SOSCF) shall not be exposed to secondhand smoke in the foster parent/relative caregiver’s home or vehicle.

OR ADMIN. RULES § 413-200-0346(3)(b) (2001).

Health Care Facilities

The administrator or person in charge of a hospital may not permit a person to smoke tobacco in the hospital; or within 10 feet of a doorway, open window or ventilation intake of the hospital. The Director of Human Services may impose a civil penalty of not more than $500 per day on a person for violation of this section. Civil penalties imposed against a person under this subsection may not exceed $2,000 in any 30-day period.

OR. REV. STAT. § 441.815 (2009).

Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in all public places and places of employment, including restaurants.


Bars

Smoking is prohibited in all public places and places of employment, including bars/taverns. Smoking is allowed in cigar bars as defined, and as long as they generated on-site retail sales of cigars of at least $5,000 for the calendar year ending December 31, 2006.


Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions

Disclosure of Smoking Policy in Multi-Unit Housing:

The rental agreement for a dwelling unit regulated under Oregon Revised Statute chapter 90 must include a disclosure of the smoking policy for the premises on which the dwelling unit is located. The disclosure must state whether smoking is prohibited on the premises, allowed on the entire premises or allowed in limited areas on the premises. If the smoking policy allows smoking in limited areas on the premises, the disclosure must identify the areas on the premises where smoking is allowed. This does not apply to certain specified rental agreements as well as manufactured dwellings and floating homes as defined.


Penalties/Enforcement

An employer shall post signs notifying people of the above provisions. The Oregon Health Authority is responsible for adopting and implementing rules; and enforcing compliance with these rules. Violation of the above provisions and sign-posting requirements is a Class A violation punishable by a fine totaling no more than $500 per day, not to exceed $2,000 within a 30-day period.


Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.18

Date last changed: January 1, 2004 – from $1.28 to $1.18

Year first enacted: 1966


Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $215,332,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Cigarette tax revenue is first put into a suspense account and used for administration and enforcement of cigarette taxes. Then it is distributed primarily to the state general fund and Oregon Health Plan Fund although small amounts go cities and counties in the state, and other specified purposes. A small portion is used to fund the state tobacco prevention and cessation program.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

The revenue from 58 cents of the cigarette tax is first deposited into a suspense account in the state Treasury, and used for administration and enforcement of the tax. After the payment of administrative and enforcement expenses, 89.65 percent
shall be credited to the General Fund, 3.45 percent is appropriated to the cities of this state, 3.45 percent is appropriated to the counties of this state and 3.45 percent is continuously appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of financing and improving transportation services for elderly and disabled individuals. Of the money going to the General Fund, 51.92 percent is dedicated to medical assistance under Oregon Revised statutes, chapter 414 and 5.77 percent is credited to the Tobacco Use Reduction Account.

OR. REV. STAT. § 323.455 (2010).

The revenue from the other 60 cents of the cigarette tax is first deposited into a suspense account in the state Treasury, and used to reimburse the state Department of Revenue, state Police, and state Department of Justice for administration and enforcement of the tax. After the payment of administrative and enforcement expenses, 97.9 percent is distributed to the Oregon Health Plan Fund, 0.467 percent is appropriated to the Department of Administrative Services for the cities of this state, 0.467 percent is appropriated to the Department of Administrative Services for the counties of this state, 0.467 is appropriated to the Department of Transportation to be transferred to the Elderly and Disabled Special Transportation Fund, and 0.7 percent is credited to the Tobacco Use Reduction Fund.

OR. REV. STAT. § 323.457 (2010).

Tobacco Control Program Funding
Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

| FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs | $7,134,500 |
| FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs | $2,994,548 *
| FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs | $10,129,048 |
| Funding Level Recommended by CDC | $43,000,000 |
| Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level | 23.6% |

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Oregon’s tobacco prevention and cessation program comes from tobacco tax revenue.

State Funding Details
Oregon appropriated $7,134,500 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2009, the same amount was appropriated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.

FY2010-FY2011 Department of Human Services Biennial Budget (S.B. 5529) enacted and effective 7/16/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
The Tobacco Use Reduction Account was established in the General Fund. Amounts credited to the account are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the funding of prevention and education programs designed to reduce cigarette and tobacco use. The authority shall develop and adopt rules for awarding grants to programs for educating the public on the risks of tobacco use, including, but not limited to, educating children on the health hazards and conse-
quences of tobacco use, and promoting enrollment in smoking cessation programs and programs that prevent smoking-related diseases including cancer and other diseases of the heart, lungs and mouth.


**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

The Oregon Health Authority shall coordinate with law enforcement agencies to conduct random, unannounced inspections of tobacco retailers and wholesalers to ensure compliance with laws designed to discourage the use of tobacco by minors. The department shall adopt rules concerning these inspections providing that inspection may only take place in areas open to the public and during the hours that tobacco products are sold or distributed, and shall not be more frequent than once a month in any single establishment unless a compliance problem exists or is suspected. A minor acting under the supervision of an adult may purchase, attempt to purchase or acquire tobacco products for the purpose of testing compliance with a federal law, state statute, local law or retailer management policy limiting or regulating the delivery of tobacco products to minors.


**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

A person commits the crime of endangering the welfare of a minor if the person knowingly distributes, sells, or causes to be sold any tobacco product or device for the use of tobacco to a person less than 18 years of age. A violation is a Class A violation punishable by a fine of not less than $100.


**Sign Posting Requirements**

Notice shall be posted in a location clearly visible to the seller and purchaser that the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age is prohibited. Violation constitutes a civil penalty of between $100 and $500.


**Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes**

The definition of “tobacco products” includes bids making it unlawful to knowingly distribute, sell or cause to be sold bidis to a person less than 18 years of age. Violation is a Class A violation punishable by a fine of $100.


**Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products**

No state law/regulation.

**Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors**

No person under 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase or acquire tobacco products. Except when such minor is in a private residence accompanied by the parent or guardian of the minor and with the consent of such parent or guardian, no person under 18 years of age shall have personal possession of tobacco products. Any person who violates this is guilty of a violation. For the first offense, in lieu of any other penalty, the person may be ordered to participate in a tobacco education program or a tobacco use cessation program or to perform community service related to diseases associated with the consumption of tobacco products. A person may be ordered to participate in such a program only once. For a second violation, in addition to any other penalty, a person who is convicted through misrepresentation of age may be required to participate in a tobacco education or a tobacco use cessation program or to perform community service related to diseases associated with the consumption of tobacco products, and the court shall order that the person’s driving privileges and right to apply for driving privileges be suspended for a period not to exceed one year. This does not apply to minors involved in efforts to test compliance.


It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 to possess tobacco products. Any person who violates this law is guilty of a Class D violation.


**Placement of Tobacco Products**

A person having authority over the location of cigarettes and other tobacco products in a retail store may not locate cigarettes or other tobacco products in a location in the store where the
cigarettes or other tobacco products are accessible by store customers without assistance by a store employee. This does not apply if the location at which the cigarettes or tobacco products are sold is a store or other establishment at which persons under 18 years of age are prohibited. Violation is a Class B violation. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

Prior to the first delivery of tobacco to a consumer relating to a delivery sale purchase order the person shall comply with specific age-verification requirements, including obtaining a certification from the prospective consumer and verifying the information against a commercially available database of government collected information and a photocopy of a government-issued identification; the requirement to get a cigarette or tobacco products distributor’s license; specific disclosure requirements; specific shipping requirements, including use of a delivery service that requires a signature from the consumer or another adult of legal purchasing age upon delivery and proof, in the form of a government-issued identification; and specific reporting requirements. A first violation is subject to a fine of $1,000 or five times the retail value of the tobacco involved, whichever is greater. A second violation is a $5,000 fine or five times the retail value of the tobacco involved, whichever is greater. Knowingly violating this law or knowingly submitting a false certification under the name of another person is subject to a $10,000 fine or five times the retail value of the tobacco involved, whichever is greater, or may be imprisoned for up to five years.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are generally allowed; state preemption only applies to tobacco product vending machines.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

A person may not distribute free samples of smokeless tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age or in any area unless access to persons under 21 years of age is prohibited. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor.

OR. REV. STAT. § 180.486(d) (2010).

Except as specified above, it is unlawful to distribute free tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age as part of a marketing strategy to encourage the use of tobacco products. Violation constitutes a civil penalty of between $100 and $500.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is unlawful to sell cigarettes in any form other than a sealed package. Violation constitutes a civil penalty of between $100 and $500.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are allowed; state preemption only applies to tobacco product vending machines.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

A person may not sell or dispense tobacco products from a vending machine, except in an establishment that is permanently off-limits to minors under rules adopted by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation is a Class B violation punishable by a fine of up to $250 for each day the violation exists.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

No state law/regulation.
State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or the required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

Cities and counties by ordinance or resolution shall not regulate vending machines that dispense tobacco products, as defined in Oregon Revised Statute section 431.840, in any form and that are in any manner accessible to minors.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Wholesalers and distributors must obtain a license to sell cigarettes from the Department of Revenue. A separate license is required for each place of business.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Fees
No fee for distributors; no fee specified for wholesalers.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws

It is an unlawful employment practice for any employer to require, as a condition of employment, that any employee or prospective employee refrain from using lawful tobacco products during non-working hours, except when the restriction relates to a bona fide occupational requirement. This section does not apply if an applicable collective bargaining agreement prohibits off-duty use of tobacco products. A civil action may be filed in circuit court for a violation.


Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability
In any civil action, against a tobacco product manufacturer, or against an affiliate or successor of a tobacco product manufacturer subject to the requirements of the Master Settlement Agreement, the supersedes undertaking required as a condition of a stay of judgment throughout all appeals or discretionary appellate review, shall be established in the manner provided by the laws and court rules of this state applicable to supersedes undertakings, but the amount of the supersedes undertaking may not exceed $150 million. If at any time after the posting of the supersedes undertaking the court determines that a tobacco product manufacturer, affiliate or successor, outside of the ordinary course of its business, is purposely dissipating or diverting assets for the purpose of avoiding payment on final judgment in the action, the court may condition continuance of the stay on an order requiring that the tobacco product manufacturer, affiliate or successor post a supersedes undertaking in an amount up to the full amount of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All monies received from the Master Settlement Agreement are deposited in a Tobacco Settlement Funds Account in the General Fund. A small amount is allocated to the Department of Justice
in odd-numbered years to enforce laws related to the MSA. All other moneys in the account are appropriated as directed by the legislature.

OR. REV. STAT. § 293.537 (2003).

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**

The Tobacco Settlement Funds Account is established as an account in the General Fund. Except as specified otherwise, the account shall consist of all moneys received from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) between the state of Oregon and certain cigarette companies. On July 1 of each odd-numbered year, an amount requested by the state Department of Justice to enforce certain laws is transferred to a Tobacco Enforcement Fund. All other moneys in the account are appropriated as directed by the legislature.

OR. REV. STAT. § 293.537 (2003).

The Health Care Trust Fund was established in the state Treasury. The trust fund shall consist of moneys from the MSA as directed by the legislature. Earnings on the trust fund are appropriated to the Department of Administrative Services to be used only for the purpose of financing health programs.


**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, a person may not distribute or offer to sell a cigarette within Oregon unless the cigarette is of a variety the state Fire Marshal has determined to have reduced ignition propensity. For a cigarette to be determined to have reduced ignition propensity, it must meet the ignition propensity testing requirements in Oregon Revised Statute section 476.770. A cigarette manufacturer must also submit a written certification with specific requirements outlined in Oregon Revised Statutes section 476.780. The cigarette packages deemed to meet the standard must also be marked pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute section 476.785.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

The state Fire Marshal may impose a civil penalty for violation. For a person that distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to a wholesale or retail dealer,

$10,000 or five times the wholesale invoice cost of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater. For a person that distributes or offers to sell not more than 1,000 cigarettes to consumers, $500, and for a distribution or offer of more than 1,000 cigarettes, $1,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater. For a continuing violation, each day that a person distributes or offers to sell cigarettes after being notified by the state Fire Marshal is a separate violation subject to civil penalty.


**Preemption**

**Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning tobacco product vending machines are not allowed.

**Legislative Activity**

**2010 Legislative Activity**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $7,134,500 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2010-FY2011 Department of Human Services Biennial Budget (S.B. 5529) enacted and effective 7/16/09 (FY2010) & 7/1/10 (FY2011).
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in many public places, defined by the law as an enclosed area which serves as a workplace, commercial establishment or an area where the public is invited or permitted. See the definition of “public place” in Title 35 Pennsylvania Statutes section 637.2 below for a more detailed list of specific types of places covered. Smoking can still occur in parts of some restaurants, bars and casinos/gaming establishments among a number of other exemptions, see below.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) a private home, private residence or private vehicle except when used for specified purposes, including child care services; 2) designated quarters within a lodging establishment accounting for no more than 25 percent of the total number of lodging units in a single place or within a full-service truck stop as defined; 3) a tobacco shop as defined, as long as the process for obtaining an exemption is followed; 4) a workplace of a manufacturer, importer or wholesaler of tobacco products, a manufacturer of tobacco-related products, including lighters, a tobacco leaf dealer or processor, or a tobacco storage facility; 5) residential long-term care facilities as specified; 6) a separate enclosed room or designated smoking room in a residential adult care facility, community mental health care facility, drug and alcohol facility or other residential health care facility; 7) a designated smoking room in a facility which provides day treatment programs; 8) a private club except when it is open to the public by general advertisement for a club-sponsored event or the club is leased or used for an event that is not club-sponsored, to qualify for this exemption a private club must take and record a vote of its officers under the bylaws to address smoking in the private club’s facilities; 9) a place where a fundraiser is conducted by a nonprofit and charitable organization one time per year under certain conditions; 11) a cigar bar as defined, as long as the process for obtaining an exemption is followed; 12) a drinking establishment as defined, as long as the process for an obtaining an exemption is followed; 13) 25 percent of the gaming floor at a licensed gambling facility, which can be increased to up to 50 percent of the gaming floor if certain conditions are met; and 14) a designated outdoor smoking area within the confines of a sports or recreational facility, theater or performance establishment.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are not allowed, except for Philadelphia, which can keep its current stronger ordinance, but not strengthen it. State law supersedes Philadelphia’s law concerning casinos/gaming establishments as well.

The law above shall supersede any ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted by a political subdivision concerning smoking in a public place. No political subdivision shall have the authority to adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution or regulation which is in conflict with the above law. This shall not apply to a city of the first class; however, a city of the first class may not change or amend its ordinance to conflict with any provision of the law.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in public places, which as defined in the law includes workplaces. Workplace is defined as an indoor area serving as a place of employment, occupation, business, trade, craft, professional or volunteer activity. Although not specifically mentioned in the law, this definition includes state and local government workplaces.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in public places, which as defined in the law includes workplaces. Workplace is defined as an indoor area serving as a place of employment, occupation, business, trade, craft, professional or volunteer activity. A workplace of a manufacturer, importer or wholesaler of tobacco products, a manufacturer of tobacco-related prod-
ucts, including lighters, a tobacco leaf dealer or processor, or a tobacco storage facility are exempt.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Schools

Tobacco use or possession by pupils is prohibited in school buildings; and school buses or buses, vans or other vehicles owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district; and on school property owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district. Tobacco use by any person other than a pupil is prohibited in school buildings; and on buses, vans or other vehicles owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district; and on property owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district. The board of school directors may designate certain areas on property owned by, leased by or under the control of the school district where tobacco use by persons other than pupils is permitted. Such areas shall be no less than 50 feet from school buildings, stadiums or bleachers. The board of school directors may designate smoking areas for employees and shall establish policy to enforce the prohibition of tobacco use under this section and may further establish a policy relating to tobacco use at school-sponsored events which are held off school premises. This section supersedes any municipal ordinance or school board regulation to the contrary.


To the extent not covered by the above restrictions, smoking is prohibited in public places, which as defined in the law includes all facilities that provide education-related services.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in public places, which as defined in the law includes child care facilities. Private homes, private residences and private vehicles when used for the provision of child care services, adult day care services or services related to the care of children and youth in state or county custody are specifically covered.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in public places, which as defined in the law includes all facilities that provide healthcare-related services. Exceptions include: 1) a long-term care facility regulated under federal law Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations 483.15; 2) a separate enclosed room or designated smoking room in a residential adult care facility, community mental health care facility, drug and alcohol facility or other residential health care facility that does not fall under the first exemption; and 3) a designated smoking room in a facility which provides day treatment programs.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in public places, which as defined in the law includes facilities that provide food-related services (restaurants) as well as places where the public is invited or permitted. This does not apply to an enclosed area within an establishment that: a) operates pursuant to an eating place license, restaurant license or retail dispenser license under the Liquor Code; b) is a physically connected or directly adjacent enclosed area which is separate from the eating area, has a separate air system and has a separate outside entrance; c) has total annual sales of food sold for on-premises consumption of less than or equal to 20 percent of the combined gross sales within the permitted smoking area of the establishment; and d) does not permit individuals under 18 years of age to enter. To claim this exemption, an establishment must submit a letter, accompanied by verifiable supporting documentation, to the department claiming an exception. Exception shall be based upon the establishment’s books, accounts, revenues or receipts, including those reported to the Department of Revenue for sales tax purposes, from the previous year or stated projected annual revenues, which shall be verified within six months.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Bars

Smoking is allowed in drinking establishments, which as defined in the law is an establishment, which: 1) operates pursuant to an eating place license, restaurant license or retail dispenser license under the Liquor Code; has total annual sales of food sold for on-premises consumption of less than or equal to 20 percent of the combined gross sales of the establishment; and does not permit individuals under 18 years of age to enter. 2) Or an enclosed area in an establishment that: a) operates pursuant to an eating place license, restaurant license or retail
dispenser license under the Liquor Code; b) is a physically connected or directly adjacent enclosed area which is separate from the eating area, has a separate air system and has a separate outside entrance; c) has total annual sales of food sold for on-premises consumption of less than or equal to 20 percent of the combined gross sales within the permitted smoking area of the establishment; and d) does not permit individuals under 18 years of age to enter. Smoking is also allowed in cigar bars, which as defined in the law are either: 1) an establishment which operates pursuant to an eating place retail dispenser’s or restaurant liquor license under the Liquor Code, and is physically connected by a door, passageway or other opening and directly adjacent to a tobacco shop; or 2) an establishment which, at any time, operates pursuant to an eating place retail dispenser’s license, malt or brewed beverage distributor’s license or restaurant liquor license under the Liquor Code, and has total annual sales of tobacco products, including tobacco, accessories or cigar storage lockers or humidors of at least 15 percent of the combined gross sales of the establishment. To claim an exemption as a drinking establishment or cigar bar, an establishment must submit a letter, accompanied by verifiable supporting documentation, to the department claiming an exception. Exception shall be based upon the establishment’s books, accounts, revenues or receipts, including those reported to the Department of Revenue for sales tax purposes, from the previous year or stated projected annual revenues, which shall be verified within six months.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Penalties/Enforcement

“Smoking” or “No Smoking” signs or the international “No Smoking” symbol shall be prominently posted and properly maintained where smoking is prohibited by the owner, operator, manager or other person having control of the area. A “Smoking Permitted” sign shall be prominently posted and maintained at every entrance to a public place where smoking is permitted. The law can be enforced by the state Department of Health or state licensing agency, county board of health or law enforcement agency as specified. Violation is subject to a fine or penalty of not to exceed $250 for a first violation, not to exceed $500 for a second violation within one year of receiving a first violation and not to exceed $1,000 for a third violation within one year of a second violation. An affirmative defense is available if when the violation occurred, the actual control of the public place was not exercised by the owner, operator or manager but by a lessee or the owner, operator or manager made a good faith effort to prohibit smoking. Complaints can be made to the Department of Health or local law enforcement agency as specified.

35 PA. STAT §§ 637.1 to 637.11 (2008).

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes

Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.60

Date last changed: November 1, 2009 – from $1.35 to $1.60

Year first enacted: 1935

72 PA. STAT. § 8206 (2009).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $984,148,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

Little cigars (weighing under 4 lbs/thousand): 8 cents per cigar;

All other tobacco products: No tax levied.

72 PA. STAT. § 8206 (2009).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

| FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: | $14,700,000 |
| FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $7,372,512 * |
| FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: | $22,072,512 |

Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $155,500,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 14.2%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Pennsylvania’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments.

State Funding Details

Pennsylvania allocated $14,700,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from a portion of the state’s annual MSA payment. In FY2010,
$17,674,000 was allocated.

FY2011 Allocation based on 35 PA STAT § 5701.306, effective 7/1/10; H.B. 1614 enacted and effective 10/9/09 and S.B. 1042 enacted 7/6/10 and effective retroactive to 7/1/10.

Note: Title 35 Pennsylvania statutes section 5701.306 calls for 12 percent of the annual MSA payment to be spent on tobacco control programs, but S.B. 1042 (passed in 2010) shifted 25 percent of this amount to other health-related purposes and H.B. 1614 (passed in 2009) shifted 37.5 percent to the state general fund for FY2011.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

A comprehensive Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program was created within the Department of Health. Components of the program include: statewide, community, and school programs to reduce tobacco use, chronic disease programs to reduce the burden of tobacco-related diseases, enforcement of youth access laws, efforts designed to counter tobacco influences and increase health-related messages, tobacco cessation programs with a priority for serving the uninsured and low income population, program evaluation, and effective administration to coordinate state and local programs. The Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee was also established within the Department of Health, whose powers and duties are to collect and review information relating to tobacco use prevention and cessation, and make annual recommendations to the Department regarding program priorities. Consideration shall be given to: prevention and cessation programs operating in minority communities and those demographic groups which suffer from disproportionately high rates of lung cancer or other tobacco-related diseases; efforts which would lower tobacco use among school-age children; and the delivery of cessation services by approved health care practitioners.

PA STAT. §§ 5701.701 to 5701.710 (2001).

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

Compliance checks conducted by the state Department of Health, a single county authority created pursuant to the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, a county or municipal health department or a primary contractor pursuant to Chapter seven of the Tobacco Settlement Act to assess compliance with federal and state law shall be conducted only in consultation with the Department of Health and local law enforcement agency for the municipality where the compliance check is being conducted and shall only be conducted once every 30 days. A minor participating in a compliance check must be at least 14 years of age, complete a course of training approved by the Department of Health and furnish the Department of Health with a signed, written parental consent agreement allowing the minor to participate in the compliance check.

18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Penalties for Sales to Minors

A person is guilty of a summary offense if they sell or furnish tobacco products to a minor. Violators will be fined between $100 and $250 for a first offense, $250 to $500 for a second offense, and $500 to $1,000 for subsequent offenses. Retailers will be fined between $100 and $500 for a first offense, $500 to $1,000 for a second offense, $1,000 to $3,000 for a third offense, and $3,000 to $5,000 for subsequent offenses. In addition, upon the third conviction of a retailer in a 24-month period, the Department of Health may, after the opportunity for a hearing, suspend the retailer’s cigarette license for up to 30 days. Upon a fourth conviction in any 24 month period, the department may, after the opportunity for a hearing, suspend the license for up to 60 days. An affirmative defense is available for retailers if prior to the date of the alleged violation the retailer has adopted and implemented a written policy, which includes specific requirements relating to the sale of tobacco products by employees, see statute cited for more detailed information. This affirmative defense may be used by a retailer no more than three times at each retail location in a 24-month period.

18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Sign Posting Requirements

No state law/regulation.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.
Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

A minor is guilty of a summary offense if the minor purchases or attempts to purchase a tobacco product; or knowingly falsely represents himself to be at least 18 years of age to a person for the purpose of purchasing or receiving a tobacco product. A minor who violates this section shall be sentenced to any or all of the following: to not more than 75 hours of community service; to complete a tobacco use prevention and cessation program approved by the Department of Health; a fine not to exceed $200; or a 30-day suspension of motor vehicle operating privileges. This does not apply to minors used to test compliance as long as they don’t use or consume the tobacco product.

18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Placement of Tobacco Products

A person may not display or offer for sale tobacco products in any manner which enables an individual other than the retailer or an employee of the retailer to physically handle tobacco products prior to purchase unless the tobacco products are located within the line of sight, or under the control, of a cashier or other employee during business hours, except that this paragraph shall not apply to retail stores which derive 75 percent or more of sales revenues from tobacco products. Violation is subject to the same penalties as for selling or furnishing tobacco products to a minor.

18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

It shall be unlawful for any person in the business of selling cigarettes to take an order for cigarettes through the mail or through any telecommunication means, including by telephone, facsimile or the Internet, if in providing for the sale or delivery of the cigarettes pursuant to the order the person mails the cigarettes, or ships the cigarettes sold by him to the purchaser by carrier in or affecting interstate commerce, and the person fails to comply with each of the following procedures. Before mailing or shipping the cigarettes, the person receives from the purchaser a copy of a valid government-issued document that provides the name, address and date of birth of the purchaser, and a signed statement from the purchaser stating that they are of legal minimum age. The person shall also verify the age of the purchaser against a commercially available database, or obtain a photocopy of their government-issued identification. In the case of an order for cigarettes that occurs pursuant to an advertisement on the Internet or in any newspaper or print or other media, the person receives payment by credit card or check for the order before mailing or shipping the cigarettes. Payment must be made by credit card issued to, or check issued by, the person purchasing the cigarettes. The person employs a method of mailing or shipping the cigarettes requiring that the purchaser be the addressee and be the person who signs for the delivery of the cigarettes. A first violation is subject to a fine of not more than $1,000. The second or subsequent violations are subject to a fine of $1,000 to $5,000. Any person who knowingly violates this section or submits a certification in another person’s name shall be fined $10,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than five years. Failure to pay the required tax is 50 percent of the tax due but unpaid, in addition to any other penalty.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

The provisions of 18 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statute section 6305 (relating to sale of tobacco) shall preempt and supersede any local ordinance or rule concerning the subject matter of that statute. This does not prohibit local regulation enacted prior to January 1, 2002.

53 PA. CONS. STAT. § 301 (2002).

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

A person is guilty of a summary offense if they furnish tobacco products to a minor. Violation is subject to the same penalties as for selling or furnishing tobacco products to a minor.

18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).
Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A person may not display or offer for sale a cigarette out of a pack of cigarettes. Violation is subject to the same penalties as for selling or furnishing tobacco products to a minor.
18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

The provisions of 18 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statute section 6305 (relating to sale of tobacco) shall preempt and supersede any local ordinance or rule concerning the subject matter of that statute. This does not prohibit local regulation enacted prior to January 1, 2002.
53 PA. CONS. STAT. § 301 (2002).

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
A vending machine containing a tobacco product may not be located or placed in a location accessible to minors.
18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is a summary offense and is subject to the same penalties as for selling or furnishing tobacco products to a minor.
18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

The provisions of 18 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statute section 6305 (relating to sale of tobacco) shall preempt and supersede any local ordinance or rule concerning the subject matter of that statute. This does not prohibit local regulation enacted prior to January 1, 2002.
53 PA. CONS. STAT. § 301 (2002).

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products
Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Retailers and wholesalers must obtain and must conspicuously display at their place of business a license from the Department of Revenue to sell cigarettes. A license is also required for each vending machine. Licenses are valid for one year and must be renewed annually. Any person selling or distributing cigarettes without a license is subject to a fine of $250 to $1,000, costs of prosecution and/or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.
18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Fees
Retail cigarette license: $25 annually;
Wholesale cigarette license: $500 annually;
Vending machine license: $25 annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Upon the third conviction of a retailer for violating the law prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors in a 24 month period, the Department of Health may, after the opportunity for a hearing, suspend the retailer’s cigarette license for up to 30 days. Upon a fourth conviction in any 24 month period, the department may, after the opportunity for a hearing, suspend the license for up to 60 days.
18 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6305 (2002).

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.
Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
The appeal bond required to appeal a lawsuit judgment for a signatory, a successor of a signatory or an affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) is limited to $100 million, regardless of the value of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, the court may enter an order that is necessary to protect the appellee and that requires the appellant to post an appeals bond in an amount up to the total amount of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All payments received from the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) are deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Fund. Money is then transferred to a number of programs and purposes based on the original law allocating MSA payments, and changes to the state fiscal code through separate annual legislation. Twelve percent of the MSA dollars are supposed to be allocated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs under the original MSA payment law, but over half of these dollars were diverted to other purposes in FY2011.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
A special fund known as the Tobacco Settlement Fund was established to receive all payments received from the MSA. Also, within the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Health Endowment Account for Long-Term Hope, and Health Venture Investment Fund were established. This law divided the money received based on percentages of actual money received each year. Twelve percent went to the Department of Health for tobacco use prevention and cessation programs, 8 percent for deposit into the Health Account, 13 percent to the Department of Public Welfare for home and community-based care services, 19 percent total for health and related research efforts, 10 percent to the uncompensated care payment program, 30 percent for health investment insurance and the purchase of Medicaid benefits for workers with disabilities and 8 percent for expansion of the Pacenet program.

PA STAT. §§ 5701.301 to 5701.308 (2001).

Senate bill 1042 passed in 2010 amends the state fiscal code for FY2011 only. It created a Community Health Reinvestment Restricted Account in the Tobacco Settlement Fund as specified. The legislation re-directed 25 percent of money dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs and 33 percent of the money dedicated to health investment insurance and the purchase of Medicaid benefits for workers with disabilities to the Tobacco Settlement Fund to be used for other health-related purposes. The legislation also directed $15 million in investment earnings from the Tobacco Endowment Account for Long-Term Hope and 100 percent of the tobacco settlement dollars dedicated to the account in FY2011 to the Tobacco Settlement Fund. The bill then transferred $121 million from the endowment account to a restricted receipt account in the state general fund to be used as specified, and then all remaining money in the endowment account to the Tobacco Settlement Fund by June 1, 2011. Finally, SB 1042 specified that Master Settlement Agreement strategic contribution payments received in FY2010 shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Fund, and that $250 million shall be transferred from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the state general fund. House bill 1614, passed in 2009, also transferred 37.5 of the remaining money dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the state general fund in FY2011.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided under subsection (g) of section 1254.4 Pennsylvania Statutes, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Pennsylvania or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Pennsylvania unless:
1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 1254.4 Pennsylvania Statutes;
2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Department of Revenue in accordance with section 1254.5 Pennsylvania Statutes; and
3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 1254.6 Pennsylvania Statutes.

35 PA. STAT. §§ 1254.1 to 1254.11 (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

Any manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $25,000 for a subsequent offense for each sale of cigarettes. A penalty against any such person or entity may not exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. Any retail dealer who knowingly sells cigarettes in violation is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a first offense and not to exceed $9,000 for a subsequent offense for each sale of cigarettes. A penalty against a retail dealer shall not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. In addition, an entity engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $75,000 and not more than $250,000 for each such false certification.

35 PA. STAT. §§ 1254.1 to 1254.11 (2009).

Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Preempts all stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking except Philadelphia’s existing ordinance; also preempts all local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products enacted after January 1, 2002.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $14,700,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Allocation based on 35 PA STAT § 5701.306, effective 7/1/10; H.B. 1614 enacted and effective 10/9/09 and S.B. 1042 enacted 7/6/10 and effective retroactive to 7/1/10.

Settlement/Tobacco Control Program Funding: Redirected some of the annual Master Settlement Agreement monies to the Tobacco Settlement Fund or state general fund, including 25 percent and then 37.5 percent of the remaining money supposed to go to tobacco control programs in FY2011. Changed other provisions related to the allocation of tobacco settlement dollars for FY2011 only.

S.B. 1042 enacted 7/6/10 and effective retroactive to 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in almost all enclosed public places and places of employment, including all restaurants and bars. For a detailed list of public places covered, see Rhode Island General Laws section 23-20.10-3. Pari-mutual facilities (casinos) shall provide designated smoking and nonsmoking gaming areas in their facilities as specified.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences, except when used as a licensed child care, adult day care or health care facility; 2) up to 50 percent of designated hotel/motel rooms; 3) retail tobacco stores as defined, as long as smoke doesn’t drift into other areas designated as non-smoking; 4) private and semi-private rooms or designated areas in assisted living residences and nursing facilities; 5) outdoor places of employment; and 6) smoking bars as defined. This also does not apply to a stage performance provided that smoking is part of the theatrical production.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting tobacco use in and on the grounds of schools and day care facilities are specifically allowed, see below; for other types of places local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking as well.

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to restrict the power or authority of any Rhode Island city, town or other legal subdivision to adopt and enforce additional local laws, ordinances, or regulations that comply with at least the minimal applicable standards to establish smoke-free schools.


Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a city or town from enacting or enforcing an ordinance relating to tobacco use in a facility providing day care services if the ordinance is more stringent than this section.


Government Buildings
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed facilities within places of employment, including all public places of employment and vehicles being used by more than one employee. This includes common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities. An employer may provide an outdoor smoking area, but the area must be physically separated from the enclosed workplace so as to prevent the migration of smoke into the workplace. This prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all existing employees and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.


Private Workplaces
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed facilities within places of employment without exception. This includes common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities. The definition of “place of employment” includes vehicles being used by more than one employee. A private residence is not a “place of employment” unless it is used as a child care, adult day care or health care facility. An employer may provide an outdoor smoking area, but the area must be physically separated from the enclosed workplace so as to prevent the migration of smoke into the workplace. This prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all existing employees and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment.


Schools
Smoking is prohibited in all primary and secondary schools, indoor athletic facilities, school administration buildings, playgrounds, school buses and outdoor areas within 25 feet of any school building. The governing body of each school in Rhode Island shall be responsible for the development of enforcement procedures to prohibit tobacco
product usage by any person utilizing school facilities. All facilities used by a school, whether owned, leased or rented, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter. Governing bodies of schools are liable for a civil penalty of not less than $50 or to exceed $500.


To the extent not covered by the restrictions above, smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places, including primary, secondary and post-secondary education facilities.


Child Care Facilities
No person shall smoke, chew, or otherwise use tobacco products in the buildings or outdoor play areas of a licensed child day care center or during the hours of operation in a family day care home or group family day care home, in any vehicle used for transporting children or in outside areas on the grounds or premises within 25 feet of buildings or outdoor play areas; provided, further, that smoking shall not occur on grounds or premises within the children’s view. The administrator of a child day care center shall post in a conspicuous place in the center a notice stating that smoking is prohibited in the facility and its vehicles and on its grounds. Smoking may be permitted in family day care homes and group family day care homes during hours in which individuals receiving day care are not present; provided, however, that the day care provider shall notify the parent, custodian, or guardian of each individual receiving day care services that smoking routinely occurs in the home during hours when the home is not in operation.


To the extent not covered by the restrictions above, smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places, including licensed child care and adult day care facilities.


Health Care Facilities
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places, including health care facilities and the lobbies, hallways and other common areas of nursing homes. “Health care facility” is defined as an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, emotional, or other medical, physiological or psychological conditions, including, but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. Private and semi-private rooms or designated areas in assisted living residences and nursing facilities are exempt.


Restaurants
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places, including restaurants. “Restaurant” is defined as an eating establishment, including, but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, and private and public school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term “restaurant” shall include a bar area within the restaurant.


Bars
Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed public places, including bars. Smoking bars are exempt. “Smoking bar” means an establishment whose business is primarily devoted to the serving of tobacco products for consumption on the premises, in which the annual revenues generated by tobacco sales are greater than 50 percent of the total revenue for the establishment and the serving of food or alcohol is only incidental to the consumption of such tobacco products. Smoking bars are required to provide a proper ventilation system which will prevent the migration of smoke into the street.


Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Bingo games held in nonsmoking facilities are permitted to award a higher amount of total prizes in any one night than games held in smoking facilities. Prizes may total a maximum of $6,050 in cash and merchandise in nonsmoking facilities and $4,250 in smoking facilities.

Penalties/Enforcement
No-smoking signs must be clearly and conspicuously posted in every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this chapter, by the owner, operator, manager or other person in control of that place. An employer who violates the prohibition on smoking in public places or places of employment is liable for a civil penalty of $250 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for the third violation. Each day the violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense. Any citizen who desires to register a complaint under this chapter may initiate such a complaint with the Department of Health. The Department of Health, local fire department, or their designees shall, while an establishment is undergoing otherwise mandated inspections, shall inspect for compliance with the above law.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $3.46
Date last changed: April 10, 2009 – from $2.46 to $3.46
Year first enacted: 1939

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $121,229,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Cigars, pipe tobacco products and smokeless tobacco other than snuff: 80% of the wholesale cost, except the tax on cigars shall not exceed 50 cents per cigar;
Snuff: $1.00/oz. or proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
All proceeds collected from the taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes are paid into the state general fund.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

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Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $15,200,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 24.8%
* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Rhode Island’s tobacco control program comes from the state general fund.

State Funding Details
Rhode Island allocated $735,095 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from the state general fund. In FY2010, $703,000 was allocated.
FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 7397) enacted (became law without governor’s signature) 6/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals shall coordinate and promote the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and serve as the primary liaison from this department to other state or local agencies, departments, or divisions on issues pertaining to stopping children’s access to tobacco. It shall investigate concurrently with other state and local officials’ violations of this chapter. It shall utilize unannounced statewide compliance checks of retail tobacco over-the-counter sales, mail order sales initiated via mail, facsimile, telephone or the Internet, and tobacco vending machine sales as part of investigating compliance. Underage individuals, acting as agents for the department and with the written permission of a parent or guardian, may purchase, with impunity from prosecution, tobacco products for the purposes of law enforcement or government research involving monitoring compliance with this chapter, provided that the underage individuals are supervised by an adult law enforcement official.
Penalties for Sales to Minors
No person shall sell, give or deliver any tobacco in the form of cigarettes, bidi cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, or snuff to a person less than 18 years of age. No specific penalties are mentioned.

A person that holds a license issued under chapter 20 of title 44 of the Rhode Island General Laws, or an employee or agent of that person, is prohibited from selling, distributing or delivering a tobacco product to any individual that is less than 18 years of age. Violation is punishable by a fine of $250 for a first violation, $500 for a second violation within any 36 month period, $1,000 and a 14 day suspension of the license to sell tobacco products for a third violation within any 36 month period, and a fine of $1,500 and a 90 day suspension of the license to sell tobacco products for each violation in excess of three. The license holder is responsible for all violations that occur at the location for which the license is issued. The court shall suspend the imposition of a license suspension if the court finds that the license holder has taken measures to prevent the sale of tobacco to minors and the license holder can demonstrate to the court that those measures have been taken and that employees have received training. No person shall sell tobacco products, at retail, without first being trained in the legal sale of tobacco products. Dealers shall maintain records indicating that the provisions of this section were reviewed with all employees who conduct or will conduct tobacco sales. Each employee who sells or will sell tobacco products shall sign an acknowledgement form attesting that the provisions of this section were reviewed with them.

Sign Posting Requirements
Signs provided by the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals shall be posted at each cash register, vending machine or any other place where tobacco products are sold and shall contain in bold lettering a minimum of 3/8 inch high on a white background the following wording: “THE SALE OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS AGAINST RHODE ISLAND LAW (SECTION 11-9-13.8 (A) (1), RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS). PHOTO ID FOR PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.” The signs shall also provide a phone number at the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals where violations can be reported. Violation is punishable by a fine of $35 to $500 per civil violation.

Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
Any person is prohibited from selling tobacco products to minors. The definition of “tobacco product” includes bidi cigarettes. License holders face the same penalties as for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.

Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No person under 18 years of age shall purchase any tobacco in the form of cigarettes, bidi cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff. Specific penalty is not given.

No person under 18 shall smoke, chew or possess, when such possession is clearly visible, tobacco in any form in or on any public street, place or resort. Violators shall be required to perform up to 30 hours of community service, or attend an approved tobacco treatment program at the discretion of the minor charged.

Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No person shall make a delivery sale of cigarettes to any individual who is under the legal minimum purchase age in the state. Each person accepting a purchase order for a delivery sale shall comply with: 1) specific age verification requirements, including before the first sale obtaining a certification from the prospective consumer that includes reliable confirmation and a signed statement that the person is of the legal minimum purchase age, and making a good faith effort to verify the information against
a commercially available database or receiving a photocopy of the individual’s government-issued identification; 2) specific disclosure requirements; 3) specific shipping requirements, including use of a method of mailing, shipping or delivery that obligates the delivery service to require the consumer placing the purchase order for the delivery sale or another adult of legal minimum purchase age residing at the consumer’s address, to sign to accept delivery of the shipping container and proof, in the form of a valid, government-issued identification bearing a photograph of the individual who signs to accept delivery of the shipping container, demonstrating that they are either the addressee or another adult of legal minimum purchase age residing at the consumer’s address; 4) specific registration and reporting requirements; and 5) specific tax collection requirements. A first violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of $1,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. A second or subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of $5,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this chapter, or who knowingly and falsely submits a required certification in another person’s name, shall, for each such offense, be fined $10,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. Any person failing to collect or remit to the administrator any tax required in connection with a delivery sale, shall be assessed, in addition to any other penalty, a penalty of five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved.

Note: Some parts of the above laws may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
The distribution of free tobacco products or coupons or vouchers redeemable for free tobacco products to any person less than 18 years of age shall be prohibited. Further, the distribution of free tobacco products or coupons or vouchers redeemable for free tobacco products shall be prohibited, regardless of the age of the person to whom the products, coupons, or vouchers are distributed, within 500 feet of any school. Violators are subject to a $500 fine for each violation.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A person that holds a license issued under chapter 20 of title 44 of the Rhode Island General Laws, or an employee or agent of that person, is prohibited from selling, distributing or delivering a tobacco product in any other form than an original factory-wrapped package or as a single cigarette. Violators are subject to a $500 fine for each violation.
No cigarettes shall be sold in packs which contain less than 20 cigarettes. Violation is subject to a fine of $75 for the first offense, $150 for the second offense, and $500 for subsequent offenses. In the event that there are no offenses in three successive years from the date of the last offense, then the next offense shall be treated as a first offense.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling and minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
No cigarettes or any other tobacco product shall be sold from any device or vending machine which is in an area not continuously supervised and in the direct line of sight of an authorized person employed by the person, firm, or corporation that owns the business occupying the premises in which the vending machine is located. The vending machine shall also be equipped with an electronic locking device which will not allow the machine to dispense the product unless it is unlocked from a secured position inaccessible to the public and under the supervision of an authorized person employed by the business owner. Direct line of sight shall mean that the vending machine and the purchaser of cigarettes must be visible to the authorized person pressing the unlock button while the unlock button is being activated. Locking devices are not required on machines located in an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages which limits access to persons over the age of 21 years. Tobacco products shall not be sold from vending machines containing non-tobacco products.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
The owner of a business where a tobacco vending machine in violation of these provisions is located shall be subject to a fine of $75 for the first offense, $150 for the second offense, and $500 for subsequent offenses. In the event that there are no offenses in three successive years from the date of the last offense, then the next offense shall be treated as a first offense.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Signs provided by the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals shall be posted on each tobacco product vending machine and shall contain in bold lettering a minimum of 3/8 inch high on a white background the following wording: “THE SALE OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS AGAINST RHODE ISLAND LAW (SECTION 11-9-13.8 (A) (1), RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS). PHOTO ID FOR PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.” The signs shall also provide a phone number at the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals where violations can be reported. Violation is punishable by a fine of $35 to $500 per civil violation.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances concerning placement of and required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Dealers (retailers), importers and distributors must obtain a license from the state Tax Administrator to sell cigarettes. A dealer’s license is also required for each cigarette vending machine. A separate application and license is required for each place of business operated by a distributor or dealer; provided, that an operator of vending machines for cigarette products is not required to obtain a distributor’s license for each machine. A dealer’s and importer’s license is valid through June 30th of the succeeding year unless suspended or revoked. A dealer must renew the license by February 1st of that same year. A distributor’s license is valid until May 31st of the succeeding year unless suspended or revoked, and may be renewed anytime before this date. Any distributor or dealer who sells, of-
fers for sale, or possesses with intent to sell, any tobacco products without a license shall be subject to penalties specified in Rhode Island General Laws section 11-9-13.15.

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Fees
Dealers/Vending Machines: $25 for each place of business/vending machine annually;
Distributors: $100 or $1,000 annually, depending on if the distributor affixes tax stamps;
Importers: $1,000 annually

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
License holders are subject to a 14-day suspension of their license for a third violation of the sales to minors’ law within three years, and a 90-day suspension of the license for any violations in excess of three. These suspensions can be waived if the licensee has a documented employee training program in place and meets other specified conditions.

Smoking Protection Laws
No employer or agent of any employer shall require, as a condition of employment, that any employee refrain from smoking or using tobacco products outside the course of their employment, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to their compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment for such use. The court may award up to three times the actual damages to a prevailing employee or prospective employee. Nonprofit organizations which as one of their primary purposes or objectives discourage the use of tobacco products by the general public are exempt from this law.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
In civil litigation under any legal theory involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), the supersedeas bond to be furnished in order to stay the execution of the judgment during the entire course of appellate review shall be set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total supersedeas bond in any one case that is required of all appellants collectively shall not exceed $50 million regardless of the value of the judgment. If an appellant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, a court may require the appellant to post a supersedeas bond in an amount up to the total amount of the judgment.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
The rights to virtually all of Rhode Island’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments have been sold as bonds through the Rhode Island Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation to obtain a smaller lump sum payment up front. See Securitization section below for additional details.

Securitization
The Rhode Island Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation was created as a public corporation of the state having a legal existence separate from the state. On or before June 30, 2002, the state shall
sell and assign to and the corporation shall acquire all or a portion of the state’s tobacco receipts. The corporation is authorized to issue bonds backed by the state’s tobacco receipts, and revenue is deposited into trust funds.


Additionally, the Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority was authorized in June 2007 to sell bonds by August 1, 2007 backed by residual interest from the previously sold MSA payments to raise additional money not to exceed $195 million. The net proceeds from this sale are deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Financing Trust, and then used as specified.

H.B. 5300 enacted by veto override and effective 6/21/07.

### Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Rhode Island or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Rhode Island unless: 1) such cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 23-20.11-4 Rhode Island General Laws; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the Director of the Department of Health in accordance with section 23-20.11-5 Rhode Island General Laws; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 23-20.11-6 Rhode Island General Laws.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

Any manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above shall, for the first offense be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 and for a subsequent offense not to exceed $25,000 per each such sale of cigarettes, provided that in no case shall the penalty against any such person or entity exceed $100,000 during a 30-day period. Any retail dealer who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes in violation of the above shall be subject to the following: for a first offense be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500, and for a subsequent offense not to exceed $2,000, for each such sale or offer for sale of cigarettes if the total number of cigarettes sold or offered for sale does not exceed 1,000 cigarettes; and for a first offense be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000, and for a subsequent offense not to exceed $5,000 per each such sale or offer for sale of such cigarettes if the total number of cigarettes sold or offered for sale exceeds 1,000 cigarettes, provided that this penalty against any retail dealer shall not exceed $25,000 during a 30-day period. In addition to any other penalty, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification shall, for a first offense be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 and for a subsequent offense not to exceed $25,000, for each such false certification.


### Legislative Activity

#### 2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $735,095 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011. FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 7397) enacted (became law without governor’s signature) 6/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in some specific public places, including: 1) elevators; 2) public transportation vehicles, except taxis; 3) public schools and preschools, including libraries, except for certain private offices and teacher’s lounges; 4) all other indoor facilities providing children’s services to the extent that smoking is prohibited in the facility by federal law and other childcare facilities, as defined; 5) almost all state and local government buildings except private enclosed offices and designated areas of employee break rooms; 6) arenas and auditoria of public theaters or public performing arts centers, except smoking areas may be designated in foyers, lobbies or other common areas.


Exceptions to the Law

Smoking is still allowed in many public places and workplaces, including private workplaces, restaurants and bars. Smoking is also specifically allowed as part of a legitimate theatrical performance.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see information on court decision below confirming this.

In March 2008, the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled unanimously (5-0) that existing South Carolina law does not prevent local communities from passing stronger ordinances restricting or prohibiting smoking in public places and workplaces. This allows the city of Greenville, South Carolina’s law to go back into effect and provides legal justification for other stronger local smokefree ordinances in South Carolina.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in most areas of buildings leased or operated by the state or any of its political subdivisions, but is permitted in private enclosed offices and designated areas of employee break areas. Smoking policies in the state Capitol and legislative office buildings shall be determined by the office of government having control over such buildings. “Government buildings” means buildings or portions of buildings which are leased or operated under the control of the state or any of its political subdivisions, except those buildings or portions of buildings which are leased to other organizations or corporations.


Private Workplaces

No restrictions.

Schools

Smoking is restricted in public schools and preschools where routine or regular kindergarten, elementary, or secondary educational classes are held, including libraries. Private offices and teacher lounges which are not adjacent to classrooms or libraries are excluded unless the offices and lounges are included specifically in a directive by the local school board. This section does not prohibit school district boards of trustees from providing for a smokefree campus.


Smoking on school buses is prohibited while the bus is in operation.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in licensed child care facilities, and all other indoor facilities providing children’s services to the extent that smoking is prohibited in the facility by federal law. “Childcare facilities” means a facility which provides care, supervision, or guidance for a minor child who is not related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the owner or operator of the facility whether or not the facility is operated for profit and whether or not the facility makes a charge for services offered by it. This definition includes, but is not limited to, day nurseries, nursery schools, childcare centers, group childcare homes, and family childcare homes.


Health Care Facilities

Smoking in health care facilities is restricted to designated employee break areas. “Health care facility” means acute care hospitals, psychiatric
hospitals, alcohol and substance abuse hospitals, methadone treatment facilities, tuberculosis hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory surgical facilities, hospice facilities, radiation therapy facilities, rehabilitation facilities, residential treatment facilities for children and adolescents, habilitation centers for mentally retarded persons or persons with related conditions, and any other facility for which Certificate of Need review is required by federal law. Nothing in this chapter prohibits or precludes a health care facility from being smokefree.


 Restaurants
No restrictions.

 Bars
No restrictions.

 Penalties/Enforcement
The owner, manager or agent in charge of the premises shall make reasonable efforts to prevent designated smoking areas from impinging upon designated smokefree areas by the use of existing physical barriers and ventilation systems and by conspicuously posting the appropriate signs. A person who smokes in a smokefree area or a person in charge who fails to meet these requirements, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined between $10 and $25.


### Tobacco Taxes

**Tax on Cigarettes**
- Tax rate per pack of 20: 57 cents
- Date last changed: July 1, 2010 – from 7 cents to 57 cents
- Year first enacted: 1923


**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**
- Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $25,387,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**
- Revenue from 50 cents of the cigarette tax is allocated to tobacco-related cancer research, tobacco prevention/cessation programs and the South Carolina Medicaid reserve fund.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 12-21-625(B) (2010).

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### Tobacco Control Program Funding

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**
- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $5,000,000
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $4,679,279 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $9,679,279
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $62,200,000
- Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 15.6%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**
State funding for South Carolina's tobacco control program comes from state cigarette tax revenue.

**State Funding Details**
South Carolina appropriated $5,000,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $2,000,000 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 4657) enacted 6/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.

### Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

The legislature directed the Department of Health and Environmental Control to develop and implement a youth smoking prevention plan for the purpose of preventing and reducing cigarette smoking by minors. The youth smoking prevention plan must address prevention, cessation, and control of smoking by minors and may include but is not limited to media campaigns; school based youth
programs; community based youth programs; business, community, and school partnerships; programs focusing on the enforcement and administration of state minor-related tobacco laws, including retailer education; surveillance and evaluation; chronic disease and health-related programs. To assist in carrying out the purposes of the plan, the department may award youth smoking prevention grants to local agencies, organizations, and entities based on criteria developed by the department. The state plan further shall provide for a grant for an annual statewide school-based survey to measure cigarette use and behavior towards cigarette use by individuals in grades six through 12. The South Carolina Youth Smoking Prevention Advisory Commission was also established to advise the department in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the state youth smoking plan.


### Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

#### Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

18

#### Compliance/Enforcement

The Director of the Department of Revenue shall provide for the enforcement of section 16-17-502 South Carolina Code in a manner that reasonably may be expected to reduce the extent to which tobacco products are sold or distributed to persons under the age of 18 and annually shall conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed to ensure compliance with the section. The department shall designate an enforcement officer to conduct the annual inspections.


#### Penalties for Sales to Minors

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, furnish, give, or provide a tobacco product to any minor under the age of 18 years. It is also unlawful to sell a tobacco product to an individual who does not present upon demand proper proof of age. Failure to demand identification to verify an individual’s age is not a defense to an action initiated pursuant to this subsection. An individual who knowingly violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $100 to $200 for a first offense, $200 to $300 for a second offense within three years of the first offense and $300 to $400 for a third or subsequent offense within three years of the first offense. In lieu of the fine, the court may require an individual to successfully complete a Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services approved merchant tobacco enforcement education program. A retail establishment that distributes tobacco products must train all retail sales employees regarding the unlawful distribution of tobacco products to minors.


#### Sign Posting Requirements

No state law/regulation.

#### Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

It is unlawful to sell a tobacco product to an individual who does not present upon demand proper proof of age. “Proof of age” is defined as a driver’s license or identification card issued by this state or a United States Armed Services identification card.


#### Purchase/ Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

A minor under the age of 18 years must not purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or attempt to possess a tobacco product, or present or offer proof of age that is false or fraudulent for the purpose of purchasing or possessing a tobacco product. A minor who knowingly violates this provision in person, by agent, or in any other way commits a non-criminal offense and is subject to a civil fine of $25. In lieu of the civil fine, the court may require a minor to successfully complete a Department of Health and Environmental Control approved smoking cessation or tobacco prevention program, or to perform not more than five hours of community service for a charitable institution. If a minor fails to pay the civil fine, successfully complete a smoking cessation or tobacco prevention program, or perform the required hours of community service as ordered by the court, the court may restrict the minor’s driving privileges to driving only to and from school, work, and church, or as the court considers appropriate for a period of 90 days beginning from the date provided by the court, or delay...
the issuance of the minor’s driver’s license or permit for a period of 90 days beginning from the date the minor applies for a driver’s license or permit. This section does not apply to the possession of a tobacco product by a minor working within the course and scope of their duties as an employee or participating within the course and scope of an authorized inspection or compliance check.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
It is unlawful for a person to distribute a tobacco product sample to a person under the age of 18. A person engaged in sampling shall demand proof of age from a prospective recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that the prospective recipient may be under the age of 18. Violation of this law is subject to a civil penalty of not more than $25 for a first offense, not more than $50 for a second offense and not less than $100 for a third or subsequent offense. Proof that the defendant demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon proof of age is a defense to an action brought pursuant to this section.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
It is unlawful to sell, hold for sale, or distribute a package of cigarettes if the package differs in any respect with the requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes. A person who knowingly sells, holds for sale, or distributes cigarette packages in violation of this is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned not more than three years and/or be subject to a $1,000 fine.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

Any laws, ordinances, or rules enacted pertaining to tobacco products may not supersede state law or regulation.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
It is unlawful to sell a tobacco product through a vending machine unless the vending machine is located in an establishment, which is open only to individuals who are 18 years of age or older; or where the vending machine is under continuous control by the owner or licensee of the premises, or an employee of the owner or licensee, can be operated only upon activation by the owner, licensee, or employee before each purchase, and is not accessible to the public when the establishment is closed.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling or giving tobacco products to minors.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

Any laws, ordinances, or rules enacted pertaining to tobacco products may not supersede state law or regulation.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Every person engaged in the business of purchasing, selling or distributing tobacco products at wholesale or through vending machines shall file with the Department of Revenue for a license to do so. When such business is conducted at two or more separate places, a separate license for each place of business shall be required. However, a person whose business is conducted through vending machines needs to obtain only one license but shall maintain an up-to-date list of the location of each vending machine operated under this license. No penalty is specified for selling tobacco products without a license.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
No fee specified for licenses.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
The use of tobacco products outside the workplace must not be the basis of personnel action, including, but not limited to, employment, termination, demotion, or promotion of an employee. No specific penalties specified for violation.


Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
The appeal of a judgment awarding relief in a civil action, under any legal theory, involving a signatory of the Master Settlement Agreement, or a successor to or affiliate of a signatory to the agreement, automatically stays the execution of that judgment. The stay is effective upon the filing of the notice of appeal and during the entire course of appellate review of the judgment.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
The rights to almost all of South Carolina’s Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments have been sold as bonds through the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority to obtain a smaller lump sum payment up front. See Securitization section below for additional details.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
South Carolina established the Healthcare Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund in the state treasury. Earnings on this fund must be credited to the fund. The principal must remain in the fund and only the interest earnings may be appropriated and used for a variety of public health policy purposes, which can include youth smoking cessation and prevention programs coordinated by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. Proceeds from the MSA have been deposited in the fund in the past.


Securitization
South Carolina created the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority. The purpose of the authority is to receive all of the state’s tobacco receipts and to issue bonds payable solely from and secured solely by the state’s tobacco receipts. The
state’s tobacco receipts due to the state after June 30, 2001, and the right to receive them as they are distributed from the escrow are assigned to the authority. All bonds must be secured solely by and payable solely from the state's tobacco receipts, or the portion of the state's tobacco receipts the board determines to pledge for payment. The authority may not issue any bond with a scheduled maturity later than 30 years after the date of issuance.


### Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (O) of section 23-51-30 South Carolina Code, cigarettes may not be sold or offered for sale in South Carolina or offered for sale or sold to persons located in South Carolina unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 23-51-30 South Carolina Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with Section 23-51-40 South Carolina Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 23-51-50 South Carolina Code.


**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of section 23-51-30 above shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties for any person or entity shall not exceed $100,000 during a 30-day period. A retail dealer shall be subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties may not exceed $25,000 for any one person or entity during a 30-day period. A corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification as required by section 23-51-40 above is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.


### Preemption

**Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws**

All laws, ordinances or rules further restricting youth access to tobacco products may not supercede state law/regulation.

### Legislative Activity

**2010 Legislative Activity**

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Appropriated $5,000,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 4657) enacted 6/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Taxes:** Increases the cigarette tax by 50 cents to 57 cents per pack. Dedicates most of the money to a Medicaid trust fund, but $5 million per year is dedicated to state tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

H.B. 3584 enacted (by veto override) 5/13/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Use/State Employee Health Plans:** In FY2011, the state Budget and Control Board is authorized to impose a surcharge on enrollee rates for tobacco use. The surcharge can not exceed $40 per month for a subscriber or $60 per month for a subscriber and dependents.

H.B. 4657 enacted 6/29/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in virtually all public places and places of employment, including restaurants, bars and casinos/gaming establishments.

Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) private residences except when used for day care; 2) sleeping rooms in hotels/motels as long as it is posted that smoking is allowed in the room; 3) licensed establishments that sell alcohol under certain conditions related to cigar smoking; and 4) retail tobacco stores under certain conditions, including generating 65 percent of its annual gross income from the sale of tobacco, tobacco products, and accessories for such products, and not allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
The legislature is the exclusive regulator of all matters relating to the use of tobacco products. Nothing prohibits a person or a public entity from voluntarily regulating the use of tobacco products on the person’s or entity’s property.

Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in all places of employment, which includes all public workplaces.

By executive order, smoking is prohibited in all buildings owned, leased, or occupied by the executive branch and in all vehicles owned by the state. Outdoor smoking areas may be established.

Private Workplaces
No person may smoke tobacco or carry any lighted tobacco product in any place of employment. A place of employment is any enclosed indoor area under the control of a public or private employer.

Schools
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, which includes all indoor areas of educational facilities.

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, including indoor areas of child care facilities. Smoking is specifically prohibited in homes used for day care during their hours of operation.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, including the indoor areas of health care facilities.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, which includes all indoor areas of restaurants.

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in public places and places of employment, which includes all indoor areas of bars/taverns. Smoking is allowed in certain licensed establishments that sell alcohol if they met on January 1, 2009 and continue to meet the following requirements: 1) generates 10 percent or more of its sales from cigars defined as having a wrapper or cover consisting only of tobacco, that measures a number 40 ring size or larger, and that is sold without a filter; 2) has a humidor on the premises; and 3) Is enclosed by solid walls or windows, a ceiling, and a solid door and is equipped with a ventilation system by which exhausted air is not re-circulated to nonsmoking areas. Only cigars or premium tobacco products purchased on the premises may be smoked in such establishments.

Penalties/Enforcement
Violation of the restrictions on smoking is a petty offense.
Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.53
Date last changed: January 1, 2007 – from 53 cents to $1.53
Year first enacted: 1923

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $59,923,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
The first $30 million in cigarette tax revenue collected annually is deposited in the state general fund. The remaining revenue is deposited in the Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Trust Fund where $5 million is used to implement the tobacco prevention and reduction program and the remaining revenue is split between the property tax reduction fund, the Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Fund and the Health Care Tobacco Tax Fund. These allocations changed for FY2011 only, see more detailed information below:

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
The first $30 million in cigarette tax revenue collected annually shall be deposited in the general fund. All revenue in excess of $30 million collected annually shall be deposited in the Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Trust Fund. Five million of the revenue deposited annually in the trust fund pursuant to this section shall be used to implement the tobacco prevention and reduction program. Thirty-three percent of any revenue deposited in the tobacco prevention and reduction trust fund in excess of five million shall be transferred to the property tax reduction fund. Another 33 percent of any revenue deposited in the tobacco prevention and reduction trust fund in excess of five million shall be transferred to the Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Fund. The remaining 34 percent of any revenue deposited in the tobacco prevention and reduction trust fund in excess of five million shall be transferred to the Health Care Tobacco Tax Fund.

Note: In FY2011, $1.5 million out of the $5 million dedicated to the tobacco prevention and reduction program from the Tobacco Prevention and Reduction trust fund, and all revenue dedicated to the Education Enhancement Tobacco Tax Fund and Health Care Tobacco Tax Fund were transferred to the state general fund.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
All other tobacco products: 35% of the wholesale purchase price.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from the tax on other tobacco products is distributed the same way as cigarette tax revenue; see Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue sections above.

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $3,500,000
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,246,454*
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $4,746,454
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $11,300,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 42%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for South Dakota’s tobacco control program comes from state tobacco tax revenue.

State Funding Details
South Dakota appropriated $3,500,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from state tobacco tax revenue. In FY2010, $5,000,000 was appropriated.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 196) enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
The Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Program was created in the Department of Health. The department was charged with the development of a strategic statewide plan to prevent and reduce tobacco use. An annual report will detail the progress toward meeting program goals and objectives, including changes in tobacco consumption,
use rates, and attitudes towards tobacco especially among children and other high risk populations. The annual report will be made available to the public on the Department of Health’s website.


### Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

Each county’s states attorney or the local law enforcement officer they designate shall annually conduct unannounced, random inspections at various locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed to ensure compliance with the law prohibiting sales of tobacco products to persons under age 18. Persons under age 18 may be enlisted to test compliance if the testing is conducted under the supervision of the designated authority and written parental consent has been provided. Any other use of persons under 18 to test compliance is unlawful and the responsible party shall be guilty of a Class Two misdemeanor. No person may be charged with more than one violation in any 24 hour period which results from sales to persons purchasing during unannounced random inspections.


**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly distribute a tobacco product to a person under the age of 18. It is also unlawful to purchase a tobacco product or smokeless tobacco, or both, through a self-service display other than a display that is a vending machine as permitted by law or located in a tobacco specialty store, which is defined as a store that derives 75 percent or more of its revenue from the sale of tobacco products. Violation is a Class Two misdemeanor.


**Placement of Tobacco Products**

It is unlawful to sell cigarettes or smokeless tobacco, or both, through a self-service display other than a display that is a vending machine as permitted by law or located in a tobacco specialty store, which is defined as a store that derives 75 percent or more of its revenue from the sale of tobacco products. Violation is a Class Two misdemeanor.


**Internet Sales of Tobacco Products**

No person who is engaged in the business of selling or distributing cigarettes or tobacco products may ship or transport, or cause to be shipped or transported, cigarettes or tobacco products to any consumer, defined as any individual who is not a retailer or a licensed distributor or wholesaler, in South Dakota. The attorney general may seek an injunction to restrain a threatened or actual violation. The attorney general may also bring a civil action in circuit court for any violation, which is
subject to a civil penalty from the court of $1,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes or tobacco products involved, whichever is greater. A subsequent violation is subject to a civil penalty of $5,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes or tobacco products involved, whichever is greater. Each shipment is considered a separate violation.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

Enforcement of this chapter shall be implemented in an equitable and uniform manner throughout the state so as to ensure the eligibility for and receipt of any federal funds or grants that the state now receives or may receive relating to the provisions of this chapter. For the purposes of equitable and uniform regulation and implementation, the legislature through this chapter is the exclusive regulator of all matters relating to the distribution, marketing, promotion, and sale of tobacco products.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples

It is unlawful to distribute tobacco product samples in or on a public street, sidewalk, or park that is within 500 feet of a playground, school or other facility when it is being used primarily by persons under the age of 18. Violation is a Class Two misdemeanor.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is unlawful to sell cigarettes other than in an unopened package originating with the manufacturer and depicting the warning labels required by federal law. Violation is a Class Two misdemeanor.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

Enforcement of this chapter shall be implemented in an equitable and uniform manner throughout the state so as to ensure the eligibility for and receipt of any federal funds or grants that the state now receives or may receive relating to the provisions of this chapter. For the purposes of equitable and uniform regulation and implementation, the legislature through this chapter is the exclusive regulator of all matters relating to the distribution, marketing, promotion, and sale of tobacco products.


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### Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

#### Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Each person, except a retailer, engaging in the business of selling cigarettes or tobacco products, including any distributor or wholesaler, shall secure a license from the Secretary of Revenue and Regulation. A separate application and license is required for each wholesale outlet when a person owns or controls more than one place of business. A license is valid for one year beginning July 1st unless suspended or revoked, and may be renewed annually. Each person selling cigarettes or tobacco products at retail shall register with the Department of Revenue and Regulation. A separate registration is required for each retail outlet operated within the state. Except for retailers, selling cigarettes or tobacco products without a license or registration is a petty offense.

- **License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**
  - No—registration only

- **License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**
  - No—registration only

- **License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**
  - Yes

- **License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**
  - Yes

- **License Fees**
  - Wholesaler or distributor license: $150 annually;
  - Retailer registration: no fee

- **License Suspension for Sales to Minors**
  - No provisions.

### Smoking Protection Laws

It is a discriminatory or unfair employment practice for an employer to terminate the employment of an employee due to that employee’s engaging in any use of tobacco products off the premises of the employer during non-working hours unless such a restriction relates to a bona fide occupational requirement or it is necessary to avoid a conflict of interest with the responsibilities of the employer. The sole remedy for a person claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of this law shall be a civil suit for damages including all wages and benefits lost. Health or life insurance policies may make a distinction between employees for the type or cost of coverage based upon the employees’ use of tobacco products.

### Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation.

### Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

### Divestment

No state law/regulation.

### Liability

#### Tobacco Industry Liability

The South Dakota Supreme Court promulgated rules capping the total appeal bond for all appellants in a case to $25 million, regardless of the judgment amount. If the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant whose bond has been so limited has been dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, the court may require the appellant to execute a bond in an amount up to the full amount of judgment.

### Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

#### Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

The rights to virtually all of South Dakota’s Master Settlement Agreement payments have been sold as bonds through the South Dakota Building Authority to obtain a much smaller lump sum pay-
ment up front. See Securitization section below for additional details.

Securitization
At any one time or from time to time, all or any portion of the right, title, and interest of the state of South Dakota in, to, and under the Master Settlement Agreement, including the right to receive and collect tobacco settlement revenues, may be sold, conveyed, or otherwise transferred by the state to the South Dakota Building Authority or to a corporation established by the authority in exchange for the net proceeds of bonds and a right to the residual interest in tobacco settlement revenues. The net proceeds of bonds shall be deposited to the Permanent Tobacco Settlement Development Trust Fund, and the residual interest in tobacco settlement revenues shall be deposited to the Tobacco Settlement Residual Fund.

S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 5-12-49 (2001).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in section 34-49-7 South Dakota Codified Laws, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in South Dakota or offered for sale or sold to persons located in South Dakota unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 34-49-2 South Dakota Codified Laws; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 34-49-8 South Dakota Codified Laws, and the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 34-49-9 South Dakota Codified Laws.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above standard is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of such cigarettes sold or offered for sale; provided that in no case shall the penalty against any such person or entity exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A manufacturer that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 not to exceed $250,000 for each such violation, in addition to any other penalty.


Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances related to the use, distribution, marketing, promotion and sale of tobacco products are not allowed.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $3,500,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 196) enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Smoking Restrictions/Smokefree Air: On November 2, voters approved 64 percent to 36 percent a law referred to the ballot that prohibited smoking in all restaurants, bars and casinos/gaming establishments. The law (H.B 1240) was originally approved by the legislature in 2009.

Referred Law 12 approved by voters 11/2/10; H.B. 1240 then took effect 11/10/10.

Tobacco Taxes: Transfers $1.5 million from the Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Trust Fund, which funds the state tobacco prevention/cessation program to the state general fund. Transfers all money in several other funds receiving tobacco tax money to the general fund as well.

S.B. 196, sect. 28, 30 & 31, enacted 4/12/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Tax Stamps: Revises the discount on the sales of cigarette tax stamps to distributors.
H.B. 1041 enacted 3/11/10 and effective 7/1/10 & 7/1/12.

Tobacco Settlement: Requires cigarette manufacturers that did not sign the Master Settlement Agreement to make payments into escrow as required by law quarterly.
H.B. 1065 enacted 3/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places and workplaces in Tennessee, including most restaurants. See Tennessee Code section 39-17-1804 for a detailed list. Major exemptions include venues that restrict access to persons under 21 at all times, and nonpublic rooms in workplaces with three or fewer employees.


Exceptions to the Law
Exceptions to the law include: 1) age-restricted venues that do not allow persons under 21 to enter at any time; 2) 25 percent of hotel/motel rooms, provided that all smoking rooms on the same floor shall be contiguous and smoke from these rooms shall not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; 3) all premises of any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of tobacco products, all premises of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor, and all tobacco storage facilities; 4) non-enclosed areas of public places as specified; 5) residents in licensed nursing homes and long-term care facilities, provided that smoke does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited; 6) workplaces with three or fewer employees in a private room not accessible to the general public; 7) private clubs as long as they aren’t established to avoid compliance with the law; 8) private homes, private residences and private motor vehicles except under specified circumstances; 9) retail tobacco stores that prohibit minors on their premises; and 10) commercial vehicles when such vehicle is occupied solely by the operator.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are not allowed, see below.

The Tennessee General Assembly intends with the above law and other provisions of the Tennessee Code to preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of tobacco products. Any law or regulation of tobacco products enacted or promulgated after March 15, 1994, by any agency or political subdivision of the state or any agency thereof is void; provided, that cities, counties and counties having a metropolitan form of government may regulate the use of tobacco products in buildings owned or leased by the political subdivisions. Also, airport authorities created pursuant to the provisions of title 42; utility districts created pursuant to the provisions of title 7; and special school districts may regulate the use of tobacco products in buildings owned or leased by those entities.


Government Buildings
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places, the definition of which includes all places of public employment. Cities, counties, and counties having a metropolitan form of government are specifically allowed to regulate the use of tobacco products in buildings owned or leased by such political subdivisions.


Smoking shall be prohibited in all buildings that are owned or operated by the state of Tennessee, including state correctional facilities, except for those sleeping rooms in state park inns and cabins that are designated as smoking rooms or cabins. Smoking is also prohibited in all motor vehicles that are owned, leased, or operated by the state of Tennessee. Cities, counties, and counties having a metropolitan form of government are specifically allowed to regulate the use of tobacco products in buildings owned or leased by such political subdivisions.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places, the definition of which includes most places of private employment. Exempted are private businesses with three or fewer employees where, in the discretion of the business owner, smoking may be allowed in an enclosed room not accessible to the general public. Smoke from such room shall not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited. All premises of any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of tobacco products, all premises of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor, and all tobacco
storage facilities are also exempt.

Schools
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places, the definition of which includes both public and private educational facilities. Special school districts are specifically allowed to regulate the use of tobacco products in buildings owned or leased by such entities.

The University of Tennessee and the board of regents may adopt uniform policies prohibiting smoking in all student dormitories. With respect to public institutions of higher education, upon the adoption of smoking policies by the administrative head of such institution, the administrative head is not required to provide an indoor smoking area in each student dormitory or other facility. The administrative head of each institution is encouraged to provide for reasonable smoke-free zones at all building entrances and exits.
TENN. CODE ANN. § 49-7-135 (2005).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places, the definition of which includes child care and adult day care facilities. Home-based child care and adult day care facilities are specifically included.

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in most enclosed public places, the definition of which includes health care facilities. Health care facilities are defined as an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and wards within health care facilities. Licensed nursing homes and long-term care facilities are exempt, provided that such exemption shall only apply to residents of such facilities and that resident smoking practices shall be governed by the policies and procedures established by such facilities.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in restaurants unless they do not allow people under 21 to enter at all times. A person must submit an acceptable form of identification to gain entry.

Bars
In Tennessee, what are commonly referred to as bars do not exist because they are considered restaurants under existing state law. So, the restrictions on smoking in restaurants apply (see above).

Penalties/Enforcement
“No Smoking” signs shall be conspicuously posted where smoking is prohibited except in places of worship. The law shall be enforced by the state Department of Health or the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development in those enclosed public places where each department has jurisdiction. If neither department otherwise regulates an enclosed public place, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall enforce. Any person who desires to register a complaint under this part may initiate such complaint with either or both departments. A person who knowingly smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited is subject to a civil penalty of $50. A person who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls any public place and knowingly fails to comply is subject to a written warning for the first violation, a $100 civil penalty for a second violation in one year, and a $500 civil penalty for a third or subsequent violation in one year. Each day on which a violation is committed is considered a separate offense.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 62 cents
Date last changed: July 1, 2007 – from 20 cents to 62 cents
Year first enacted: 1925
Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes

Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $290,413,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary

Most of the revenue from cigarette taxes is used for education-related programs/funding; a small portion goes to fund state trauma centers.


Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information

The revenue from 20 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed as follows: four percent for administrative expenses; $82,500 annually to the special sinking fund to pay the principal and interest on the Tennessee rural public school building and repair bonds; $225,000 to the special sinking fund to pay the principal and interest of the University of Tennessee building bonds; and the remainder is applied to the general state school fund to be used for public education, grades one through twelve;

The revenue from another 40 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed as follows: All revenue goes to an education trust fund, provided that $21 million is allocated to the Department of Agriculture’s Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program;

Revenue from the remaining two cents is distributed to the Trauma System Fund to fund state trauma centers.


Taxes on Other Tobacco Products

All other tobacco products: 6.6% of the wholesale cost price.


Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary

The revenue from the tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes is distributed the same way as the first 20 cents of the cigarette tax; see Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue sections.

TENN. CODE ANN. § 67-4-1025(a) (2009).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $2,087,139

FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $71,700,000

Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 2.9%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Tennessee’s tobacco control program comes from the State General Fund.

State Funding Details

Tennessee appropriated $222,268 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $209,000 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 3919) enacted 6/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Department of Agriculture shall conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed to ensure compliance with this law. Law enforcement efforts may involve the use of individuals under the age of 18 if a parent has consented to this action.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any tobacco product to another person who is less than 18 or to purchase a tobacco product on behalf of such person. It is unlawful for any person to persuade, entice, send or assist a person who is less than 18 years of age to purchase, acquire, receive or attempt to purchase, acquire or receive a tobacco product. This shall not be deemed to preclude law enforcement efforts involving the use of individuals less than 18 years of age. A person who violates these provisions shall receive a warning letter for the first violation, a civil penalty of not more than $500 for a second violation, not more than $1,000 for a third violation and not more than $1,500 for a fourth or subsequent violation within a five-year period. A person who demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon proof of age shall not be liable...
for a civil penalty for a violation. When assessing a civil penalty, the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to assess the penalty against any person or persons determined by the commissioner to be responsible, in whole or in part, for contributing to or causing the violation to occur, including, but not limited to, the owner, manager or employee of a store at which tobacco products are sold at retail. Before selling tobacco products, all employees are required to undergo training regarding state law restricting youth access to tobacco products and sign a statement to this effect. That statement can be used by the owner or manager as an affirmative defense against the civil penalty for a second violation, and may be used as a mitigating factor for subsequent violations.


Sign Posting Requirements
Every person who sells tobacco products at retail shall post conspicuously and keep so posted at the place of business a sign, no smaller than ninety-three and one-half square inches, to ensure that it is likely to be read at each point of sale, stating the following: “STATE LAW STRICTLY PROHIBITS THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18. PROOF OF AGE MAY BE REQUIRED.” Penalties are the same as those for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
Bidis were added to the definition of tobacco product in state law thus prohibiting their sale to minors. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products shall demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that the prospective purchaser or recipient may be less than 27 years of age. “Proof of age” means a driver’s license or other generally accepted means of identification that describes the individual as 18 years of age or older, contains a photograph or other likeness of the individual, and appears on its face to be valid. Penalties for violation are the same as those for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
It is unlawful for a person under 18 to possess a tobacco product, to purchase or accept receipt of a tobacco product, or to present or offer to any person any purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually that person’s own for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any tobacco product. A violation is a civil offense with a penalty of not less than $10 and not more than $50. The juvenile court may also impose community service work not to exceed 50 hours or successful completion of a prescribed teen court program for a second or subsequent violation within a one-year period. A minor assisting a law enforcement officer in a compliance check is not subject to these penalties. It is not unlawful for a person under 18 years of age to handle or transport tobacco or tobacco products as a part of and in the course of such person’s employment, provided that the person is under the supervision of another employee who is at least 21 years of age.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Each seller, dealer or distributor of cigarettes who mails, ships, or otherwise delivers cigarettes in connection with a delivery sale shall: 1) provide a prominent and clearly legible statement to each prospective consumer with specified information; 2) include a clear and conspicuous statement upon the package, as specified; 3) use a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery that obligates the delivery service to require the consumer placing the purchase order for the delivery sale, or another adult of legal minimum purchase age, to sign to accept delivery of the shipping container; and 4) restrict delivery to an adult of legal minimum purchase age. A first violation of the above provisions is subject to a fine of $1,000 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. A second or subsequent violation is subject to a fine of $5,000
or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. Violation by a delivery service is subject to a fine of $500.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

In the case of distribution by mail, the distributor of tobacco products shall obtain from the addressee an affirmative statement that such person is 18 years of age or older, and shall inform the recipient that such person is strictly prohibited from distributing any tobacco product to any person under 18 years of age. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors. The required statement can be used as an affirmative defense in case of violation.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed, see below.

The Tennessee General Assembly intends by this part and other provisions of the Tennessee Code to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of tobacco products. Any law or regulation of tobacco products enacted or promulgated after March 15, 1994, by any agency or political subdivision of the state or any agency thereof is void.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

Vending machines may only be located in the following areas: 1) in areas of factories, businesses, offices, or other places that are not open to the public; 2) in places that are open to the public but to which persons less than the age of 18 are denied access; 3) in places where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises, only if the machine is under the constant supervision of the owner or their employee and is inaccessible when the establishment is closed; and, 4) in other places if the machine is under the continuous supervision of an employee, or the machine can only be operated by the use of a token purchased from the proprietor prior to each purchase, and is inaccessible to the public when the establishment is closed. In any
place where supervision of a vending machine is required, the person responsible for that supervision or sale of token shall demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that the prospective purchaser might be less than 27 years of age. A person who demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon proof of age shall not be liable for a civil penalty.


**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**

A person who violates the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is subject to the same penalties as those for selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**

No state law/regulation.

**State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

The Tennessee General Assembly intends by this part and other provisions of the Tennessee Code to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of tobacco products. Any law or regulation of tobacco products enacted or promulgated after March 15, 1994, by any agency or political subdivision of the state or any agency thereof is void.


### Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

#### Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Every person engaged in the business of selling, distributing, or handling tobacco products must obtain a license from the Commissioner of Revenue. Licenses expire on May 31st of each year. Retailers are not specifically mentioned. Engaging in any business or activity without a license is subject to a penalty in the amount of the license fee for each month or part of a month during which the activity or failure occurs or continues. The commissioner may also impose a penalty of no more than $250 a day.


**License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**

Yes

**License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**

Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**

Yes

**License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**

Yes

**License Fees**

- Manufacturing distributor: $200;
- Tobacco Manufacturer’s Warehouse: $200 per warehouse;
- Wholesale dealer and jobber: $200 for each separate sale warehouse;
- Tobacco distributor: $100 for each secondary wholesale location.


**License Suspension for Sales to Minors**

No provisions.

#### Smoking Protection Laws

No employee, including employees of state and local government, shall be discharged or terminated solely for participating or engaging in the use of an agricultural product not regulated by the alcoholic beverage commission that is not otherwise proscribed by law, if such employee participates or engages in such use in a manner which complies with all applicable employer policies regarding such use during times at which such employee is working; and/or if such employee participates or engages in such activity during times when such employee is not working. This section shall not be used for frivolous lawsuits, and anyone trying to do so is subject to sanction.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
If a plaintiff in a civil action obtains a judgment under any legal theory, the amount of the appeal bond necessary to stay execution during the course of all appeals or discretionary reviews of that judgment by any appellate court shall be set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total appeal bond that is required of all appellants shall not exceed $75 million, regardless of the value of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, a court may enter orders that are necessary to protect the appellee and require the appellant to post a bond in an amount up to the total value of the judgment. TENN. CODE ANN. § 27-1-124 (2003).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Proceeds received from the Master Settlement Agreement between the state of Tennessee and certain cigarette companies are deposited in the state general fund, and appropriated by the legislature as part of the annual appropriations process.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes
Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (g) of section 68-102-503 Tennessee Code, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Tennessee or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Tennessee unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 68-102-503 Tennessee Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 68-102-504 Tennessee Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 68-102-505 Tennessee Code. TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 68-102-501 to 68-102-512 (2010).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of section 68-102-503 above shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties against a person or entity shall not exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer shall be liable for the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties shall not exceed $25,000 for any retail dealer during any 30-day period. Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification as required by section 68-102-504 above shall be liable for a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification. TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 68-102-501 to 68-102-512 (2010).

Preemption
Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws
Preempts local laws/ordinances/regulations further restricting smoking or youth access to tobacco products enacted or promulgated after March 15, 1994, except local governments, airport authorities, utility districts and special school districts are allowed to regulate smoking in their buildings and on their property.

Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $222,268 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 3919) enacted 6/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.
**Smoking Restrictions**

**Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions**
Smoking is prohibited by regulation in licensed child care centers and in childcare homes. Smoking is restricted to designated areas in specific public places, including: elevators, enclosed theaters or movie houses, libraries, museums, transit systems or intrastate buses, planes, and trains. Smoking is allowed in most other public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars.

TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 48.01 (1997).

**Exceptions to the Law**
Smoking is allowed in most public places and workplaces, so places where smoking is prohibited by state law are the exception. A specific exception is made for a participant in an authorized theatrical performance.

TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 48.01 (1997).

**Stronger Local Laws on Smoking**
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; cities in Texas can pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking. Counties are prohibited from passing laws such as these in general.

**Government Buildings**
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in certain places owned by state or local government, including libraries, museums and certain forms of public transit.

TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 48.01 (1997).

**Private Workplaces**
No restrictions.

**Schools**
Students are prohibited from smoking or using tobacco products on school property or at any off-campus school-sanctioned activity.


Smoking, or possession of a burning tobacco product, is restricted to designated areas in public primary and secondary schools.

TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 48.01 (1997).

**Child Care Facilities**
Smoking is prohibited in licensed child-care centers, and on the premises, on the playground, in transportation vehicles, or during field trips of, or sponsored by, these facilities.


Smoking is prohibited during operating hours in any childcare home, and in the garage, on the playground, in transportation vehicles, or during field trips of, or sponsored by, these facilities.


Smoking is prohibited in foster homes by caregivers and other adults, and in motor vehicles while transporting foster children. Foster children may not use or possess tobacco products.


**Health Care Facilities**
Smoking is restricted to designated areas in hospitals.

TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 48.01 (1997).

**Restaurants**
No restrictions.

**Bars**
No restrictions.

**Penalties/Enforcement**
Signs must be posted stating that smoking is prohibited. Failure to post such signs is punishable by a fine not to exceed $500. Facilities to extinguish smoking materials shall be provided in all conveyances and public places where smoking is restricted. A person who smokes in a nonsmoking area is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor. It is a defense to prosecution that the conveyance or public place in which the offense takes place does not have prominently displayed notice that smoking is prohibited by state law and that an offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed $500, or that the conveyance or public place does not provide facilities for the extinguishment of smoking materials.

TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 48.01 (1997).
**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**
- Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.41
- Date last changed: January 1, 2007 – from 41 cents to $1.41
- Year first enacted: 1931
  

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**
- Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009): $1,174,983,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**
- Cigarette tax revenue can be appropriated to the State Comptroller for the administration and enforcement of cigarette tax laws. After that transfer, varying amounts of the remaining revenue is distributed to the Foundation School Fund, Property Tax Relief Fund and state general fund.
  

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**
- The legislature can appropriate cigarette tax revenue to the state Comptroller deposited to the credit of the Treasury Fiscal Agency Fund for the printing of tax stamps and for the enforcement of cigarette tax laws. After that transfer, remaining revenue from 4 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed 18.75 percent to the Foundation School Fund, Property Tax Relief Fund and state general fund.
  

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**
- Cigars: 1) one cent per 10 or fraction of 10 on cigars weighing less than three pounds per thousand; 2) $7.50 to $15 per 1,000 on cigars that weigh more than three pounds per thousand depending on their factory list price and whether they contain a substantial amount of non-tobacco ingredients;
- All other tobacco products: $1.10/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce; the tax on a can or package that weighs less than 1.2 ounces is equal to the tax on a can or package that weighs 1.2 ounces (rate changes annually on September 1 the next 4 years).
  

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary**
- The proceeds from taxes on cigars and tobacco products other than cigars is distributed to the state general revenue fund, Property Tax Relief Fund or the physician education loan repayment account.
  

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Detailed Information**
- The proceeds from taxes on cigars and tobacco products other than cigars is distributed: 1) the revenue attributable to 35.213 percent of the manufacturers list price if the tax was imposed in that manner to the state general revenue fund; 2) the revenue attributable to 4.787 percent of the manufacturers list price if the tax was imposed in that manner to the credit of the Property Tax Relief Fund; and 3) all remaining revenue to the physician education loan repayment account.
  

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**
- FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $13,838,932
- FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $6,820,909 *
- FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $20,659,841
- Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $266,300,000
- Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 7.8%

  * Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**
- State funding for Texas’ tobacco control program comes from state tobacco settlement dollars and the state general fund.

**State Funding Details**
- Texas appropriated $13,838,932 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011). In FY2010, $13,400,000 was allocated. This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium.
Tobacco Control Program Related Laws
The Commissioner of Public Health shall develop and implement a public awareness campaign designed to reduce tobacco use by minors. The campaign may use advertisements or similar media to provide educational information about tobacco use. The commissioner shall develop and implement a grant program to support youth groups that include as a part of the group’s program components the reduction of tobacco use by the group’s members.


Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
The state Comptroller shall enforce state youth access and sales to minors’ laws in partnership with local law enforcement agencies. At least annually, random, unannounced inspections of various locations where cigarettes or tobacco are sold or delivered are required. Minors may be used in compliance checks if they have written parental consent, are younger than 17, and have an appearance that would cause a reasonably prudent retailer to request identification.


Penalties for Sales to Minors
A person commits an offense if the person, with criminal negligence, sells, gives, or causes to be sold or given a cigarette or tobacco product to someone who is younger than 18 years of age; or to another person who intends to deliver it to someone who is younger than 18 years of age. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor. It is a defense to prosecution that the person to whom the cigarette or tobacco product was sold or given presented to the defendant proof of identification.


Sign Posting Requirements
Each person who sells cigarettes or tobacco at retail shall post a sign in a location that is conspicuous to all employees and customers and that is close to the place at which cigarettes or tobacco products may be purchased. The sign must state: “PURCHASING OR ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. UPON CONVICTION, A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO $500 MAY BE IMPOSED. VIOLATIONS MAY BE REPORTED TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE BY CALLING A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT SMOKE. SMOKERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BABIES WHO ARE BORN PREMATURE OR WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT.” Violation is a Class C misdemeanor.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
A person may not sell, give, or cause to be sold or given a cigarette or tobacco product to someone who is younger than 27 years of age unless the person to whom the cigarette or tobacco product was sold or given presents an apparently valid proof of identification. A proof of identification satisfies this requirement if it contains a physical description and photograph consistent with the person’s appearance, purports to establish that the person is 18 years of age or older, and was issued by a governmental agency. The proof of identification may include a driver’s license issued by this state or another state, a passport, or an identification card issued by a state or the federal government. A retailer shall adequately supervise and train the retailer’s agents and employees to prevent a violation.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
An individual who is younger than 18 years of age commits an offense if the individual possesses, purchases, consumes, or accepts a cigarette or tobacco product; or falsely represents himself or herself to be 18 years of age or older by displaying proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually proof of the individual’s own age in order to obtain possession of, purchase, or receive a cigarette or
tobacco product. Exceptions are if the minor is with an adult parent, guardian, or spouse of the individual; if it is a requirement of the minor’s employment; or if the minor is participating in a compliance check. A violation is punishable by a fine not to exceed $250. Upon conviction, a court shall require the youth to attend a tobacco awareness program provided by the commissioner or if the program is not available, eight to 12 hours of tobacco-related community service. The court may require the parent or guardian of the defendant to attend the tobacco awareness program with the youth. The court may also suspend or deny issuance of a driver’s license or permit for up to 180 days, if the youth does not demonstrate they have completed the tobacco awareness program or community service requirement.


Placement of Tobacco Products
A retailer or other person may not offer cigarettes or tobacco products for sale in a manner that permits a customer direct access to cigarettes or tobacco products. This does not apply to a facility or business that is not open to persons younger than 18 years of age at any time, that part of a facility or business that is a humidor or other enclosure designed to store cigars in a climate-controlled environment or a premises for which a person holds a package store permit issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Code. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
A person may not mail or ship cigarettes in connection with a delivery sale unless before mailing or shipping the cigarettes the person accepting the delivery sale order complies with: 1) specific age verification requirements, including a certification from the consumer and verification by the seller before delivery; 2) specific disclosure requirements; 3) specific shipping requirements, including use of a delivery service that requires a signature on delivery and a photo identification; 4) specific registration and reporting requirements; and 5) specific tax collection requirements. General violation of these provisions is a Class C misdemeanor for the first violation, and a Class B misdemeanor for subsequent violations. A knowing violation or someone who knowingly submits a certification in another person’s name is a third degree felony. Failure to collect taxes is a civil penalty of five times the value of the cigarettes involved in addition to any other penalty.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
Employees engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products, must sign a form stating the law has been fully explained to them and that they agree to comply with the law. Violation of this requirement is a Class C misdemeanor. It is a defense to prosecution to show proof that the employee did complete, sign and date the forms required.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

This subchapter does not preempt local regulation of the sale, distribution, or use of cigarettes or tobacco products or affect the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce an ordinance or requirement relating to the sale, distribution, or use of cigarettes or tobacco products if the regulation, ordinance, or requirement is compatible with and equal to or more stringent than a requirement prescribed by this subchapter or relates to an issue that is not specifically addressed by this subchapter.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
A person or permit holder is prohibited from distributing a free sample of a cigarette or tobacco product, or a coupon that may be redeemed for a free or discounted cigarette or tobacco product, to persons younger than 18 years of age. A coupon, sample cigarette or tobacco product may not be redeemable through the mail or courier delivery. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor.

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

It is an offense to sell cigarettes in quantities of less than an individual package containing at least 20 cigarettes. Violation is subject to a fine of $100. TEX. TAX CODE ANN. § 154.504 (1997).

A person may not affix a cigarette tax stamp to a package of cigarettes if the package does not comply with the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information for a package of cigarettes to be sold within the United States. Each violation is subject to a penalty of up to $2,000, and each day on which a violation occurs is a separate offense.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are specifically allowed, see below.

This subchapter does not preempt local regulation of the sale, distribution, or use of cigarettes or tobacco products or affect the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce an ordinance or requirement relating to the sale, distribution, or use of cigarettes or tobacco products if the regulation, ordinance, or requirement is compatible with and equal to or more stringent than a requirement prescribed by this subchapter or relates to an issue that is not specifically addressed by this subchapter.


Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

Tobacco vending machines are restricted to facilities that are not open to persons younger than 18 years of age at any time and premises for which a person holds a package store permit issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Code.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is a Class C misdemeanor.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

Each person who sells cigarettes by vending machine shall post a sign in a location that is conspicuous to all employees and customers and that is close to the place at which cigarettes or tobacco products may be purchased. The sign must state: “PURCHASING OR ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. UPON CONVICTION, A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO $500 MAY BE IMPOSED. VIOLATIONS MAY BE REPORTED TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE BY CALLING A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT SMOKE. SMOKERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BABIES WHO ARE BORN PREMATURE OR WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT.” Violation is a Class C misdemeanor.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are specifically allowed, see below.

This subchapter does not preempt local regulation of the sale, distribution, or use of cigarettes or tobacco products or affect the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce an ordinance or requirement relating to the sale, distribution, or use of cigarettes or tobacco products if the regulation, ordinance, or requirement is compatible with and equal to or more stringent than a requirement prescribed by this subchapter or relates to an issue that is not specifically addressed by this subchapter.


Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

A person may not engage in business as a distributor, wholesaler, manufacturer or retailer of cigarettes or other tobacco products unless they have received the proper permit from the state Comptroller. The definition of “retailer” includes selling cigarettes through a vending machine. A separate permit is required for each place of busi-
ness. Permits expire on the last day of February of each year, except a retailer’s permit which expires on the last day of May of each even-numbered year. Combination permits for cigarettes and other tobacco products are available.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retail cigarette or other tobacco product permit: $180 every two years;
Distributor’s cigarette or other tobacco product permit: $300 annually;
Wholesaler’s cigarette or other tobacco product permit: $300 annually.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
A sign containing an advertisement for cigarettes or tobacco products may not be closer than 1,000 feet to a church or public or private school. A sign is defined as an outdoor medium, including a structure, display, light device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, poster, or billboard that is used to advertise or inform and visible from the main-traveled way of a street or highway. This section does not apply to a sign located on or in a facility owned or leased by a professional sports franchise; a sign in a facility where professional sports events are held at least 10 times during a 12 month period; a sign that, before September 1, 1997, was located closer than 1,000 feet to a church or school but that was not located closer than 500 feet to the church or school. A purchaser of advertising must pay a fee that is 10 percent of the gross sales price of any outdoor advertising of cigarettes and tobacco products in this state. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor.


Note: Enforcement of the above provisions may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Reilly, decided in 2001.

Product Disclosure
Each manufacturer shall file with the Department of Health an annual report for each cigarette or tobacco product distributed in this state, stating the identity of each ingredient in the cigarette or tobacco product listed in descending order according to weight, measure, or numerical count, other than: tobacco; water; or reconstituted tobacco sheet made wholly from tobacco. They shall also report the nicotine yield rating for the cigarette or tobacco product. This section does not require a manufacturer to disclose the specific amount of any ingredient in a cigarette or tobacco product if that ingredient has been approved as safe when burned and inhaled by the United States Food and Drug Administration or a successor entity. Each manufacturer shall also assign a nicotine yield rating to each cigarette or tobacco product distributed in the state. The department standards must be developed so that the nicotine yield rating reflects, as accurately as possible, nicotine intake for an average consumer of the cigarette or tobacco product. The information included in these reports is public information and is not confidential, unless it is determined by the Attorney General that its disclosure would constitute an unconstitutional taking of property; if the department determines that there is no reasonable scientific basis for concluding that the availability of the information could reduce risks to public health; or the information is determined a trade secret under state or federal law. Failing to file the required report can result in a prohibition on the sale or distribution in this state of a cigarette or tobacco product manufactured by the manufacturer by court order.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
When a judgment is for money, the amount of security to suspend execution of the judgment during appeal of the judgment must equal the sum of costs and compensatory damages awarded in the judgment and interest from the expected duration of appeal except the security required to be posted cannot exceed 50 percent of the judgment debtor's net worth or $25 million, whichever is less. On a showing by the judgment debtor that the judgment debtor is likely to suffer substantial economic harm if required to post security in the required amount the trial court shall lower the amount of the security to an amount that will not cause the judgment debtor substantial economic harm. Nothing in this section prevents a trial court from enjoining the judgment debtor from dissipating or transferring assets to avoid satisfaction of the judgment, but the trial court may not make any order that interferes with the judgment debtor's use, transfer, conveyance, or dissipation of assets in the normal course of business.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
A tobacco settlement endowment was created with the tobacco settlement monies. The interest from the endowment, about $10 million a year, is supposed to be spent on a tobacco prevention program.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A person who knowingly violates this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter is subject to a civil penalty in the following amounts: if the person is a manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or agent knowingly selling or offering to sell a cigarette in violation of this chapter, a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale, but not more than $100,000 for all violations occurring within a 30-day period; if the person is a retailer knowingly selling or offering to sell a cigarette in violation of this chapter, a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale, but not more than $25,000 for all violations occurring within a 30-day period; and if the person knowingly makes a false certification under Section 796.005, a civil penalty not to exceed $75,000 for a first violation or $250,000 for a second or subsequent violation.
TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ANN. §§ 796.001 to 796.017 (2009).

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $13,838,932 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

Legislative Activity
2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $13,838,932 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in virtually all enclosed indoor places of public access, including all restaurants, taverns and private clubs. See the statute cited below for a more detailed list of places covered.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) areas not commonly open to the public of owner-operated businesses having no employees other than the owner-operator; 2) separately ventilated smoking areas in Salt Lake City International Airport; and 3) guest rooms in hotels, motels, and other similar lodging facilities, except for the common areas where smoking is prohibited, including lobbies and dining areas. In addition, smoking tobacco as part of a traditional religious ceremony of an American Indian Tribe is exempt from the prohibition.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are not allowed except for laws/ordinances concerning certain outdoor places of public access as specified below.

This law supersedes any ordinance enacted by a governing body of a political subdivision that restricts smoking in a place of public access and that is not essentially identical to the provisions of this chapter. Outdoor places of public access owned and operated by a political subdivision, a state institution of higher education, or a state institution of public education are exempt from preemption.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in all publicly owned buildings and offices. These buildings include any enclosed indoor place or portion of a place owned, leased, or rented by any state, county, or municipal government, or any agency supported by appropriation of, or by contracts or grants from funds derived from, the collection of federal, state, county or municipal taxes.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in enclosed indoor places of public access, the definition of which includes any workplace that is not a place of public access or a publicly owned building or office but has one or more employees who are not owner-operators of the business. Areas not commonly open to the public of owner-operated businesses having no employees other than the owner-operator are exempt.


Schools

Smoking is prohibited in public or private elementary and secondary school buildings and educational facilities and the property on which those facilities are located.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in any licensed or certified child care facilities or programs, including those in private homes, when children being cared for are present. Smoking is also prohibited in any child care not subject to licensure or certification when any child cared for by the provider, other than the child of the provider, is present.


Health Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in enclosed indoor places of public access, which includes offices/buildings of facilities providing health care services, and all common areas of nursing homes and hospitals including the lobbies, hallways, elevators, restaurants, cafeterias, other designated dining areas and restrooms.


Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in restaurants, cafes, and cafeterias.

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in all bars/taverns and private clubs.

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Smoking and Rental Agreements/Leases:
Allows for a prohibition on smoking in a rental agreement or lease.

Smoking and Condominium Associations:
Gives condominium associations the authority to restrict smoking in units, common areas and facilities. Common areas include yard space.
UTAH CODE ANN. § 57-8-16 (7) (1997).

Secondhand Smoke Considered a Nuisance Legally:
Secondhand smoke is defined as a nuisance when it drifts into any residential unit a person rents, leases, or owns, from another residential or commercial unit more than once in each of two or more consecutive seven-day periods, and which is injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. A nuisance may be the subject of an action. This does not apply to residential rental units available for temporary rental or hotel or motel rooms. The cause of action is waived if the rental agreement explicitly says tobacco smoke may drift into the apartment.

Penalties/Enforcement
A first violation of the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act is a civil penalty of not more than $100. A second and subsequent violation is a civil penalty of $100 to $500. The state Department of Health and local health departments are responsible for enforcement.

Tobacco Taxes
Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $1.70

Date last changed: July 1, 2010 – from 69.5 cents to $1.70
Year first enacted: 1923
UTAH CODE ANN. § 59-14-204 (2010).

In addition to the cigarette tax above, there is imposed an equity assessment of 35 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes on tobacco product manufacturers not participating in the Master Settlement Agreement. The purposes of this equity assessment are: to recover health care costs to the state imposed by nonparticipating manufacturers; to prevent nonparticipating manufacturers from undermining the state’s policy of reducing underage smoking by offering cigarettes for sale substantially below the prices of cigarettes of other manufacturers; to protect funding, which is reduced as a result of the growth of nonparticipating manufacturer cigarette sales, for programs funded in whole or in part by payments to the state under the Master Settlement Agreement; to recoup settlement-payment revenue lost to the state as a result of nonparticipating manufacturer cigarette sales; and to fund enforcement and administration of Master Settlement Agreement provisions.

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $50,285,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Specified portions of cigarette tax revenue from cigarette tax increases are set aside in a Cigarette Tax Restricted Account in the state general fund, and allocated to several specific programs/purposes, including tobacco prevention and cessation programs.
UTAH CODE ANN. § 59-14-204(5) (2010).

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the “Cigarette Tax Restricted Account.” Certain revenues from state cigarette tax increases are deposited in the fund as follows: 1) $250,000 of the revenues generated by the increase in the cigarette tax enacted during the 1997 general session shall be annually deposited into the account. The Department of Health shall expend these funds for a tobacco prevention
and control media campaign targeted towards children. 2) Twenty-two percent of the revenue generated from the cigarette tax increase during the 2002 general session shall also be deposited in the Cigarette Tax Restricted Account and annually appropriated to the Department of Health for tobacco prevention, reduction, cessation, and control programs. Also, 15 percent and 21 percent of the revenue from the cigarette tax increase in the 2002 general session is deposited in the account where it is appropriated to the University of Utah Health Sciences Center for cancer research and University of Utah Health Sciences Center for medical education at the University of Utah School of Medicine respectively.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 59-14-204(5) (2010).

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Moist snuff: $1.83/ounce or a proportionate rate on a fractional part of an ounce;
All other tobacco products: 0.86 multiplied by the manufacturer’s selling price.
UTAH CODE ANN. § 59-14-302 (2010).

Tobacco Control Program Funding

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* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding
State funding for Utah’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and cigarette tax revenue.

State Funding Details
Utah allocated $7,131,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). The same amount was allocated in FY2010.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 1) enacted 2/18/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
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Compliance/Enforcement
A peace officer may investigate possible violations of retail establishments that sell cigars, cigarettes, tobacco in any form or electronic cigarettes to minors by requesting a person under the legal age to attempt to purchase such products from the establishment. Written parental consent must be obtained prior to any attempt and the minor must be under the supervision and direction of the peace officer. A purchase attempted under this section shall be conducted on a random basis, but not more often than four times within a 12-month period at any one retail establishment location unless there is reasonable suspicion to believe the retail establishment has sold cigars, cigarettes, tobacco in any form or electronic cigarettes to a person less than 19 years of age.


Penalties for Sales to Minors
Any person who knowingly, intentionally, recklessly, or with criminal negligence provides any cigar, cigarette, electronic cigarette or tobacco in any form, to any person under 19 years of age, is guilty of a class C misdemeanor on the first offense, a class B misdemeanor on the second offense, and a class A misdemeanor on subsequent offenses.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-104 (2010).

If, following an investigation or issuance of a citation or information, an enforcing agency (the state Department of Health and/or local health departments) determines that a licensee or any employee has sold tobacco to a person younger than 19 years of age, the enforcing agency may impose upon the licensee the following administrative penalties: not more than $300 for a first violation; not more than $750 for a second violation within 12 months; and $1,000 for a third and subsequent violations within a 12-month period. A licensee is also subject to a license suspension for not more than 30 days for a third violation and license revocation for one year for a fourth and subsequent violation. In determining the amount of the monetary penalty to be imposed for an employee’s violation the hearing of-
ficer shall reduce the penalty by at least 50 percent if they determine the licensee has implemented a documented employee training program, and the employee has completed that training program within 30 days of commencing duties of selling tobacco products. If the hearing officer determines regarding a first offense at a location, that the licensee has not implemented a documented training program with a written curriculum for employees at that location regarding compliance with this chapter, the hearing officer may suspend all or a portion of the monetary penalty, contingent upon the licensee’s initiating a training program for employees at that location within 30 days after the hearing date. If the training program is not implemented, the penalty shall be promptly imposed.


Any person who knowingly, intentionally, recklessly, or with criminal negligence provides any tobacco paraphernalia as defined to any person less than 19 years of age, is guilty of a class C misdemeanor on the first offense and a class B misdemeanor for subsequent offenses.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-104.1 (2010).

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly sell, offer for sale, give or furnish any clove cigarette in this state. For purposes of this section “clove cigarette” means any cigarette which contains more than 10 percent, by weight, of raw Eugenia Caryophyllata or Caryophyllus, commonly known as clove. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-105.3 (2002).

Placement of Tobacco Products
A retailer may sell cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, cigarette tobacco, pipe tobacco and smokeless tobacco only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the employee of the retailer and the purchaser, including through self-service displays, except those located in a separate and defined area within a facility where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 19 years of age is present, or permitted to enter, at any time, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Use or display of locked cabinets containing cigarettes, cigars, cigarette tobacco, pipe tobacco, or smokeless tobacco in a store are allowed if the locked cabinets are only accessible to the retailer or their employees. Sales by a retailer from a retail store which derives at least 80 percent of its revenue from tobacco and tobacco-related products and where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 19 years of age is present, or permitted to enter at any time, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian are also allowed. A first offense is a Class C misdemeanor; a second offense is a Class B misdemeanor; and a third and all subsequent offenses are a Class A misdemeanor.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-105.1 (2010).

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Mail-order sales of cigarettes and tobacco products are exempt from the face-to-face sale requirement in section 76-10-105.1 of the Utah Code. However, a person, distributor, manufacturer, or retailer shall not: 1) cause tobacco products or cigarettes as defined to be ordered or purchased by anyone other than a person who is licensed by the state Tax Commission to manufacture, import, distribute, barter, sell, exchange, or offer cigarettes for sale; or 2)
knowingly provide substantial assistance to a person who violates this requirement. Violation is subject to a civil penalty of $5,000 for each violation, an injunction to restrain a threatened or actual violation and recovery by the state of the costs to prosecute the case as specified. A person who knowingly violates this section has engaged in an unfair and deceptive trade practice under existing Utah law, and the court shall order any profits, gain, gross receipts, or other benefit from the violation to be disgorged.


Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions

It is a class C misdemeanor for the proprietor of any place of business to knowingly permit persons under 19 to frequent their place of business while they are using tobacco.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-103 (1973).

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are allowed for some provisions above, but are not allowed concerning the placement of tobacco products in retail stores and mail order/Internet sales of tobacco products.

Any ordinance, regulation, or rule adopted by the governing body of a political subdivision or state agency that affects the sale, placement, or display of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco that is not essentially identical to the provisions of Section 76-10-102 and 76-10-105.1 are superseded.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-105.1 (2010).

Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

A licensee may not barter, sell, exchange, or offer for sale cigarettes in an individual package or container that contains less than 20 cigarettes or roll-your-own tobacco in an individual package or container that contains less than 0.6 ounces of tobacco. No penalty is specified for violation.


A licensee may not barter, sell, exchange, or offer for sale cigarettes in a package which does not comply with federal law, including the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, regarding warning labels and other package information. Violation is a Class B misdemeanor and also subject to a civil penalty not to exceed 500 percent of the retail value of the cigarettes involved or $5,000. Any license shall be suspended or revoked as well.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are allowed.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

A retailer must sell cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, cigarette tobacco, pipe tobacco and smokeless tobacco only in a direct, face-to-face exchange between the employee of the retailer and the purchaser, including through vending machines. Sales from vending machines, including those selling packaged single cigarettes or cigars, are allowed if they are located in a separate and defined area within a facility where the retailer ensures that no person younger than 19 years of age is present, or permitted to enter at any time, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-105.1 (2010).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense, a class B misdemeanor for the second offense, and a class A misdemeanor for subsequent offenses.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-105.1 (2010).
Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the placement of or required sign posting on tobacco products vending machines are not allowed, see below.

Any ordinance, regulation, or rule adopted by the governing body of a political subdivision or state agency that affects the sale, placement, or display of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco that is not essentially identical to the provisions of Section 76-10-102 and 76-10-105.1 are superseded.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-10-105.1 (2010).

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
It is unlawful for any person in this state to manufacture, import, distribute, barter, sell, exchange, or offer cigarettes for sale without first having obtained a license from the state Tax Commission. A separate license is required for each place of business. Licenses are valid for three years from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked. Any person engaging in the business of manufacturing, importing, distributing, or selling or offering to sell cigarettes without holding a valid license that is currently not suspended or revoked is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for each offense.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Fees
$30 for a cigarette license and $20 for renewal every three years.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
The state Tax Commission shall suspend or revoke the licenses to sell tobacco of any business upon receipt of notice from the enforcing agency (the state Department of Health and/or local health departments) that there has been a third or fourth violation of Section 26-40-103 (UT youth access law). A third violation within a 12-month period is subject to a license suspension for not more than 30 days and a fourth or subsequent violation is subject to license revocation for one year.


Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
It is a class B misdemeanor for any person to display on any billboard, streetcar sign, streetcar, bus, placard or on any other object or place of display, any advertisement of any tobacco product, except that a dealer in tobacco products may have a sign on the front of his place of business stating that he deals in the articles. This law does not prohibit advertisements of tobacco products in any newspaper, magazine, or other periodical in the state.

UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 76-10-102 (1986).

Note #1: Enforcement of the above provisions may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Lorillard Tobacco Company v. Reilly, decided in 2001.

Note #2: Section 76-10-102 of the Utah Code also required warnings on newspaper, magazine or periodical advertisements for smokeless tobacco products. However, the language of this provision defers to any subsequently enacted federal law for the specific warning language required to be placed in smokeless tobacco advertisements. Shortly thereafter, the federal Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act of 1986 was enacted and said that no other statement relating to the use of smokeless tobacco products and health shall be required by any state or local statute.
or regulation to be included on any package or in any advertisement (unless the advertisement is an outdoor billboard advertisement) of a smokeless tobacco product.

**Product Disclosure**

The Department of Health shall annually obtain publicly available information regarding cigarettes and tobacco products from other states and sources concerning: (1) the presence of the following substances in detectable levels in an unburned state and, if the cigarette or tobacco product is typically burned when consumed, in a burned state: (a) ammonia or ammonia compounds; (b) arsenic; (c) cadmium; (d) formaldehyde; and (e) lead; and (2) a nicotine yield rating for the cigarette or tobacco product for which a rating has been developed. Information obtained by the department is a public record and may be disclosed and disseminated generally by the department.

**Divestment**

No state law/regulation.

**Liability**

Tobacco Industry Liability

No state law/regulation.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

Sixty percent of Utah’s annual Master Settlement Agreement payments are deposited in a “Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account” in the state general fund, and used for several specified purposes, including funding tobacco prevention and cessation programs and as directed by the legislature. The remaining 40 percent is deposited in a Permanent State Trust Fund and used/handled as specified.

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of the above for a first offense shall be

Utah created a Permanent State Trust Fund under Utah Constitution Article XXII, Section Four to receive a portion of the annual payments from the Master Settlement Agreement. The principal of the trust fund is invested in perpetuity, and can be transferred to the General Fund only by a vote of three-quarters of both houses of the legislature and concurrence by the governor. The interest income from the trust fund is transferred to the general fund where by statute 50 percent is returned to the permanent trust fund. The trust fund shall consist of 40 percent of all funds received from the Master Settlement Agreement on and after July 1, 2007, except in FY2011 the first $11,350,900 was transferred to the state general fund.

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in section 53-7-403(8) Utah Code, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Utah or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Utah unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method required by and meet the performance standard specified in section 53-7-403 Utah Code; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state Fire Marshal in accordance with section 53-7-404 Utah Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with Section 53-7-405 Utah Code.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**

Utah created the “Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account,” a restricted account in the general fund. The account shall consist of 60 percent of all funds received from the Master Settlement Agreement on and after July 1, 2007. Funds will be appropriated from this account in the following order: $10,452,900 for the children’s health insurance program, $3,487,100 for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention, reduction, cessation, and control programs; $2,519,100 to the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Department of Human Services for statewide expansion of the drug court program; $4 million to the University of Utah Health Sciences Center; and any remaining funds as directed by the legislature.

**UTAH CODE ANN. § 51-9-201 (2010).**
liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000, and for a subsequent offense a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000 per each sale of such cigarettes. A penalty against any one entity may not exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer who knowingly sells cigarettes in violation of the above shall: if the total number of cigarettes sold or offered for sale does not exceed 1,000 cigarettes, be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for a first offense and not to exceed $2,000 for a subsequent offense; and if the sale does exceed 1,000 cigarettes, be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for a subsequent offense. A penalty imposed against any retail dealer shall not exceed $25,000 during a 30-day period. In addition to any penalty prescribed by law, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership, or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification, shall for a first offense, be liable for a civil penalty of at least $75,000; and for a subsequent offense, be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed $250,000.

**UTAH CODE ANN. §§ 53-7-401 to 53-7-411 (2009).**

### Preemption

**Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws**

Preempts local laws/ordinances concerning smoking that are not essentially identical to state law except for certain places of outdoor public access; preemption of youth access laws/ordinances only applies to placement of tobacco products, mail order sales of tobacco products and tobacco product vending machines. Stronger local laws/ordinances dealing with advertising and promotion of tobacco products are also not allowed.

### Legislative Activity

#### 2010 Legislative Activity

**Tobacco Control Program Funding:** Allocated $7,131,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 1) enacted 2/18/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Taxes:** Increases the cigarette tax by $1.005 to $1.70 per pack. Changes and increases taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes as well. Deletes a provision allocating money left over in the Cigarette Tax Restricted Account at the end of a fiscal year. Supersedes H.B. 196 also approved in 2010 that increased cigarette and tobacco taxes.

S.B. 259 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) 3/31/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Tobacco Taxes:** Alters the definition of moist snuff in state law to exclude certain smokeless tobacco products from being taxed by weight.


**Electronic Cigarettes:** Prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes to persons under the age of 19 and otherwise regulates their use to minors.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars:** For FY2011, transfers the first $11,350,900 in tobacco settlement dollars designated to a Permanent State Trust Fund to the state general fund.


**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars:** Makes a small change to the way tobacco settlement dollars designated to the Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account are allocated.

S.B. 265 enacted 3/31/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Novelty Lighters:** Prohibits the sale of novelty lighters as defined through rules promulgated by the Utah Fire Prevention Board and/or decision of the state Fire Marshal.

H.B. 201 enacted 3/30/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Youth Access Laws:** Prohibits providing tobacco paraphernalia as defined to persons less than 19 years of age.

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

The possession of lighted tobacco products in any form is prohibited in the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access and publicly owned buildings and offices, including restaurants and bars. See the definition of “public places” in title 18, section 37-1741 of the Vermont Statutes for a complete list. Smoking is also prohibited in all workplaces as defined, see Private Workplaces section below.


Exceptions to the Law

Exceptions to the law include: 1) areas not commonly open to the public of owner-operated businesses with no employees; 2) any portion of a structure that also serves as the employee’s or employer’s personal residence; and 3) residents of the Vermont veterans’ home in areas where smoking is allowed.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are specifically allowed, see below.

Nothing in the above law shall be construed to supersede or in any manner affect a municipal smoking ordinance provided that the provisions of such ordinance are at least as protective of the rights of nonsmokers as the above provisions.


Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited entirely in the common areas of buildings and offices owned, leased, or rented by state, county, or municipal governments, or by agencies supported by appropriation of, or by contracts or grants from, funds derived from federal, state, county, or municipal taxes. Smoking is also prohibited in workplaces.


Private Workplaces

The use of lighted tobacco products is prohibited in virtually all workplaces. “Workplace” means an enclosed structure where employees perform services for an employer. Except for schools, workplace does not include areas commonly open to the public or any portion of a structure that also serves as the employee’s or employer’s personal residence. This does not restrict the ability of residents of the Vermont veterans’ home to use lighted tobacco products in the indoor area of the facility in which smoking is permitted. Areas not commonly open to the public of owner-operated businesses with no employees are exempt.


Schools

No person shall be permitted to use tobacco on public school grounds and no student shall be permitted to use tobacco at public school sponsored functions. Each public school board shall adopt policies prohibiting the possession and use of tobacco products by students at all times while under the supervision of school staff. These policies shall include confiscation and appropriate referrals to law enforcement authorities.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 16, § 1-140 (1997).

To the extent not covered by the restrictions above, smoking is prohibited in the common areas of all indoor places of public access and publicly-owned buildings and offices and workplaces, which includes all educational facilities.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in the common areas of all indoor places of public access and all publicly-owned buildings and offices and in workplaces, which includes most child care facilities.


Foster parents shall ensure that children in the custody of the Department of Children and Families shall not be exposed to secondhand smoke in the foster parent’s home or vehicle.

VT Dept. of Children & Families, Licensing Regs for Foster Care, sect. 403 (2005).
Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in the common areas of all indoor places of public access, the definition of which includes offices/buildings of facilities that provide health care services, hospitals and the common areas of nursing homes. Smoking is also prohibited in all workplaces.

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access, the definition of which includes restaurants. Smoking is also prohibited in all workplaces.

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access, the definition of which includes bars and cabarets. Smoking is also prohibited in all workplaces.

Penalties/Enforcement
A proprietor, or the agent or employee of the proprietor, who observes a person violating this law, must ask that person to extinguish all lighted tobacco products. If the person refuses, they will be asked to leave the premises.

An employee may file a complaint with the Department of Health for an employer’s failure to comply with workplace smoking restrictions. Failure to come into compliance is subject to an administrative penalty of $100.

In addition, the Commissioner of Health, or a local board of health, may bring an action in the superior court of the county in which a violation has occurred or is occurring, to enforce the provisions of this title. The court may grant temporary and permanent injunctive relief, and levy civil penalties of up to $10,000 for each violation. Any person who violates a provision of this title shall be fined not more than $5,000. Each violation shall be a separate offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day’s continuance shall be deemed a separate violation. When appropriate, all efforts shall be made to secure voluntary compliance.

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.24
Date last changed: July 1, 2009 – from $1.99 to $2.24
Year first enacted: 1937
VT STAT. ANN. tit. 32, § 7771 (2010).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $60,398,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from the cigarette tax is distributed as follows: 84.5 percent to the State Health Care Resources Fund, which finances health care coverage for beneficiaries of the state health care assistance programs under the global commitment to health care waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and 15.5 percent to the Catamount Fund to be used to help fund the Catamount Health assistance program.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Little Cigars (weighing under 3 lbs./thousand): $2.24 per 20 cigars;
Roll-Your-Own Tobacco: $2.24 per 0.09 of an ounce;
Snuff: $1.87/oz. or fractional part thereof;
New Smokeless Tobacco: $1.87/oz. or if sold in a package weighing less than 1.2 ounces, $2.24 per package;
Cigars with a wholesale price greater than $1.08 and less than $10.00: $2.00/cigar;
Cigars with a wholesale price of $10.00 or more: $4.00/cigar;
All other tobacco products: 92% of the wholesale price.
Tobacco Control Program Funding

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $4,515,039
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,362,890*
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $5,877,929
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $10,400,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 56.5%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

Source of Funding

State funding for Vermont’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and the state general fund.

State Funding Details

Vermont appropriated $4,515,039 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $4,805,039 was appropriated.

FY2011 Annual Budget (H.B. 789) enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

The Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board, an independent state board, was created to work in partnership with the Department of Health in administering and coordinating the state tobacco prevention and treatment program. By June 1, 2001, the department and the board shall jointly establish a plan for reducing adult and youth smoking rates by 50 percent in the following 10 years. By June 1st of each year, the department and the board shall jointly establish goals for reducing adult and youth smoking rates in the following two years. The program shall be comprehensive and research-based, and shall include the following components: (1) community-based programs; (2) school-based programs; (3) tobacco cessation programs; (4) counter marketing activities; (5) enforcement activities; (6) surveillance and evaluation activities; and (7) policy initiatives. The Department of Liquor Control shall administer the component of the program that relates to enforcement activities and the Department of Education shall administer school-based programs.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 18, §§ 9503 to 9507 (2007).

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Departments of Health and Liquor Control shall inspect for violations of chapter 40 of Title 7 of the Vermont statutes whenever either department conducts any other inspection. Violations shall be reported to the Department of Liquor Control for enforcement, and notices of violation shall be mailed to the alleged violator within 24 hours after the report. The Department of Liquor Control shall conduct or contract for compliance checks of tobacco licensees as frequently and as comprehensively as necessary to assure consistent statewide compliance with the prohibition on sales to minors of at least 90 percent for 17-year old buyers. An individual under the age of 18 in a compliance test shall not be in violation of Title 7, section 1005 of the Vermont Statutes.

Sec. 12 & 13, VT ACT 58 (1997).

Penalties for Sales to Minors

It is unlawful for a person to sell or provide tobacco products to a person less than 18 years of age. Violators shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than $100 for the first offense and not more than $500 for subsequent offenses.


Any violation by a tobacco licensee of the youth access law after a first sale violation or during a compliance check conducted within six months of a previous violation shall be considered a multiple violation and shall result in the minimum license suspension, in addition to other penalties. Minimum license suspensions for multiple violations shall be assessed as follows: for a second violation, suspension for one weekday; three violations, suspension for two weekdays; four violations,
suspension for three weekdays; and five violations, three weekend days, Friday through Sunday.

Sec. 13, VT ACT 58 (1997).

Sign Posting Requirements
A person licensed under this chapter shall post in a conspicuous place on the premises a printed copy of the provisions of sections requiring proof of age and penalties to minors for purchasing tobacco products or misrepresenting their age to do so. Persons failing to post such signs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than $100.


Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
The sale and the purchase of bidis is prohibited. A person who holds a tobacco license who sells bidis as prohibited by this subsection shall be fined not more than $500. A person who purchases bidis from any source shall be fined not more than $250.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
A person shall exhibit proper proof of their age upon demand of a person licensed under this chapter, an employee of a licensee or a law enforcement officer. If the person fails to provide such proof of age, the licensee shall be entitled to refuse to sell tobacco products to the person. As used in this section, “proper proof” means a photographic motor vehicle operator’s license, a valid passport, a United States Military identification card or a photographic non-driver motor vehicle identification card obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
A person less than 18 years of age shall not possess or purchase tobacco products or misrepresent their age to do so. A minor who possesses tobacco is subject to a civil penalty of $25. Failure to pay this penalty within 60 days will result in suspension or delay of the minor’s driver’s license. A minor that misrepresents their age shall be fined not more than $50 or provide up to 10 hours of community service, or both.


Placement of Tobacco Products
Except contracts in existence prior to March 31, 1997, no person holding a tobacco license shall display or store tobacco products where those products are accessible to consumers without direct assistance by the sales personnel. This does not apply to displays of tobacco products in stores where minors are not permitted; unopened cigarette cartons and smokeless tobacco in unopened multi-pack containers of 10 or more packages as long as the removal of cartons or multi-packs from the display can be observed by a store employee; and cigars or pipe tobacco stored in a humidor as long as the removal of these products from the humidor can be observed by a store employee. A person, partnership, association or corporation, who willfully violates this requirement, is subject to a fine of $50 to $200 and/or imprisonment for one to three months.


Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No person shall cause cigarettes, roll-your-own tobacco, little cigars, or snuff, ordered or purchased by mail or through a computer network, telephonic network, or other electronic network, to be shipped to anyone other than a licensed wholesale dealer, distributor, or retail dealer in this state. A knowing or intentional violation of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years and/or a fine of not more than $5,000. In addition to or in lieu of any other civil or criminal remedy provided by law, the attorney general may impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed $5,000 for each shipment or transport.


Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
An applicant for a tobacco license that does not hold a liquor license shall be granted a tobacco license only after the applicant has met with a liquor control investigator for the purpose of being informed about the Vermont tobacco laws pertaining to the purchase, storage and sale of tobacco products. This training must be completed at least once every three years. The holder of the license must ensure that every employee involved in the sale of tobacco products completes a training program approved by the Department of Liquor Control before the employee begins selling or providing tobacco products, and at least once every 24 months.
thereafter. A licensee may comply with this requirement by conducting its own training program on its premises using information and materials furnished by the Department of Liquor Control. A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection shall be subject to suspension of the tobacco license for no less than one day.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

### Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

#### Tobacco Product Samples

It is unlawful for any person to furnish tobacco products to a person less than 18 years of age. A person who furnishes tobacco products to a person less than 18 years of age shall be fined not more than $100 for a first offense and not more than $500 for subsequent offenses.


#### Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts

No person holding a tobacco license shall sell cigarettes individually or in packs that contain fewer than 20 cigarettes. A person, partnership, association or corporation, who willfully violates this requirement, is subject to a fine of $50 to $200 and/or imprisonment for one to three months.


No person shall affix a cigarette stamp to or sell or offer for sale in this state any package or container of cigarettes if the container or package does not comply with all the requirements of the federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is to be sold within the United States. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to a fine of not more than $250 and/or imprisonment for one to three months.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

### Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

#### Vending Machine Placement

All vending machines selling tobacco products are prohibited.

VT STAT. ANN. tit. 7, § 1003(c) (2002).

#### Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

A person, partnership, association or corporation, who willfully violates the above requirement, is subject to a fine of $50 to $200 and/or imprisonment for one to three months.


#### Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

N/A

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning tobacco product vending machines would be allowed; however, since tobacco product vending machines are completely prohibited by state law, there is no need for stronger local laws/ordinances.

### Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

#### Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Wholesale dealers and distributors must obtain a license from the Commissioner of Taxes to sell cigarettes or tobacco products. A separate application and license is required for each wholesale outlet. Licenses are valid indefinitely unless suspended or revoked. Any wholesale dealer or distributor who shall sell, offer for sale or possess with intent to sell, any cigarettes or tobacco products, or both, without having first obtained a license shall be fined not more than $25 for the first offense and $25 to $200 for subsequent offenses.

Cigarette and other tobacco product retailers, including those who provide a vending machine for their sale, must obtain a license from the state Department of Liquor Control. Licenses expire on April 30th of each year. Each tobacco license shall be prominently displayed on the premises identified in the license. Selling tobacco products without obtaining a tobacco license is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than $200 for the first offense and not more than $500 for each subsequent offense.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Retail tobacco license: $10 annually (those applying for an alcohol and tobacco license need only pay the fee for the alcohol license);
Wholesalers and distributors: no charge.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Any violation by a tobacco licensee of the youth access law after a first sale violation or during a compliance check conducted within six months of a previous violation shall be considered a multiple violation and shall result in the minimum license suspension, in addition to other penalties. Minimum license suspensions for multiple violations shall be assessed as follows: for a second violation, suspension for one weekday; three violations, suspension for two weekdays; four violations, suspension for three weekdays; and five violations, three weekend days, Friday through Sunday.

Sec. 13, VT ACT 58 (1997).

Smoking Protection Laws
No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
Note: No appeal bond is required to appeal monetary lawsuit judgments in Vermont.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
All monies received from the Master Settlement Agreement are deposited in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund. Monies in this fund can be appropriated by the general assembly, or transferred to a Tobacco Trust Fund as specified below. A portion of the money in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund is usually used to fund state tobacco prevention/cessation programs each year.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information
A Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund was established in the state treasury, separate from the state general fund. All monies received by the state from the Master Settlement Agreement and any interest that accrues on such monies are deposited in the fund. Appropriations from the fund can be made by the general assembly.


The Tobacco Trust Fund was established in the office of the state treasurer. The trust fund shall be comprised of appropriations made by the general assembly, transfers from the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund as specified and contributions from any other source. Trust fund monies cannot be spent except by appropriation of the general
assembly and such appropriation shall not exceed seven percent of the fair market value of the fund at the end of the prior fiscal year. Unless specified otherwise by the general assembly, any unencumbered balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be transferred to the trust fund.


Note: The actual balance remaining in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the end of FY2010 shall remain in that fund for appropriation in FY2011, and not be transferred to the Tobacco Trust Fund as specified above. Actual investment earnings from the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of FY2011 shall also be transferred to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund in FY2011.

H.B. 789 enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, no cigarettes may be manufactured in Vermont or sold or offered for sale to any person in Vermont unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in subsection (b) of section 2757 of title 18 of the Vermont Statutes. The manufacturer must also file a written certification with the Commissioner of Public Safety in accordance with subsection (c) of section 2757 of title 18 of the Vermont Statutes. Cigarettes that have been certified must also follow specific marking requirements specified in subsection (d) of section 2757 of title 18 of the Vermont Statutes. Each cigarette must be recertified every three years.


Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, unlicensed retailer, or any other person that knowingly sells cigarettes, except by licensed retail sales, in violation of the above requirements is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each sale. A manufacturer that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each false certification. A licensed retail dealer that knowingly sells or offers for sale cigarettes in violation of the above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $500 for each sale or offer of sale of 1,000 cigarettes or fewer, or a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for each sale or offer of sale of more than 1,000 cigarettes. Any other person that violates any provision of this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for each violation. The Attorney General may file an action in superior court for a violation.


Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity


Tobacco Taxes: Increases taxes on snuff, new smokeless tobacco and establishes several new taxes on cigars based on wholesale price.

H.B. 783 enacted 6/4/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Tobacco Cessation Coverage: Requires all public and private health insurance plans in Vermont to cover at least one three-month supply per year of tobacco cessation medication, including over-the-counter medication. Tobacco cessation medication includes all therapies approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

S.B. 88 enacted (became law without governor’s signature) 5/27/10 and effective 10/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Unspent money in the fund where Master Settlement Agreement payments are directed at the end of FY2010 will not be transferred to the Tobacco Trust Fund as specified under current state law. Investment earnings from the Tobacco Trust Fund in FY2011 will also be transferred to the other fund.

H.B. 789 enacted 6/3/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Specifies that money can be transferred from the Tobacco Trust Fund to ensure that the balance in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the end of FY2010 is not negative.

H.B. 534, sect. 71a enacted and effective 2/25/10.
Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in some specific public places such as K-12 schools and licensed child care centers, and allowed in designated areas in other public places such as health care facilities and retail/grocery stores. See Virginia Code sections 15.2-2824 to 15.2-2826 for specific types of places. Smoking is also restricted to separately enclosed, separately ventilated rooms/areas in restaurants.

VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2820 to 15.2-2828 (2009).

Exceptions to the Law

Smoking is specifically not regulated in: retail tobacco stores, tobacco warehouses or tobacco manufacturing facilities and private clubs. There are also no restrictions on smoking in private workplaces.

VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2820 to 15.2-2828 (2009).

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are generally not allowed except in a few specific communities that are exempted. No ordinances enacted by a locality prior to January 1, 1990, shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable because of lack of consistency with the provisions of this chapter. Unless specifically permitted in this chapter, ordinances adopted after January 1, 1990, shall not contain provisions or standards which exceed those established in this chapter.

VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2829 to 15.2-2833 (2009).

Government Buildings

By executive order, smoking is prohibited in offices and buildings occupied by executive branch agencies and institutions, including institutions of higher education. Smoking in correctional facilities shall be in accordance with guidelines set by the Director of the Department of Corrections; and smoking in state mental health and mental retardation facilities and in mental health units at state teaching hospitals shall be in accordance with guidelines set by the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services. Smoking is also prohibited in state-owned vehicles except smoking in state police vehicles shall be in accordance with policy set by the Superintendent of State Police.

2006 Exec. Order 41, effective 1/1/07.

Unless prohibited by executive order above, the commonwealth or any agency thereof and every locality shall provide reasonable no-smoking areas, considering the nature of the use and the size of the building, in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any agency thereof or a locality. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to office, work or other areas of the Department of
Corrections which are not entered by the general public in the normal course of business or use of the premises. Smoking is prohibited in public restrooms in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any agency thereof. Smoking is also prohibited in local/district health departments. VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2823 & 15.2-2824 (2009).

Private Workplaces
No restrictions.

Schools
By executive order, smoking is prohibited in offices and buildings occupied by executive branch agencies and institutions, including institutions of higher education.
2006 Exec. Order 41, effective 1/1/07.

Smoking is prohibited in the interior of any public elementary, intermediate, and secondary school and in public school buses. Except as specified above, the person(s) in charge of other educational facilities shall designate reasonable no-smoking areas, considering the nature of the use and the size of the building.
VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2824 & 15.2-2826 (2009).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in any child day care center that is not also used for residential purposes. This does not apply to any portion of a building not used by a child day care center.
VA. CODE ANN. § 15.2-2824 (2009).

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in hospital emergency rooms and public restrooms of health care facilities. Reasonable no-smoking areas must be designated in other health care facilities, including hospitals and nursing homes.
VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2824 & 15.2-2826 (2009).

Any person who smokes or uses an open flame within 25 feet of a medical oxygen source in a health care facility when the area is posted as an area where smoking and open flame are prohibited is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Restaurants
As of December 1, 2009, smoking is restricted to structurally separated and separately ventilated portions of restaurants. At least one public entrance of a restaurant must be into an area of the restaurant where smoking is prohibited. Smoking is still allowed in: 1) places that prepare or store food for distribution to persons of the same business operation or of a related business operation for service to the public such as catering services and mobile points of service; 2) outdoor areas of restaurants when not enclosed by temporary enclosures; 3) restaurants located on the premises of any manufacturer of tobacco products; 4) any portion of the restaurant that is used for private functions; and 5) any private club.
VA. CODE ANN. § 15.2-2825 (2009).

Bars
There is no legal distinction between restaurants and bars in Virginia, so establishments that are commonly known as bars are subject to the restrictions on smoking listed above under “Restaurants.” VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2825 & 15.2-2828 (2009).

Other State Smoking Restrictions and Provisions
Any person who smokes or uses an open flame within 20 feet of a pump used to fuel motor vehicles or a fueling tanker being used to deliver gasoline to a gasoline station is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor if smoking or the use of an open flame is prohibited by a sign at the pump. Any person who causes a fire or explosion as a result of a violation of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
VA. CODE ANN. § 46.2-819.4 (2007).

Penalties/Enforcement
The proprietor or other person in charge of a space subject to the restrictions on smoking in the Virginia Clean Indoor Air Act shall post signs conspicuous to public view stating “Smoking Permitted” or “No Smoking.” Restaurants are required to post “No Smoking” signs and remove ashtrays from areas of the restaurants where smoking is prohibited. Failure to post the required signs, continuing to smoke in a non-smoking area after being asked not to, or if a restaurant proprietor fails to comply with specified requirements is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed $25. Restaurant proprietors can assert an affirmative defense to violation if they follow specified requirements. Any law-enforcement officer may issue a summons regarding a violation of the restrictions on smoking.
in public places or restaurants.
VA. CODE ANN. §§ 15.2-2820 to 15.2-2828 (2009).

**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**

Tax rate per pack of 20: 30 cents
Date last changed: July 1, 2005 – from 20 cents to 30 cents
Year first enacted: 1960

Roll-your-own tobacco is now included in the definition of cigarette and 0.09 ounces of roll-your-own tobacco is the same as one cigarette. However, the excise tax on roll-your-own tobacco is still 10 percent of the manufacturers’ sales price.

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $169,357,000

**Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary**
All revenue generated by the cigarette tax is deposited into the Virginia Health Care Fund. Monies in the fund are used for the provision of health care services.

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**

Moist snuff: 18 cents/oz. with a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
Loose-leaf tobacco: 21 cents for a single unit, 40 cents for a half-pound unit, 70 cents for a pound-unit or 21 cents for all other units, pouches or packages plus an additional 21 cents for each 4 ounce increment over one pound;
All other tobacco products: 10% of the manufacturers’ sales price.

**Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary**
All revenue generated by the other tobacco products tax is deposited into the Virginia Health Care Fund. Monies in the fund are used for the provision of health care services.

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $9,365,046
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,617,156 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $10,982,202
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $103,200,000
Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 10.6%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**
State funding for Virginia’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and federal stimulus dollars.

**State Funding Details**
Virginia allocated $9,365,046 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $12,300,000 was allocated. This is the first year of the FY2011-FY2012 biennium.

**Tobacco Control Program Related Laws**
The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth is created to assist in determining the appropriate recipients of monies in the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Fund, and causing distribution of such monies for the purposes provided. The Foundation shall have two divisions, the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation to assist in financing efforts to restrict the use of tobacco products by minors, and a division known as Virginia Youth Obesity Prevention may use moneys from the Fund to assist in financing efforts to reduce childhood obesity. The Foundation shall be administered by a board of governors consisting of 23 members, including five designated representatives from public health organizations, which can include the American Lung Association of Virginia.

**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**
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Compliance/Enforcement

For the purpose of compliance with regulations of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (Synar Amendment) the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may promulgate regulations which allow the department to undertake the activities necessary to comply with such regulations.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

No person shall sell to, distribute to, purchase for or knowingly permit the purchase by any person less than 18 years of age, knowing or having reason to believe that such person is less than 18 years of age, any tobacco product, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, bidis and wrappings. Proof that the person demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon a photo identification stating that the individual was at least 18 years of age as required by law shall be a defense to any action brought under this subsection. Violation by an individual or a separate retail establishment, except for the sale of bidis, shall be punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for the first violation, up to $200 for a second violation and up to $500 for subsequent violations. If the retail establishment has a youth access training program, the court shall suspend all penalties. If the court finds that there is no training program then they may impose a penalty not to exceed $1,000.


Sign Posting Requirements

Retail establishments that sell tobacco products shall post signs indicating that the sale of tobacco products to any person under the age of 18 is prohibited by law. Proprietors in violation of this requirement may be charged with a civil penalty not to exceed $50.


Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes

No person shall sell to, distribute to, purchase for or knowingly permit the purchase by any person less than 18 years of age, knowing or having reason to believe that such person is less than 18 years of age, any tobacco product, including bidis. A violation by an individual or by a separate retail establishment that involves the sale, distribution or purchase of a bidi shall be punishable by a civil penalty in the amount of $500 for a first violation, $1,000 for a second violation, and $2,500 for a third or subsequent violation.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

No person shall sell a tobacco product, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, bidis, and wrappings, to any individual who does not demonstrate, by producing a driver’s license or similar photo identification issued by a government agency, that the individual is at least 18 years of age. Such identification is not required from an individual whom the person has reason to believe is at least 18 years of age or who the person knows is at least 18 years of age.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

No person less than 18 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase or possess any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, bidis and rolling papers. This shall not apply to the possession of tobacco products by a person less than 18 years of age making a delivery of tobacco products in pursuance of his employment. Violators shall be punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for the first violation, and $250 for subsequent violations. In lieu of the civil penalty, a judge may prescribe up to 20 hours of community service for a first violation and up to 40 hours of community service for a second violation.


Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

No person shall mail, ship, or otherwise deliver cigarettes in connection with a delivery sale unless prior to the first delivery sale to a consumer such person complies with: 1) specific age verification requirements, including obtaining a certification from the prospective consumer and verifying the information in the certification; 2) disclosure requirements; 3) shipping requirements, including use of a delivery service that requires a signature to accept delivery and a photographic identification of the person accepting delivery; 4) registration
and reporting requirements; and 5) tax collection requirements. A first violation of these provisions is a civil penalty of up to $1,000. A second and subsequent violation is a civil penalty of up to $10,000. Knowingly submitting a false certification is a civil penalty of $5,000 for each offense. Failure to collect or remit taxes is a civil penalty of up to five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, in addition to any other penalty. The law also makes selling or possessing counterfeit cigarettes illegal, and prescribes penalties.

VA. CODE ANN. §§ 18.2-246.6 et seq. (2003).

Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
No person shall distribute to any person less than 18 years of age, any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, bidis and wrappings. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling tobacco products to minors. The affirmative defenses listed under “Penalties for Sales to Minors” are also available.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
Cigarettes shall be sold only in sealed packages provided by the manufacturer, with the required health warning. Violators are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $50.


State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement
Vending machines must be located in a place that is not open to the general public and is not generally accessible to minors. An establishment which prohibits the presence of minors unless accompanied by an adult is not open to the general public.


Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
A violation of the restrictions on placement of tobacco product vending machines is subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors.


Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
Where any tobacco product is sold from a vending machine notice shall also be posted on the machine in a conspicuous manner and place indicating that the purchase or possession of tobacco products by minors is unlawful. Violation by an individual or a separate retail establishment shall be subject to the same penalties provided for sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors.


State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
No person shall engage in the business of selling or dealing in tobacco products as a distributor without first having received a separate license from the Department of Taxation for each location or place of business. Each license, or a copy thereof, shall be prominently displayed on the premises covered by the license. No license shall be transferable to any other person. Distributor’s licenses are valid for a
period of three years from the date of issue unless sooner revoked by the department.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
No

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
No

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Each distributor’s license must be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the Department of Taxation.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
No employee of or applicant for employment with the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions shall be required, as a condition of employment, to smoke or use tobacco products on the job, or to abstain from smoking or using tobacco products outside the course of their employment, provided that this section shall not apply to specified classes of employees.

VA. CODE ANN. § 2.2-2902 (1989).

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability
In any civil litigation under any legal theory, the amount of the appeal bond or irrevocable letter of credit to be furnished during the pendency of all appeals or discretionary reviews of any judgment granting legal, equitable, or any other form of relief in order to stay the execution thereon during the entire course of appellate review by any courts shall be set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total appeal bond or irrevocable letter of credit that is required of an appellant and all of its affiliates shall not exceed $25 million, regardless of the value of the judgment. If the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that a party bringing an appeal, for whom the appeal bond or irrevocable letter of credit requirement has been limited or waived is purposefully dissipating its assets or diverting assets outside the jurisdiction of the United States courts for the purpose of evading the judgment, the limitation or waiver granted shall be rescinded and a court may require the appellant to post a bond or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount up to the full amount of the judgment.

VA. CODE ANN. § 8.01-676.1 (2000).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
Annual Master Settlement Agreement payments received by Virginia are split between three funds: 1) 8.5 percent is allocated to the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Fund, which is used for tobacco and obesity prevention activities; 2) 40 percent is allocated to the Virginia Health Care Fund and used for the provision of health care services as specified; and 3) the remaining 50 percent has been sold to the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation and the lump sum payment received from that sale was put in the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Endowment, and used as specified. In addition, 50 percent of a subset of MSA payments called strategic contribution payments were allocated to the Virginia Health Care Fund in FY2011.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

The Virginia Tobacco Settlement Fund was created. Ten percent of the MSA monies are allocated to the fund, unless this 10 percent allocation is sold to the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Endowment for a lump sum payment up front. The monies are used for the purposes of discouraging, eliminating or preventing the use of tobacco products by minors, including, but not limited to, educational and awareness programs on the health effects of tobacco use on minors and laws restricting the distribution of tobacco products to minors. Moneys may also be used for the purpose of reducing childhood obesity, including but not limited to educational and awareness programs, implementing evidence-based practices, and assisting schools and communities with related policies and programs.


Note: For FY2011 & FY2012, the allocation of tobacco settlement dollars to the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Fund was reduced to 8.5 percent. Also, at least $1 million of the allocated dollars are required to be used on obesity prevention activities.

H.B. 30 enacted 5/17/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

The Virginia Health Care Fund was created into which shall be deposited 40 percent of the annual MSA payment. Monies deposited to the Fund shall be used solely for the provision of health care services. Health care services include, but are not limited to, Medicaid payments, disease diagnosis, prevention and control, and community health services.


The Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund was also created. Fifty percent of the monies received from the MSA shall be deposited into the fund subject to the sale of this money to the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation. If the sale occurs, all the investment income from the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Endowment from the lump sum payment from the sale of this money shall be deposited in the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund.


Fifty percent of the MSA strategic contribution payments were allocated to the Virginia Health Care Fund in FY2011 and FY2012.

H.B. 30 enacted 5/17/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

Securitization

Authorizes the governor to securitize 50 percent of revenues from the annual MSA payments and creates the Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Endowment to receive the lump sum payment to the state. Also creates the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation and authorizes it to issue bonds all at once or from time to time backed by the 50 percent of MSA payments.


Authorizes the governor to securitize the 10 percent of MSA payments that currently go to the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation, and creates the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Endowment to receive the lump sum payment that would be received by the state. Also authorizes the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation to issue bonds backed by the 10 percent of MSA payments. To date, no bonds backed by this portion of MSA payments have been issued.


Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection N of section 59.1-293.2 Virginia Code, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in Virginia or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Virginia unless: 1) The cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 59.1-293.2 Virginia Code; 2) the manufacturer has filed a written certification in accordance with section 59.1-293.3 Virginia Code; and 3) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with Section 59.1-293.4 Virginia Code.

VA. CODE ANN. §§ 59.293.1 to 59-293.9 (2010).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A manufacturer or other person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than by retail sale, in violation of section 59.1-293.2 above shall
be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties against any such person shall not exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retailer shall be liable for the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties shall not exceed $25,000 for any retailer during any 30-day period. A manufacturer who knowingly makes a false certification as required by section 59.1-293.3 above shall be liable for a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each such false certification.

VA. CODE ANN. §§ 59-293.1 to 59-293.9 (2010).

Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Local smoking ordinances adopted after January 1, 1990 shall not contain provisions that exceed state smoking restrictions, except as specified.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $9,365,046 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers an additional 1.5 percent of tobacco settlement dollars over the existing 40 percent allocation to the Virginia Health Care Fund reducing the allocation to tobacco prevention/cessation programs to 8.5 percent in FY2011 and FY2012. Also, deposits 50 percent of the Master Settlement Agreement strategic contribution payment over the next two years into the Virginia Health Care Fund.

H.B. 30 enacted 5/17/10 and effective 7/1/10 (FY2011) and 7/1/11 (FY2012).

Tobacco Taxes: Changes the tax on moist snuff to a weight-based tax of 18 cents per ounce. Also changes the tax on loose leaf tobacco to three separate weight-based taxes as well.

H.B. 626 enacted 4/2/10 and effective 1/1/11 & S.B. 478 enacted 4/21/10 and effective 1/1/11.

Tobacco Taxes/Stamp: Increases the civil penalty for failing to affix revenue stamps to cigarettes and for the sale, purchase or possession of unstamped cigarettes for the purpose of evading tax payment.


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Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited in virtually all public places, including restaurants, bars and non-tribal casinos. “Public place” is defined as that portion of any building or vehicle used by and open to the public, regardless of whether the building or vehicle is owned in whole or in part by private persons or entities, the state of Washington, or other public entity, and regardless of whether a fee is charged for admission. This includes a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited. See statute citation for a specific list of what are classified as “public places.”


Exceptions to the Law

A public place does not include a private residence unless the private residence is used to provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar social service care on the premises. This chapter is also not intended to restrict smoking in private facilities which are occasionally open to the public except upon the occasions when the facility is open to the public.


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are not allowed due to a court decision by the Washington Supreme Court, see below.

The Washington Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the prohibition on smoking in almost all public places and workplaces in Pierce County, WA can not go into effect because the ordinance prohibits what state statute specifically allows in this case prohibiting smoking where state law allows businesses to decide whether to allow smoking or not. This means that localities in Washington are preempted from enacting clean indoor air ordinances stronger than state law.

Entertainment Industry Coalition v. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department et al., decided 2/10/05

Government Buildings

Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” which includes buildings and vehicles owned in whole or in part by the state of Washington or other public entity that are open to the public. Smoking is also prohibited in “places of employment,” which include any area under the control of a public employer which employees are required to pass through during the course of employment, including, but not limited to: entrances and exits to the places of employment. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve “public places” and “places of employment.” The definition of “public place” also includes state legislative chambers and immediately adjacent hallways.


Private Workplaces

Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” which includes buildings and vehicles owned in whole or in part by private persons or entities that are open to the public, and regardless of whether a fee is charged for admission. Smoking is also prohibited in “places of employment,” which include any area under the control of a private employer which employees are required to pass through during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, entrances and exits to the places of employment. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve “public places” and “places of employment.” See statute for a specific list of what are classified as “public places.”


Schools

Each school district board of directors must adopt a written policy prohibiting the use of all tobacco products on public school property. The policy shall include, but not be limited to: a requirement that students and school personnel be notified of the prohibition; the posting of signs prohibiting the use of tobacco products; sanctions for students
and school personnel who violate the policy, and a requirement that school district personnel enforce the prohibition.


To the extent not covered by the restrictions above, smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes schools and educational facilities, and includes a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.


Child Care Facilities

Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” which means any building or vehicle used by and open to the public, regardless of whether the building or vehicle is owned in whole or in part by private persons or entities, the state of Washington, or other public entity, including child care facilities. A “public place” includes a private residence when used to provide licensed child care, foster care, adult care, or other similar social service care on the premises. Smoking is also prohibited in “places of employment,” which include any area under the control of a public or private employer which employees are required to pass through during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, entrances and exits to the places of employment. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of “public places” and “places of employment.”


Restaurants

Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes restaurants. Smoking is also prohibited in “places of employment,” which are defined as any area under the control of a public or private employer which employees are required to pass through during the course of employment. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of “public places” and “places of employment.”


Bars

Smoking is prohibited in “public places,” the definition of which includes bars and taverns. Smoking is also prohibited in “places of employment,” which are defined as any area under the control of a public or private employer which employees are required to pass through during the course of employment. Smoking is also prohibited within a presumptively reasonable minimum distance of 25 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes of “public places” and “places of employment.”


Penalties/Enforcement

Owners or the person in charge must post signs in a conspicuous place at the entrance to a public place prohibiting smoking. Intentionally smoking in a “public place” or “place of employment” or removal or defacement of signs are punishable by a civil fine of up to $100. Any person passing by or through a public place while on a public sidewalk or public right of way has not intentionally violated this chapter. After an initial warning, violation by an owner or person in charge of a “public place” or “place of employment” is subject to up to a $100
civil fine each day the violation continues. Local law enforcement agencies enforce the law against individual smokers and local health departments enforce the law against owners or persons in charge of “public places” or “places of employment.” Owners, operators, managers, employers, or other persons who own or control a “public place” or “place of employment” may seek to rebut the presumption that 25 feet is a reasonable minimum distance by making application to the director of the local health department or district in which the “public place” or “place of employment” is located.


### Tobacco Taxes

#### Tax on Cigarettes
- Tax rate per pack of 20: $3.025
- Date last changed: May 1, 2010 – from $2.025 to $3.025
- Year first enacted: 1935


#### Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
- Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $392,428,000

#### Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
- Revenue from 60 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed: 14 percent to the state general fund, and the remaining revenue to the Education Legacy Trust Account. Revenue from the additional $2.425 of the cigarette tax is deposited in the state general fund.


#### Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
- Little Cigars (cigar that has a cellulose acetate integrated filter): 15.125 cents/cigar;
- All other Cigars: 95% of the taxable sales price not exceeding 65 cents per cigar;
- Moist snuff: the greater of $2.526 or 83 1/2% of the cigarette tax multiplied by 20 for consumer sized cans or packages that weigh 1.2 ounces or less, for cans or packages that weigh more than 1.2 ounces a proportionate tax for each ounce or fractional part of an ounce above 1.2 ounces;
- Any other tobacco products: 95% of the taxable sales price.


#### Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
- All revenue from other tobacco product taxes is deposited in the state general fund.


### Tobacco Control Program Funding

#### Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

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Percentage of CDC Recommended Level: 28.7%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

#### Source of Funding
- State funding for Washington’s tobacco control programs comes from the state general fund and retailer licensing fees.

#### State Funding Details
- Washington appropriated $12,400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). This is the second year of the FY2010-FY2011 biennium. In FY2010, $17,656,000 was appropriated.

### Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

#### Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors
- 18

#### Compliance/Enforcement
- The Liquor Control Board and the board’s authorized agents or employees shall have the full power to conduct random, unannounced inspections with local county health departments or districts and local law enforcement agents to assure compliance with these laws. Persons under 18 may be used
with parental authorization for participation in controlled purchases for enforcement purposes.


Penalties for Sales to Minors

Every person who sells or gives, or permits to be sold or given to any person under the age of 18 any cigar, cigarette, cigarette paper or wrapper, or tobacco in any form is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The Liquor Control Board may fine a licensed person who violates this provision $100 for the first violation within any two year period; $300 for the second violation within any two year period; $1,000 and suspension of license for a period of six months for the third violation within any two year period; $1,500 and suspension of license for one year for the fourth violation within any two year period, and revocation of a license with no chance of reinstatement for five years for the fifth or subsequent violation within any two year period. Any person other than a licensee who commits an offense may be fined $50 for the first violation and $100 for any subsequent violation. It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the person making a sale reasonably relied on any of the officially issued identification specified in Revised Code of Washington section 70.155.090, subsection (1).


Sign Posting Requirements

A licensee shall display a sign concerning the prohibition of tobacco sales to minors, which shall be posted so that it is clearly visible to any person purchasing tobacco products from the licensee. The sign shall read: “THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 18 IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW. IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, YOU COULD BE PENALIZED FOR PURCHASING A TOBACCO PRODUCT; PHOTO ID REQUIRED.” Penalties for licensees and all other persons are the same as selling or giving tobacco products to a minor. Penalties are assessed by the Liquor Control Board.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products

Where there may be a question of a person’s right to purchase or obtain tobacco products by reason of age, the retailer or agent thereof, shall require the purchaser to present any one of a list of officially issued identification that shows the purchaser’s age and bears their signature and photograph.


Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors

Individuals under 18 who purchase, possess, attempt to purchase or obtain any tobacco product are guilty of a Class Three civil infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed $50, participation in up to four hours of community service, or both. The court may also require participation in a smoking cessation program.

WASH. REV. CODE § 70.155.080 (2002).

Placement of Tobacco Products

No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products

A person may not ship or transport, or cause to be shipped or transported, any tobacco product ordered or purchased by mail or through the Internet to anyone in this state other than a licensed wholesaler or retailer; or with knowledge or reason to know of the violation, provide substantial assistance to a person who is in violation of these requirements. Violation is a Class C felony subject to a maximum fine of $5,000, a civil penalty of up to $5,000 may be imposed in lieu of or in addition to the criminal penalty. The attorney general may seek an injunction in superior court to restrain a threatened or actual violation and compel compliance. Any violation is also considered an unfair and deceptive act or practice and an unfair method of competition in the conduct of trade or commerce under Washington law.

WASH. REV. CODE § 70.155.140 (2009).

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are generally not allowed, see below.

This chapter preempts political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing requirements for the licensure and regulation of tobacco product promotions and sales within retail stores. No political subdivision may regulate or prohibit activities covered by Revised Code of Washington sections 70.155.020 through 70.155.080. This chapter does not other-
wise preempt political subdivisions from adopting ordinances regulating the sale, purchase, use, or promotion of tobacco products not inconsistent with chapter 507, Laws of 1993.

WASH. REV. CODE § 70.155.130 (1993).

**Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products**

**Tobacco Product Samples**
No person may distribute or offer to distribute samples in a public place. However, sampling is permitted in areas where minors are not permitted, in stores that have a retailer’s license, at or adjacent to outdoor construction sites. Sampling is also prohibited in or on a public street, sidewalk, park that is within 500 feet of a playground, school, or other facility being used primarily by persons under the age of 18. No person shall engage in the business of sampling without receiving a license from the state Liquor Control Board. Violation by licensees and by all others is a fine of $300 for each violation.


No person shall give or distribute coupons for tobacco products if such coupon is redeemed in any manner that does not require an in-person transaction in a retail store. The penalty for licensees and all others is a fine of $1,000 for each violation.


**Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts**
No person shall sell or permit to be sold cigarettes not in the original unopened package to which the required stamp has been affixed. This does not apply to the sale of loose leaf tobacco by a retail business that generates a minimum of 60 percent of annual gross sales from the sale of tobacco products. Penalties assessed against the licensee by the Liquor Control Board for violation are the same as selling or giving tobacco products to minors. Any person other than a licensee who commits a violation may be fined $100 for each offense.


No stamp may be affixed to, or made upon, any container or package of cigarettes if the container or package differs in any respect with the requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is to be sold within the United States.


**State Preemption of Local Samples Laws**
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are generally not allowed except ordinances prohibiting sampling enacted before 1993, see below.

This chapter preempts political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing requirements for the licensure and regulation of tobacco product promotions and sales within retail stores, except that political subdivisions that have adopted ordinances prohibiting sampling by January 1, 1993, may continue to enforce these ordinances. No political subdivision may regulate or prohibit activities covered by Revised Code of Washington sections 70.155.020 through 70.155.080. This chapter does not otherwise preempt political subdivisions from adopting ordinances regulating the sale, purchase, use, or promotion of tobacco products not inconsistent with chapter 507, Laws of 1993.

WASH. REV. CODE § 70.155.130 (1993).

**Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines**

**Vending Machine Placement**
Sales of tobacco products from vending machines are prohibited unless the machines are located at industrial work sites where minors are not employed or fully within premises where minors are not permitted. Vending machines must not be less than ten feet from all entrances or exits on the premises except if architecturally impractical.


**Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**
Violations of this provision by licensees and all others are punishable by a fine of $100 for each day the violation occurs.


**Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**
No state law/regulation.
State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed, see below.

This chapter preempts political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing requirements for the licensure and regulation of tobacco product promotions and sales within retail stores. No political subdivision may regulate or prohibit the sale, purchase, use, or promotion of tobacco products not inconsistent with chapter 507, Laws of 1993.

WASH. REV. CODE § 70.155.130 (1993).

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Wholesalers and retailers of cigarettes must obtain a license from the state Liquor Control Board. Licenses shall expire on the master license expiration date, and shall be continued annually if the licensee has paid the required fee and complied with all specified requirements. A separate license is required for each place of business. Purchasing, selling, consigning, or distributing cigarettes in this state without a license is a Class C felony.


Licenses must be obtained to distribute tobacco product samples at no or nominal cost from the Liquor Control Board. A sampler’s license expires on the thirtieth day of June of each year and must be renewed annually. A copy of the license must be carried by the person at all times. Sampling without a license is subject to a $300 fine for each violation.


Distributors and retailers of tobacco products other than cigarettes must be licensed by the state Liquor Control Board. Each license expires on the master license expiration date and shall be continued upon payment of the required fee and meeting of certain requirements. Selling other tobacco products without a license is a Class C felony.


License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
  Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
  Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
  Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
  Yes

License Fees

Cigarette wholesalers: $650 for the first place of business, $115 for any additional places of business;
Cigarette retailers: $93 annually, and an additional $30 for each vending machine;
Other Tobacco Product Distributors: $650 for the first place of business, $115 for any additional places of business (unless they hold a cigarette wholesaler license for the same place of business);
Other Tobacco Product Retailers: $93 annually (unless they hold a cigarette wholesaler license for the same place of business);
Manufacturers whose employees distribute samples: $500 annually;
All other samplers: not less than $50 annually.


License Suspension for Sales to Minors

Starting with the third violation, the state Liquor Control Board may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee violates state laws concerning sale of tobacco products to minors, sign posting at the point of sale, or distribution of cigarettes outside of their original packages.


Smoking Protection Laws

No state law/regulation.

Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation.
**Product Disclosure**

No state law/regulation.

**Divestment**

No state law/regulation.

**Liability**

**Tobacco Industry Liability**

In civil litigation under any legal theory involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory or any affiliate of a signatory to the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA), the supersedeas bond to be furnished in order to stay the execution of the judgment during the entire course of appellate review shall be set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total bond that is required of all appellants collectively shall not exceed $100 million, regardless of the value of the judgment. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid the payment of a judgment, a court may require the appellant to post a bond in an amount up to the amount of the judgment.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars**

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary**

Annual Master Settlement Agreement payments received by Washington are deposited in the tobacco settlement account except moneys that have been sold to the Tobacco Settlement Authority, see below. Moneys in this account may only be transferred to the state general fund or Tobacco Prevention and Control Account from there. Additional MSA payments called strategic contribution payments received in 2008 through 2017 are distributed to the Life Sciences Discovery Fund.

**Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information**

Moneys received by the state of Washington in accordance with the settlement of the state’s legal action against tobacco product manufacturers, exclusive of costs and attorneys’ fees, shall be deposited in the tobacco settlement account except as these moneys are sold or assigned to the Tobacco Settlement Authority (see Securitization section below). Moneys in the tobacco settlement account may only be transferred to the state general fund, and to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Account to help fund the tobacco prevention and cessation program. Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) strategic contribution payments received in 2008 through 2017 will be distributed to the Life Sciences Discovery Fund. During the FY2010-FY2011 biennium, the excess fund balance from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Account may be transferred to the state general fund, and less than the full MSA strategic contribution payment may be transferred to the Life Sciences Discovery Fund.

**Securitization**

The securitization of part of the annual MSA payments was authorized to acquire a lump sum payment of $450 million up front. The Tobacco Settlement Authority was created as an independent entity of the state to complete the transaction.

**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

**Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes**

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection 7 of section 19.305.020 Revised Code of Washington, cigarettes may not be sold or offered for sale in Washington or offered for sale or sold to persons located in Washington unless: 1) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in section 19.305.020 Revised Code of Washington; 2) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the State Director of Fire Protection in accordance with section 19.305.030 Revised Code of Washington; and the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 19.305.040 Revised Code of Washington.

**Penalties for Fire Safety Violations**

A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of section 19.305.020 above is subject to a civil penalty for each sale of such cigarettes of not to exceed $10,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $25,000 for any subsequent offenses. Penalties
shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. A retail dealer that knowingly sells fewer than 1,000 cigarettes in violation of the section 19.305.020 above is subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed $500 for a first offense and not to exceed $2,000 for subsequent offenses. A retail dealer that knowingly sells 1,000 or more cigarettes in violation of section 19.305.020 above is subject to a civil penalty of not to exceed $1,000 for a first offense and not to exceed $5,000 for subsequent offenses. Penalties may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. In addition, any corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, limited partnership, or association engaged in the manufacture of cigarettes that knowingly makes a false certification is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 for the first false certification and not to exceed $250,000 for each subsequent false certification.


■ Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking and youth access to tobacco products are generally not allowed.

■ Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $12,400,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by $1.00 to $3.025 per pack. Changes the tax on little cigars to be equal to the tax on cigarettes. Changes the tax on moist snuff to a weight-based tax. Increases other tobacco product taxes. Changes the way certain cigarette tax revenue is distributed.

Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
No broad restrictions on smoking in state law; there are laws, regulation or policies that restrict and/or prohibit smoking in state government buildings, schools and child care facilities. See below for more details.

Exceptions to the Law
No broad restrictions in state law, so places where smoking is prohibited are the exception.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local regulations by county/city boards of health further restricting smoking are specifically allowed by decision of the West Virginia Supreme Court. Stronger local laws/ordinances by city and county governments are allowed as well.

Note: In West Virginia, all 55 counties have regulations restricting smoking of varying strength promulgated by county boards of health as of January 1, 2011. All county regulations are stronger than state law.

Government Buildings
It is the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure that all state places of employment maintain a smokefree environment and to make both state employees and the public aware of their responsibility to ensure this smokefree environment. Therefore, smoking by employees of the state is prohibited in their places of employment and in adjacent nonsmoking spaces. Appointing authorities are not required to make accommodations for individual outdoor smoking areas. Public waiting rooms and receiving areas shall be smokefree, and smoking restrictions shall be actively enforced by the individuals responsible for those areas. State residential facilities, including but not limited to, hospitals, group homes, and prisons shall comply with this policy to the maximum extent possible.

WV Div. of Personnel Policy, Smoking Restrictions in the Workplace (2004).

The West Virginia Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority shall prohibit the use or possession of tobacco products by inmates held in facilities operated solely by the authority. The authority may establish smoking cessation programs to facilitate the prohibition.


Private Workplaces
No restrictions.

Schools
No person shall distribute or use any tobacco product at all times in any building, property or vehicle leased, owned or operated by a county board of education, a Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), the State Department of Education or the State Board of Education. This policy shall apply to any private building, other property, including automobiles or other vehicles used for school activities when students or staff is present. Individuals supervising students off school grounds are prohibited from distributing or using any tobacco product while in the presence of students or any time while engaged in any activities directly involving students.


Except as specified above, the use of tobacco products while the school is occupied for school purposes is restricted to faculty or staff lounges or offices that students do not have access to. Violation is punishable by a fine of $1 to $5 for each offense.


Child Care Facilities
Staff members of child care centers shall not use tobacco in any form while engaged in any food service activities, feeding children or administering to the children’s needs. Smoking is also prohibited in all children’s areas. “Child care center” is defined as any child care facility providing nonresidential child care for seven or more children for all or part of a day. The term “child care center” includes: day care centers, family day care facilities, nursery schools, and preschools. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $200, imprisonment for not more than 30 days or both the fine and imprisonment.

WV CSR §§ 64-21-10 & 64-21-20 (1997).

Health Care Facilities
No restrictions.
Restaurants
No restrictions.

Bars
No restrictions.

**Tobacco Taxes**

**Tax on Cigarettes**
Tax rate per pack of 20: 55 cents
Date last changed: May 1, 2003—from 17 cents to 55 cents
Year first enacted: 1947

**Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes**
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $110,943,000

**Taxes on Other Tobacco Products**
All other tobacco products: 7% of the wholesale price.

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

**Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**

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* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**
State funding for West Virginia’s tobacco control program comes from the state general fund.

**State Funding Details**
West Virginia appropriated $5,667,111 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). In FY2010, $5,687,358 was appropriated.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 213) enacted 3/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.

**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**
The commissioner of the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, the superintendent of the West Virginia state police, the sheriffs of the counties of this state and the chiefs of police of municipalities of the state, shall periodically conduct random unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold or distributed. Persons under 18 years of age may be enlisted to test compliance with these sections if the tests are conducted under the direct supervision of the acting authority and written parental consent is first obtained. Any other use of a minor to test compliance is a misdemeanor, punishable by the same fine listed under the Penalties for Sales to Minors section.


**Penalties for Sales to Minors**
No person, firm or corporation may sell, give or furnish, or cause to be sold or furnished any tobacco product or cigarette paper to a minor. Firms or corporations that violate these provisions are guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined $50 for the first offense; $250 to $500 for the second offense within two years of the first conviction; $500 to $750 for the third offense within two years of the first conviction; and $1,000 to $5,000 for any subsequent offenses within five years of the first conviction. Any individual who knowingly and intentionally sells, gives or furnishes or causes to be sold, given or furnished to any person under the age of 18 years any tobacco product, in any form, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, for the first offense shall be fined not more than $100; and for a second or subsequent offense, shall be fined $100 to $500. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution if the buyer or recipient falsely evidenced that he was 18 years of age or older; the appearance of the buyer or recipient was such that a prudent person would believe them to be 18 years of age or older; and such person carefully checked specified identification presented by the buyer or recipient and acted in good faith and in reliance upon the representation and appearance of the buyer or recipient.
in the belief that they were 18 years of age or older. An employer may dismiss an employee for cause for selling or furnishing tobacco products to minors, which could affect the employee’s ability to collect unemployment benefits.


Sign Posting Requirements
No state law/regulation.

Restrictions on Sales of Bidi Cigarettes
The possession, importation, distribution and sale of bidis is prohibited. Violation is a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to $500. Second and subsequent violations are subject to a fine of not less than $1,000 and not more than $5,000 for each offense and/or a possible jail term for up to six months.


Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/ Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No person under the age of 18 years shall have on or about their person or premises or use any cigarette, or cigarette paper or any other paper prepared, manufactured or made for the purpose of smoking any tobacco products, in any form; or, any pipe, snuff, chewing tobacco or tobacco product. This does not apply to minors participating in compliance inspections. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall for the first violation be fined $50 and be required to serve eight hours of community service; for a second violation, the person shall be fined $100 and be required to serve 16 hours of community service; and for a third and each subsequent violation, the person shall be fined $200 and be required to serve 24 hours of community service.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
No person shall mail, ship, or otherwise deliver cigarettes in connection with a delivery sale unless prior to the first delivery sale to a consumer, the person complies with: 1) specific age verification requirements, including, obtaining a certification from the prospective consumer including date of birth and verification of this information; 2) disclosure requirements; 3) shipping requirements, including use of a delivery service that requires the person to sign to accept delivery and to display a photographic identification; 4) registration and reporting requirements; and 5) tax collection requirements. A first violation of any provision of this article shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $500 or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater. Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this article, or who knowingly and falsely submits a certification in another person’s name, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined $1,000 or ten times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, whichever is greater, or confined not more than six months, or both. Failure to collect or remit taxes is a civil penalty of five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved, in addition to any other penalty.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products.

Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
No person, firm or corporation may give or furnish, or cause to be given or furnished any tobacco product or cigarette paper to a minor. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the same fines as selling tobacco products to minors.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
A person or business entity may not sell or offer for sale cigarettes: 1) in any form other than an original factory-wrapped package; 2) in a package that contains fewer than 20 cigarettes; 3) as a single cigarette; or 4) in any form that does not display the warnings
required by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertisng Act, as amended. Any person or business entity that violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of $250.

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products.

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines
Vending Machine Placement
No person or business entity may offer for sale any cigarette or other tobacco product in a vending machine. An establishment is exempt from this prohibition if individuals under the age of 18 years are not permitted to be in the establishment or if the establishment is licensed by the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission as a Class A licensee.

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations
Any person or business entity which violates the provisions concerning placement of tobacco product vending machines is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined $250.

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines
No state law/regulation.

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines.

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products
Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements
Each person who sells cigarettes, or other tobacco products or cigarette wrappers at wholesale or retail shall apply for and receive a license. The cigarette license application shall be a part of the business registration certificate application or the renewal application for a business registration certificate. Any person or company who sells any cigarettes, or other tobacco products or cigarette wrappers at wholesale or retail without obtaining a license is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than $100 or more than $250.
W. VA. CODE § 11-12-4a (2000).

License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
No fees specified.

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
No provisions.

Smoking Protection Laws
It shall be unlawful for any public or private employer to refuse to hire any individual or to discharge any employee or otherwise disadvantage or penalize any employee with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment solely because such individual uses tobacco products off the premises of the employer during non-working hours. This section does not apply to a nonprofit organization, which, as one of its primary purposes or objectives, discourages the use of one or more tobacco products by the general public. An employer may offer a health, disability or life insurance policy that makes distinctions between employees for type or price of coverage based on the employee’s use of tobacco products provided, that any differential premium rates charged to employees must reflect differential costs to the employee and provided, that the employer must provide employees with a statement delineating the differential rates used by its insurance carriers.
Advertising & Promotion

Any outdoor billboard advertisement for smokeless tobacco products must conspicuously display one of the following statements: “WARNING: THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE MOUTH CANCER; WARNING: THIS PRODUCT MAY CAUSE GUM DISEASE AND TOOTH LOSS; WARNING: THIS PRODUCT IS NOT A SAFE ALTERNATIVE TO CIGARETTES.” The warnings shall be rotated every four months by the manufacturer, packager, or importer of such products in an alternating sequence. Any outdoor billboard advertisement that does not conform to the provisions of this section shall be deemed a nuisance affecting public health.


Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

The bond that any appellant who is a signatory or a successor to a signatory of the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) or who controls or is under common control with a signatory of the MSA may be required to post to stay execution on a judgment during an appeal in any cause of action shall be set in accordance with existing law except that an appeal bond may not exceed $100 million for compensatory damages and all other portions of a judgment other than punitive damages and $100 million for punitive damages unless the appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the appellant or appellants are purposefully dissipating or diverting assets outside of the ordinary course of its business to the effect that the ability to pay the ultimate judgment is impaired.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

All of West Virginia’s future Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments were sold to the Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority in 2007 for a lump sum payment up front, see Securitization section. Some MSA dollars from prior to 2007 may remain in the Tobacco Settlement Fund or the Revenue Shortfall Reserve Fund, which is used as specified below. All the money from what was previously the West Virginia Tobacco Settlement Medical Trust Fund was transferred into this fund.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

The Tobacco Settlement Fund is created as a special revenue account in the state treasury. Any monies in the Tobacco Settlement Fund are available for appropriation by the legislature for: 1) reserve funds for continued support of the programs offered by the public employees insurance agency; 2) funding for expansion of the federal-state Medicaid program as authorized by the Legislature or mandated by the federal government; 3) funding for public health programs, services and agencies; and 4) funding for any state owned or operated health facilities. No new tobacco settlement money has been transferred to the fund since future annual Master Settlement Agreements payments were sold as bonds through the Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority for a smaller lump sum payment up front in 2007.


In 2006, there was created in the state treasury a fund known as the Revenue Shortfall Reserve Fund. All the money from what was previously the West Virginia Tobacco Settlement Medical Trust Fund was transferred into this fund. The legislature can make an appropriation from this fund for revenue shortfalls, emergency revenue needs caused by acts of God/natural disasters or for other fiscal needs as determined solely by the legislature, except the money can not be appropriated unless the money in the main Revenue Shortfall Reserve Fund has been expended. The interest earned on moneys in this fund can be appropriated by the legislature after June 30, 2025 for: reserve funds for continued support of the programs offered by the public employees insurance agency, funding for expansion of the federal-state Medicaid program as authorized by the Legislature or mandated by the federal government, funding for public health programs, services and agencies,
and funding for any state owned or operated health facilities.
W. VA. CODE § 11B-2-220(f) & (g) (2006).

Securitization
The Tobacco Settlement Finance Authority is created to sell, pledge or assign the state’s share of the MSA sold to the authority pursuant to one or more sales agreements. The sale of the state’s share of the MSA shall be executed by executive order of the governor, but the lump sum payment received by the state shall not be less than $800 million.
W. VA. CODE §§ 4-11A-3 to 4-11A-17 (2007).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes
To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in subsection (g) of section 47-25-3 and 47-25-10 West Virginia Code, no cigarettes may be sold or offered for sale in West Virginia or offered for sale or sold to persons located in West Virginia, unless: (i) The cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified section 47-25-3 West Virginia Code; (ii) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the State Fire Marshal in accordance with section 47-25-4 West Virginia Code; and (iii) the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with section 47-25-5 West Virginia Code.

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations
A manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of section 47-25-3 above is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $100 for each pack of cigarettes sold or offered for sale. Penalties against any such person shall not exceed $100,000 during any 30-day period. A retail dealer is subject to the same civil penalty for violation, but penalties shall not exceed $25,000 for any retail dealer during any 30-day period. In addition, any manufacturer of cigarettes who knowingly makes a false certification as required by section 47-25-4 above is subject to a civil penalty of at least $75,000 and not to exceed $250,000 for each false certification.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $5,667,111 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.
FY2011 Annual Budget (S.B. 213) enacted 3/25/10 and effective 7/1/10.

Youth Access: Increases the monetary penalties for selling tobacco products to minors, and for possession of tobacco products by minors.

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Smoking Restrictions

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited in virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces, including restaurants, taverns and private clubs. Smoking is also prohibited in certain outdoor locations, including sports arenas, bus shelters and public conveyances.


Exceptions to the Law
Smoking is still allowed in: 1) private residences; 2) rooms in assisted living facilities that are used by one person or by two or more persons as specified; 3) a retail tobacco store as defined in existence on or before June 3, 2009 that allows only the smoking of cigars and pipes; and 4) a tobacco bar as specified and defined (see Bars section).


Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking are generally allowed, except in certain outdoor locations, see below.

Counties, cities, villages, towns or school districts can pass ordinances or adopt policies further regulating smoking indoors or outdoors. However, if they regulate outdoor smoking, the ordinance/policy may apply only to public property under the jurisdiction of the county, city, village, town or school district. Such ordinance shall provide that the person in charge of a restaurant, tavern, private club or retail establishment subject to the ordinance may designate an outside area that is a reasonable distance from any entrance where customers, employees, or persons associated with the place may smoke. The ordinance cannot define “reasonable distance” or set a specified number of feet from the entrance where smoking can happen.

WI STAT. ANN. § 101.123(4m) (2010).

Government Buildings
The use of all tobacco products is prohibited at any Division of Disability and Elder Service (DDES) facility. This prohibition extends to all buildings and grounds of each DDES facility. The prohibition includes staff, patients/residents, visitors, renters, vendors, and any other individuals on the grounds of any facility. The only exception is for ceremonial use of tobacco by Native American patients/residents.

WI Admin. Code 60-05.00 (2005).

The possession and use of tobacco products is prohibited in and on all Department of Corrections owned and leased property. Exceptions can be made for specific circumstances such as for possession or use in inmate religious activities. The policy became effective September 1, 2006.

WI Dept. of Corrections Policy (2006).

Except as specified above, smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places and places of employment, including state, county, city, village or town buildings. Smoking is specifically prohibited in and in the immediate vicinity of the state capitol building; correctional facilities as defined, including anywhere on the grounds of a Type I juvenile correction facility; and state institutions as defined, which includes mental health care facilities.


By executive order, smoking is prohibited in all state office buildings under the control of cabinet secretaries.


Private Workplaces
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed places of employment. “Place of employment” means any enclosed place that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including an office, a work area, an elevator, an employee lounge, a restroom, a conference room, a meeting room, a classroom, a hallway, a stairway, a lobby, a common area, a vehicle or an employee cafeteria.


Schools
The use of all tobacco products is prohibited on premises controlled by a school board, except that the school board may allow the use of tobacco products on premises owned by the school district and rented to another person for non-educational purposes.

WIS. STAT. § 120.12(20) (2001).
To the extent not covered by the law above, smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places and workplaces, including educational facilities as defined. Smoking is specifically prohibited in residence halls owned or operated by a college or university and within 25 feet of such places if owned or operated by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. WI STAT. ANN. § 101.123 (2010).

Child Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited on the premises, indoors or outdoors, of a child care center, when children who are receiving day care services are present. “Child care center” means a facility operated by a child care provider that provides care and supervision for four or more children less than seven years of age for less than 24 hours a day. WIS. STAT. § 101.123 (2010).

Health Care Facilities
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places and places of employment, specifically including inpatient health care facilities and state institutions as defined. Smoking is still allowed in rooms in assisted living facilities used by one person or two or more people if every person who lives in that room smokes and each of those persons have made a written request to the person in charge of the assisted living facility to be placed in a room where smoking is allowed. WIS. STAT. § 101.123 (2010).

Restaurants
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places and places of employment, including restaurants. WIS. STAT. § 101.123 (2010).

Bars
Smoking is prohibited in enclosed public places and places of employment, including taverns. Tavern is defined as an establishment other than a restaurant that holds a Class B intoxicating liquor license or Class B fermented malt beverages license. Smoking is still allowed in tobacco bars, defined as a tavern that makes 15 percent or more of its annual gross income from the sale on the tavern premises, other than from a vending machine, of cigars and tobacco for pipes. WIS. STAT. § 101.123 (2010).

Penalties/Enforcement
The person in charge as defined of a public place or place of employment shall post signs saying that smoking is prohibited and setting out other specified information. They shall also take other specified actions if persons are smoking in violation of law. Any person who smokes in violation of the above law is subject to a forfeiture of between $100 and $250. Persons in charge, after a warning notice has been issued for a first violation, are subject to a forfeiture of $100. No more than $100 can be assessed against a person in charge in a single day, and the state can not suspend or revoke an alcoholic beverage license based on violation of the above law. State or local officials or any affected party may institute an action in any court with jurisdiction to enjoin repeated violations. The state Department of Justice is authorized to enforce the law and is invested with the powers conferred by law upon sheriffs and municipal police officers in the performance of those duties. Sheriffs, constables, and other local police officers can still enforce the law as well. WIS. STAT. §§ 101.123, 125.12(1)(c) & 165.60 (2010).

Tobacco Taxes

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: $2.52
Date last changed: September 1, 2009 – from $1.77 to $2.52
Year first enacted: 1939
WIS. STAT. § 139.31 (2009).

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $551,336,000

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Moist snuff: 100% of the manufacturer’s list price;
Cigars: 71% of the manufacturer’s list price, not exceeding 50 cents per cigar;
All other tobacco products: 71% of the manufacturer’s list price.
WIS. STAT. § 139.76(1) (2009).
**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs

- **FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs**: $6,850,000
- **FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs**: $2,205,434 *
- **FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs**: $9,055,434
- **Funding Level Recommended by CDC**: $64,300,000
- **Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level**: 14.1%

*Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.

**Source of Funding**

State funding for Wisconsin’s tobacco control program comes from the state general fund.

**State Funding Details**

Wisconsin allocated $6,850,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from the state general fund. This is the second year of the FY2011-FY2012 biennium. The same amount was allocated in FY2010.


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**Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products**

**Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors**

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**Compliance/Enforcement**

A governmental regulatory authority may conduct unannounced investigations at retail outlets, including tobacco vending machine premises, to enforce compliance with the state sales to minors’ law or a local ordinance. The Department of Health and Family Services may contract with a local health department, a state agency, or a state or local law enforcement agency to conduct investigations authorized under this section, and a local health department, state agency, or state or local law enforcement agency may contract with any other person to conduct these investigations. No retailer may be subjected to an unannounced investigation more than twice annually unless the retailer is found to have violated the law or a local ordinance in the most recent investigation. With the permission of their parent or guardian, a person under 18 years of age, but not under 15 years of age, may buy, attempt to buy or possess any cigarette or tobacco product if the person is directly supervised during the conducting of the investigation by an adult employee of a governmental regulatory authority and other specified requirements for the use of minors in such investigations are followed. If a county, town, village, or city conducts unannounced investigations of retail outlets to determine compliance with a local ordinance the investigations shall meet the requirements of sections 254.916(3)(a-f) of the Wisconsin statutes and any standards established by the state Department of Health Services.


**Penalties for Sales to Minors**

No retailer, manufacturer or distributor, or agent, employee or independent contractor thereof, may sell or provide for nominal or no consideration cigarettes or tobacco products to any person under the age of 18. Vending machine operators are not liable for this provision if they were unaware of the purchase. Violation is punishable by a fine of up to $500 for the first offense; and between $200 and $500 for the second and subsequent violations within 12 months. Upon the second violation within 12 months, the license to sell tobacco products shall also be suspended for not more than three days; for a third violation within 12 months, the license shall be suspended for three to 10 days; and for a fourth violation within 12 months, the license shall be suspended for 15 to 30 days. It is a defense to prosecution that the purchaser falsely represented that they had attained the age of 18 and presented an identification card; that the appearance of the purchaser was such that an ordinary and prudent person would believe that the purchaser had attained the age of 18; and that the sale was made in good faith, in reasonable reliance on the identification card and appearance of the purchaser.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

**Sign Posting Requirements**

Retailers shall post signs in areas within their premises where tobacco products are sold to consumers stating that the sale of tobacco products to minors is unlawful. Failure to post such notice is punishable by a fine of $25.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).
Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors
No person under 18 years of age may possess, purchase or falsely represent their age in an attempt to purchase tobacco products. This does not apply to a minor during employment or a minor who is participating in a compliance check. Violation is subject to seizure of the tobacco product by a law enforcement officer.


Placement of Tobacco Products
No state law/regulation.

Internet Sales of Tobacco Products
Requires direct marketers of cigarettes, which are sales of cigarettes to consumers where the consumer is not physically present, to register and provide certain information to the Department of Revenue. Direct marketers are also required to pay all applicable taxes on their products; verify the consumer’s name and address and that they are at least 18 years of age using a database with information based on public records or receive from the consumer at the time of purchase a photocopy of a government-issued ID; for sales over the Internet, obtain the purchaser’s E-mail address and receive payment by debit card, credit card or check prior to shipping; and the person making the delivery is required to check a government-issued ID to verify the person receiving the cigarettes is at least 18 years of age, if the person is not the addressee, the person must sign a statement saying the addressee is 18 years of age. Violation is subject to a penalty of $100 to $1,000 and/or 10 days to 90 days in jail.


Note: Some parts of this law may be affected by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Rowe v. New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, decided February 20, 2008.

Other Youth Access Laws and Provisions
At the time that a retailer hires or contracts with an agent, employee, or independent contractor whose duties will include the sale of cigarettes or tobacco products, the retailer shall provide the agent, employee, or independent contractor with training on compliance with applicable youth access laws and the penalties for violation. At the completion of the training, the retailer and the agent, employee, or independent contractor shall sign a form provided by the Department of Health and Family Services verifying that the agent, employee, or independent contractor has received the training, which the retailer shall retain in the personnel file of the agent, employee, or independent contractor. Upon violation, a citation will be given to the retailer and their employee if the employee has undergone this training. A citation will be issued only to the retailer if the employee has not undergone this training.


State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws
Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed unless it is the same as state law, see below.

A county, town, village or city may adopt an ordinance regulating the conduct regulated by this section only if it strictly conforms to this section. A county ordinance adopted under this subsection does not apply within any town, village or city that has adopted or adopts an ordinance under this subsection.


Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products

Tobacco Product Samples
No manufacturer, distributor, jobber, sub-jobber or retailer, or their employees or agents, may provide cigarettes or tobacco products for nominal or no consideration to any person except in a place where no person younger than 18 years of age is present or permitted to enter unless the person who is younger than 18 years of age is accompanied by a parent or guardian or spouse who has attained the age of 18 years. Providing cigarettes or tobacco products at no or nominal cost to persons under age 18 is also prohibited. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling tobacco products to minors, including license suspensions for multiple violations.


Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts
No retailer may sell cigarettes in a form other than as a package or container on which a stamp is af-
fixed. Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling tobacco products to minors, including license suspensions for multiple violations.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

No person may sell or distribute in this state, acquire, store, possess, or transport for sale or distribution in this state, import or cause to be imported into this state for sale or distribution in this state, or affix stamps to a cigarette package that does not comply with Title 15 United States code section 1333 and 1335 or other federal law.

WIS. STAT. § 139.31 (2001).

State Preemption of Local Samples Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting sampling or minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are not allowed unless it is the same as state law, see below.

A county, town, village or city may adopt an ordinance regulating the conduct regulated by this section only if it strictly conforms to this section. A county ordinance adopted under this subsection does not apply within any town, village or city that has adopted or adopts an ordinance under this subsection.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines

Vending Machine Placement

No retailer may place a vending machine within 500 feet of a school. Vending machines are restricted to places where the retailer or vending machine operator ensures that no person younger than 18 years of age is present or permitted to enter unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who is 18 or older.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

Penalties for Vending Machine Violations

Violation is subject to the same penalties as selling tobacco products to minors, including license suspensions for multiple violations.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines

A vending machine operator shall attach a notice in a conspicuous place on the front of their machine stating that the purchase of tobacco products by persons under 18 years of age is unlawful and violators may be fined up to $50. Failure to post such notice is punishable by a fine of $25.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws

Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning placement of or required sign posting on tobacco product vending machines are not allowed unless it is the same as state law, see below.

A county, town, village or city may adopt an ordinance regulating the conduct regulated by this section only if it strictly conforms to this section. A county ordinance adopted under this subsection does not apply within any town, village or city that has adopted or adopts an ordinance under this subsection.

WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products

Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements

Multiple retailers (a person who operates 10 or more retail outlets), distributors, manufacturers and vending machine operators must obtain a state permit from the Department of Revenue to sell cigarettes. A separate license is required for each place of business. Distributors are also required to obtain a permit to distribute tobacco products from the Department of Revenue.


No person shall in any manner sell, distribute or give away cigarettes or tobacco products to any person not holding a license or permit without first obtaining a license from the clerk of the city, village or town wherein such privilege is sought to be exercised. A city, village, or town clerk may not issue a license unless the applicant specifies in the license application whether the applicant will sell, exchange, barter, dispose of, or give away the cigarette or tobacco products over the counter or in a vending machine, or both. Licenses expire on June 30th of every year unless suspended or revoked. A separate license is required for each place of business.

WIS. STAT. § 134.65 (2001).
License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes
Yes—less than 10 retail outlets require city/town license, more than 10 retail outlets require state license.

License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products
Yes—city/town license

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes
Yes

License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products
Yes

License Fees
Not less than $5 or more than $100 annually for a retail license from a city, village or town; no fees specified for Department of Revenue permits.
WIS. STAT. § 134.65 (2001).

License Suspension for Sales to Minors
Punishments for violations of the sales to minors’ law include a three day suspension of the applicable license for the second violation within 12 months and progressive suspensions for subsequent offenses within that period. The maximum suspension provided is 15 to 30 days for four or more violations within 12 months.
WIS. STAT. § 134.66 (2007).

Smoking Protection Laws
No employer, labor organization, employment agency, licensing agency or other person may engage in any act of employment discrimination against any individual on the basis of use or nonuse of lawful products off the employer’s premises during non-working hours. This section does not apply to nonprofit corporations that, have as one of their primary purposes or objectives the encouragement or discouragement of the general public from using this lawful product. It is acceptable for employers to offer a life, health or disability insurance policy under which the type or price of coverage varies for employees based on their usage of this lawful product when the policy meets certain conditions.

Advertising & Promotion
No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure
No state law/regulation.

Divestment
No state law/regulation.

Liability
Tobacco Industry Liability
During the pendency of an appeal of a judgment in any civil action, the court shall set the amount of the undertaking to be furnished by all appellants collectively in order to stay the execution of the judgment during appellate review, but the undertaking shall not exceed $100 million. If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant is dissipating assets outside the ordinary course of business to avoid payment of a judgment, a court may enter any order necessary to protect the appellee and may require the appellant to post a bond in an amount not to exceed the amount of the judgment.
WIS. STAT. § 808.07 (2m) (2003).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars
Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary
The rights to virtually all of Wisconsin’s Master Settlement Agreement payments have been sold as bonds through non-stock corporations or limited liability companies organized by the state Secretary of Administration to obtain a smaller lump sum payment up front. See Securitization section below for additional details.

Securitization
The Secretary of Administration is authorized to sell for cash or other consideration the state’s right to receive any of the payments under the tobacco settlement agreement. The secretary may organize one or more non-stock corporations or limited liability companies for any purpose related to the sale of the state’s right to receive any of the payments under the tobacco settlement agreement and may take any action necessary to facilitate and complete the sale.
**Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes**

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

To help prevent cigarette-caused fires, except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (5) of section 167.35 Wisconsin Statutes, no person may sell or offer to sell cigarettes to a person located in Wisconsin unless all of the following apply: 1) The cigarettes are of a type that has been tested in accordance with subsection (5) of section 167.35 Wisconsin Statutes; 2) The cigarettes meet the applicable fire safety performance standard required under subsection (5) of section 167.35 Wisconsin Statutes; 3) The cigarettes are of a type that are covered by a certification filed under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 167.35 Wisconsin Statutes; and 4) The cigarettes are marked in compliance with subsection (4) of section 167.35 Wisconsin Statutes.

WIS. STAT. § 167.35 (2009).

Penalties for Fire Safety Violations

A person who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes at wholesale in violation of section 167.35(5)(a) shall forfeit not more than $10,000 for each sale. Penalties against a single person selling cigarettes at wholesale shall not exceed $100,000 in any 30-day period. Any person that knowingly sells cigarettes at retail in violation of section 167.35(5)(a) shall forfeit $500 for each sale involving fewer than 1,000 cigarettes; and $1,000 for each sale involving 1,000 or more cigarettes. Penalties against a single person selling cigarettes at retail may not exceed $25,000 in any 30-day period. Any manufacturer that knowingly files a false certification under section 167.35(2)(a) shall forfeit not more than $10,000 for each false certification.

WIS. STAT. § 167.35 (2009).

**Preemption**

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Limited preemption of local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking in outdoor areas; local laws/ordinances restricting youth access to tobacco products must be the same as state law.

**Legislative Activity**

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $6,850,000 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.

**Smoking Restrictions**

Overall Summary of Smoking Restrictions
No restrictions on smoking in state law; smoking is restricted in certain government buildings by policy of the Capitol Building Commission, see below.

Exceptions to the Law
No restrictions on smoking in state law.

Stronger Local Laws on Smoking
No specific provision concerning preemption in state law; local communities are allowed to pass stronger laws/ordinances further restricting smoking.

Government Buildings
Smoking is not permitted in any building under control of the Capitol Building Commission except in specially ventilated designated smoking areas.


Private Workplaces
No restrictions.

Schools
No restrictions.

Child Care Facilities
No restrictions.

Health Care Facilities
No restrictions.

Restaurants
No restrictions.

Bars
No restrictions.

**Tobacco Taxes**

Tax on Cigarettes
Tax rate per pack of 20: 60 cents
Date last changed: July 1, 2003 – 12 cents to 60 cents
Year first enacted: 1951

Revenue Collected from Cigarette Taxes
Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009): $22,992,000

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Summary
Revenue from cigarette taxes is distributed to cities/counties and the state general fund as specified below.

Use of Cigarette Tax Revenue—Detailed Information
Revenue from 33 1/3 percent of 12 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed to incorporated cities and towns and to boards of county commissioners in the proportion the cigarette taxes derived from sales within each incorporated city or town or county bears to total cigarette taxes collected. The remaining revenue is then distributed 61.75 percent to cities and counties as specified above and 38.25 percent to the state general fund. The other 48 cents of the cigarette tax is distributed to the state general fund.

Taxes on Other Tobacco Products
Moist snuff: 60 cents for up to an ounce and a proportionate rate on any fractional parts of more than one ounce;
All other cigars, snuff and other tobacco products: 20% of the wholesale purchase price.

Use of Other Tobacco Products Tax Revenue—Summary
All revenue from the tax on other tobacco products is distributed to the state general fund.

**Tobacco Control Program Funding**

Funding for Tobacco Control Programs
FY2011 State Funding for Tobacco Control Programs: $5,401,109
FY2011 Federal Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $1,311,685 *
FY2011 Total Funding for State Tobacco Control Programs: $6,712,794
Funding Level Recommended by CDC: $9,000,000
Percentage of CDC-Recommended Level: 74.6%

* Includes regular funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as tobacco-related grants to states and communities from federal stimulus and health care reform funds.
Source of Funding

State funding for Wyoming’s tobacco control program comes from annual Master Settlement Agreement payments and the state general fund.

State Funding Details

Wyoming allocated $5,401,109 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) from the state’s annual Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payment and the state general fund. In FY2010, $4,755,599 was allocated.


Tobacco Control Program Related Laws

Wyoming directed the Department of Health to develop and implement comprehensive tobacco prevention, cessation and treatment programs for Wyoming, and also instructed the Department of Health to develop and implement a competitive grant program to support efforts to reduce the use of tobacco products by minors. The department shall give priority to the following programs in regard to tobacco use in the state: comprehensive community based programs; public education, including use of media campaigns; youth involvement programs; school and early childhood programs; enforcement of laws related to access to tobacco products by minors; programs to promote the cessation of tobacco use; and programs for the treatment of tobacco-related diseases.

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Laws Restricting Youth Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum Age to Sell Tobacco Products to Minors

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Compliance/Enforcement

The Department of Health, working with local law enforcement agencies and other local individuals and organizations at the discretion of the department, shall be the lead agency to ensure compliance with this article. To coordinate the enforcement of state statutes relating to the prohibition of the sale of tobacco products to minors and to comply with applicable law, the Department of Health shall have authority to contract with or provide grants to local law enforcement agencies or other local individuals or entities to conduct random, unannounced inspections at retail locations where tobacco products are sold. Minors may be used with written consent of the minor’s parents or guardian, and if specific guidelines for use of minors in such investigations are followed.

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Penalties for Sales to Minors

No individual shall sell, offer for sale, give away or deliver tobacco products to any person under the age of 18. Any individual violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $50 for a first violation; $250 for a second violation; and $750 for a third or subsequent violation committed within a 24-month period. The court may allow the defendant to perform community service and be granted credit against their fine and court costs at the rate of $5 for each hour of work performed.

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No retailer shall sell, permit the sale, offer for sale, give away or deliver tobacco products to any person under the age of 18. Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by the same graduated fines listed for individuals above. In addition, any retailer violating this section for a third or subsequent time within a two-year period may be prohibited from selling tobacco products for not more than 180 days by court injunction. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that, in the case of a sale, the person who sold the tobacco product was presented with, and reasonably relied upon, an identification card, which identified the person buying or receiving the tobacco product as being over 18 years of age. No penalty will be enforced for a first violation if the retailer can show it had adopted and enforced a written policy against selling tobacco products to persons under the age of 18 years; informed its employees of the applicable laws regarding the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18 years; required employees to verify the age of tobacco product customers by way of photographic identification or by means of an electronic transaction scan device; and established and imposed disciplinary sanctions for noncompliance.

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**Sign Posting Requirements**

Any person who sells tobacco products shall post signs informing the public of the age restrictions for sales of tobacco products at or near every display of tobacco products. Each sign shall be plainly visible and shall contain a statement communicating that the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age is prohibited by law. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors, including possible license suspension. Each day of continued violation is a separate offense.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-303 (2000).

**Photo Identification Requirements to Buy Tobacco Products**

No state law/regulation.

**Purchase/Possession of Tobacco Products by Minors**

No person under the age of 18 shall possess, use, purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products; or misrepresent their identity or age, or use any false or altered identification for the purpose of purchasing or attempting to purchase tobacco products. Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $50 for a first violation; not more than $250 for a second violation; and not more than $750 for a third or subsequent violation committed within a 24-month period. In lieu of the fine, the court may allow the defendant to perform community service or attend a tobacco cessation program and be granted credit against their fine and court costs at the rate of $5 for each hour of work performed or each hour of tobacco cessation program attended. This does not apply to minors participating in compliance inspections.

WYO. STAT. ANN. §§ 14-3-304 & 14-3-305 (2000).

**Placement of Tobacco Products**

No person shall sell or offer tobacco products through a self-service display except in a business where entry by persons under 18 is prohibited. “Self service display” means any display of tobacco products that is located in an area where customers are permitted and where the tobacco products are readily accessible to a customer without the assistance of a salesperson. Violation is a misdemeanor, subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors, including possible license suspension. Each day of continued violation is a separate offense.

WYO. STAT. ANN. §§ 14-3-301 & 14-3-303 (2007).

**Internet Sales of Tobacco Products**

No state law/regulation.

**State Preemption of Local Youth Access Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are allowed, except for the state laws specified below.

This article shall not be construed to prohibit the imposition by local law or ordinance of further regulation or prohibition upon the sale, use and possession of tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age, but the governmental entity shall not permit or authorize the sale, use or possession of tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age in violation of this article. No governmental entity shall enact any law or ordinance which changes the standards provided by Wyoming Statutes sections 14-3-302(a) and (c), 14-3-303(a), 14-3-304(a) and 14-3-305(a).

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-308 (2000).

**Tobacco Product Samples/Minimum Sales Amounts for Tobacco Products**

**Tobacco Product Samples**

No person shall give away or deliver tobacco products to any person under the age of 18. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors, including possible license suspension.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-302 (2000).

**Minimum Tobacco Products Sales Amounts**

No state law/regulation.

**State Preemption of Local Samples Laws**

Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting where the sampling of tobacco products can occur are allowed, but the age for giving away or delivering tobacco products can not be changed. Stronger local laws/ordinances restricting minimum sales amounts of tobacco products are allowed as well.

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WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-308 (2000).

- **Sales of Tobacco Products from Vending Machines**
  - **Vending Machine Placement**
    Vending machines are restricted to locations in a business, factory, office, or other place not generally open to the public, and in places where persons under 18 are not permitted, including areas where alcoholic beverages are sold or dispensed.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-303 (2000).

- **Penalties for Vending Machine Violations**
  Violation is a misdemeanor subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors, including possible license suspension. Each day of continued violation is a separate offense.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-303 (2000).

- **Sign Posting Requirements for Vending Machines**
  Signs must be posted on or upon every vending machine selling tobacco products. The signs shall be plainly visible and inform the public that the sale of tobacco products to persons under 18 is prohibited by law. Violation is a misdemeanor subject to the same penalties as selling or distributing tobacco products to minors including possible license suspension. Each day of continued violation is a separate offense.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-303 (2000).

- **State Preemption of Local Vending Machine Laws**
  Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting the placement of tobacco product vending machines are allowed, but changing the sign posting requirements for vending machines are not allowed.

This article shall not be construed to prohibit the imposition by local law or ordinance of further regulation or prohibition upon the sale, use and possession of tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age, but the governmental entity shall not permit or authorize the sale, use or possession of tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age in violation of this article. No governmental entity shall enact any law or ordinance which changes the standards provided by Wyoming Statutes sections 14-3-302(a) and (c), 14-3-303(a), 14-3-304(a) and 14-3-305(a).

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-308 (2000).

- **Licensing Requirements for Tobacco Products**
  - **Overall Summary of Licensing Requirements**
    Wholesalers, manufacturers and importers must obtain a license to sell tobacco products from the Department of Revenue. The term wholesaler includes any person who sells or distributes for sale or resale cigarettes over the Internet or through any other means of direct or indirect mail solicitation or delivery. The license is valid through June 30th of each year and a separate license is required for each place of business for wholesalers. Selling or distributing tobacco products without a license is a misdemeanor subject to not more than a $100 fine and/or six months in county jail.


- **License Required for Retailers of Cigarettes**
  No—local license may be required.

- **License Required for Retailers of Other Tobacco Products**
  No—local license may be required.

- **License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Cigarettes**
  Yes

- **License Required for Wholesalers/Distributors of Other Tobacco Products**
  Yes

- **License Fees**
  $10 annually for all licenses.


- **License Suspension for Sales to Minors**
  For a third or subsequent violation of the sales to minors’ law within a two-year period, the court may grant an injunction against a retailer prohibiting the sale of tobacco products for a period of up to 180 days.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 14-3-302 (2000).
Smoking Protection Laws

It is a discriminatory or unfair employment practice for an employer to require as a condition of employment that any employee or prospective employee use or refrain from using tobacco products outside the course of their employment, or otherwise to discriminate in matters of compensation or the terms, conditions or privileges of employment, unless it is a bona fide occupational qualification that a person not use tobacco products outside the workplace. This shall not prohibit an employer from offering, imposing or having in effect a health, disability or life insurance policy distinguishing between employees for type or price of coverage based upon the use or nonuse of tobacco products, with certain conditions. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory or unfair employment practice may file a complaint with the Department of Employment within 90 days of the alleged violation. The department may order the respondent to hire, reinstate or upgrade the employee, with or without back pay.


Advertising & Promotion

No state law/regulation.

Product Disclosure

No state law/regulation.

Divestment

No state law/regulation.

Liability

Tobacco Industry Liability

No state law/regulation.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Summary

Annual Master Settlement Agreement payments in Wyoming were deposited in a Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund through March 15, 2002 and in a Trust Fund Income Account after that. Money in the Trust Fund Income Account can be spent on specific programs as appropriated by the legislature.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 9-4-1203 (2000).

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars—Detailed Information

Wyoming created the Wyoming tobacco settlement trust fund to receive annual payments from the MSA through March 15, 2002. The principal is to remain forever inviolate, and the interest, and all payments received after March 15, 2002 go to a trust fund income account. The money in this account can be spent on efforts in prevention and cessation of tobacco use through school and community based programs and efforts to establish and implement programs to prevent, intervene in, and otherwise limit alcohol and substance abuse. This money must be appropriated by the legislature.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 9-4-1203 (2000).

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes

Law Setting Fire Safety Standard for Cigarettes

Wyoming has enacted legislation requiring cigarettes sold in Wyoming to self-extinguish when not being smoked based on the performance standard specified in the bill to help prevent cigarette-caused fires. The law will go into effect on July 1, 2011.

S.B. 52 enacted 3/8/10 and effective 7/1/11.

Preemption

Summary of all Preemptive Tobacco Control Laws

Certain state laws restricting youth access to tobacco products cannot be changed by local law/ordinance.

Legislative Activity

2010 Legislative Activity

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $5,401,109 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2011.


Fire Safety Standards: Requires all cigarettes sold in Wyoming to self-extinguish when not being smoked to help prevent cigarette-caused fires.

S.B. 52 enacted 3/8/10 and effective 7/1/11.
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Key: P = Smoking prohibited completely; M = Smoking prohibited in most places, but certain types of places are exempt; V = Smoking allowed in separately enclosed, separately ventilated rooms/areas; R = Smoking restricted to designated areas, or allowed in most types of places; N = No provision; N/A = Not applicable to that type of place

* This category does not apply to tribal establishments.
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Key: P = Smoking prohibited completely; M = Smoking prohibited in most places, but certain types of places are exempt; V = Smoking allowed in separately enclosed, separately ventilated rooms/areas; R = Smoking restricted to designated areas, or allowed in most types of places; N = No provision; N/A = Not applicable to that type of place

* This category does not apply to tribal establishments.
## State Cigarette Tax Average as of January 1, 2011: $1.45 per pack

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Map of State Excise Taxes on Cigarettes as of January 1, 2011

*All taxes are per pack of 20.*
### Appendix E

**Net Cigarette Excise Tax Revenue Collected in Fiscal Year 2009**

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Source: Orzechowski & Walker, Tax Burden on Tobacco, 2009
Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have excise taxes on tobacco products other than cigarettes; Pennsylvania is the only state that does not.

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<td><strong>Alabama</strong></td>
<td>Chewing tobacco: 1.5 cents per ounce; Snuff: 1 cent to 8 cents, depending on the weight, for up to 6 ounces; 12 cents for each ounce or fractional part thereof over 6 ounces; Little Cigars (not weighing more than 3 pounds per thousand): 4 cents per each 10 cigars or fractional part thereof; All other Cheroots, Stogies &amp; Cigars: $3.00 to $40.50 per thousand depending on the price they retail for; Smoking Tobacco: 4 cents to 21 cents, depending on the weight, for up to 4 ounces; 6 cents for each ounce or fractional part thereof over 4 ounces.</td>
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<td><strong>Alaska</strong></td>
<td>All other tobacco products as defined: 75% of the wholesale price.</td>
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<td>Chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco, and snuff: 22.25 cents/oz.; Cavendish, plug, or twist tobacco: 5.45 cents/oz.; On each 20 small cigars or fractional part weighing not more than three pounds per thousand: 44.05 cents; All other cigars: 21.8 cents/three cigars or 21.8 cents/cigar depending on the manufacturer's retail price.</td>
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<td><strong>Arkansas</strong></td>
<td>All other tobacco products as defined: 68% of the manufacturer's list price.</td>
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<td><strong>California</strong></td>
<td>All other tobacco products as defined: 41.11% of the wholesale price (changes annually July 1).</td>
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<td>All other tobacco products as defined: 40% of the manufacturer's list price.</td>
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<td><strong>Connecticut</strong></td>
<td>Snuff: 55 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce; All other tobacco products as defined: 27.5% of the wholesale sales price.</td>
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<td><strong>Delaware</strong></td>
<td>Moist snuff: 54 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce; All other tobacco products as defined: 15% of the wholesale price.</td>
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<td><strong>District of Columbia</strong></td>
<td>Little Cigars (weighing less than 4 1/2 lbs./thousand): 12.5 cents per little cigar; All Other Tobacco Products (excluding cigars, premium cigars and pipe tobacco): 12% of the gross receipts from the sale of or charges for the tobacco product plus $0.75/oz. and a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.</td>
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<td><strong>Florida</strong></td>
<td>Tax/surcharge on all other tobacco products except cigars: 85% of the wholesale sales price.</td>
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<td><strong>Georgia</strong></td>
<td>Loose or Smokeless tobacco: 10% of the wholesale cost price; Cigars: 23% of the wholesale cost price; Little cigars (weighing not more than 3 lbs./thousand): 5 cents/20 cigars.</td>
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### Hawaii
- Little cigars (less than 4 pounds/thousand): 15 cents/cigar;
- Large cigars: 50% of the wholesale price;
- All other tobacco products as defined: 70% of the wholesale price.

### Idaho
- All other tobacco products as defined: 40% of the wholesale sales price.

### Illinois
- All other tobacco products as defined: 18% of the wholesale purchase price.

### Indiana
- All other tobacco products as defined: 24% of the wholesale price

### Iowa
- Little Cigars: $1.36 per 20 cigars;
- Snuff: $1.19/oz. and a proportionate rate on fractional parts of an ounce;
- All other tobacco products as defined: 50% of the wholesale sales price.

### Kansas
- All other tobacco products as defined: 10% of the wholesale sales price.

### Kentucky
- Snuff: 19 cents per unit (unit = hard container capable of containing not more than 1.5 ounces);
- All other tobacco products as defined: 15% of the wholesale price.

### Louisiana
- Cigars: 8% to 20% depending on the manufacturer’s invoice price;
- Smokeless tobacco: 20% of the invoice price;
- Smoking Tobacco as defined: 33% of the invoice price.

### Maine
- Smokeless tobacco, including chewing tobacco and snuff: minimum of $2.02/oz., prorated for packages larger than one ounce;
- Cigars, pipe tobacco, and other tobacco intended for smoking: 20% of the wholesale sales price.

### Maryland
- All other tobacco products as defined: 15% of the wholesale price.

### Massachusetts
- Little cigars: $2.51 per 20 cigars;
- Chewing tobacco and snuff: 90% of the wholesale price;
- Cigars and smoking tobacco: 30% of the wholesale price.

### Michigan
- Cigars, noncigarette smoking tobacco, and smokeless tobacco: 32% of the wholesale price.

### Minnesota
- All other tobacco products as defined: 70% of the wholesale sales price.

### Mississippi
- All other tobacco products as defined: 15% of the manufacturer’s list price.

### Missouri
- All other tobacco products as defined: 10% of the manufacturer’s invoice price.

### Montana
- Moist snuff: 85 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
- All other tobacco products as defined: 50% of the wholesale price.
Nebraska
Snuff: 44 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
All other tobacco products as defined: 20% of the purchase price of such tobacco products paid by the first owner or the price at which a first owner who made, manufactured, or fabricated the tobacco product sells the items to others.

Nevada
All other tobacco products as defined: 30% of the wholesale price.

New Hampshire
Little Cigars (under 3 lbs./thousand): $1.78 per 20 cigars;
Loose tobacco, smokeless tobacco, snuff and cigars (not including premium cigars as defined): 65.03% of the wholesale sales price.

New Jersey
Moist snuff: 75 cents/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
All other tobacco products as defined: 30% of the wholesale price.

New Mexico
Cigars that look like, are packaged and labeled like or are marketed and advertised like cigarettes: $1.66 per 20 cigars
Roll-your-own tobacco: $1.66 per 1.8 ounces of tobacco;
Bidis/Kreteks: $1.66 per 20;
All other tobacco products as defined: 25% of the product value of the tobacco products.

New York
Little Cigars (weighing less than 4 lbs./thousand): 21.75 cents/cigar
Snuff: $2.00/oz. and a proportionate rate on fractional parts of an ounce, provided that cans or packages of snuff with a net weight of less than one ounce shall be taxed at the equivalent rate of cans or packages weighing one ounce;
All other tobacco products as defined: 75% of the wholesale price.

North Carolina
All other tobacco products as defined: 12.8% of the cost price of the products.

North Dakota
Cigars and Pipe Tobacco: 28% of the wholesale purchase price;
Chewing Tobacco: 16 cents per ounce and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;
Snuff: 60 cents per ounce and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.

Ohio
All other tobacco products as defined: 17% of the wholesale price.

Oklahoma
Chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff: 60% of the factory list price;
Smoking Tobacco as defined: 80% of the factory list price;
Little Cigars (not weighing more than three lbs. per thousand): 3.6 cents per cigar;
Cigars (weighing more than three lbs. per thousand): 10 cents to 12 cents per cigar depending on recommended retail selling price.
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| Oregon     | Cigars: 65% of the wholesale sales price of cigars, but not to exceed 50 cents per cigar;  
            | Moist snuff: $1.78/oz. except the minimum tax is $2.14 per retail container;  
            | All other tobacco products as defined: 65% of the wholesale sales price. |
| Rhode Island | Cigars, pipe tobacco products and smokeless tobacco other than snuff: 80% of the wholesale cost, except the tax on cigars shall not exceed 50 cents per cigar;  
            | Snuff: $1.00/oz. or proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce. |
| South Carolina | All other tobacco products as defined: 5% of the manufacturer's price. |
| South Dakota | All other tobacco products as defined: 35% of the wholesale purchase price. |
| Tennessee  | All other tobacco products as defined: 6.6% of the wholesale cost price. |
| Texas      | Cigars: 1) one cent per 10 or fraction of 10 on cigars weighing less than three pounds per thousand;  
            | 2) $7.50 to $15 per 1,000 on cigars that weigh more than three pounds per thousand depending on their factory list price and whether they contain a substantial amount of non-tobacco ingredients;  
            | All other tobacco products: $1.10/oz. and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce; the tax on a can or package that weighs less than 1.2 ounces is equal to the tax on a can or package that weighs 1.2 ounces (rate changes annually on September 1 the next 4 years). |
| Utah       | Moist snuff: $1.83/ounce or a proportionate rate on a fractional part of an ounce;  
            | All other tobacco products: 0.86 multiplied by the manufacturer’s selling price. |
| Vermont    | Little Cigars (weighing under 3 lbs./thousand): $2.24 per 20 cigars;  
            | Roll-Your-Own Tobacco: $2.24 per 0.09 of an ounce;  
            | Snuff: $1.87/oz. or fractional part thereof;  
            | New Smokeless Tobacco: $1.87/oz. or if sold in a package weighing less than 1.2 ounces, $2.24 per package;  
            | Cigars with a wholesale price greater than $1.08 and less than $10.00: $2.00/cigar;  
            | Cigars with a wholesale price of $10.00 or more: $4.00/cigar;  
            | All other tobacco products as defined: 92% of the wholesale price. |
| Virginia   | Moist snuff: 18 cents/oz. with a proportionate tax at the same rate on all fractional parts of an ounce;  
            | Loose-leaf tobacco: 21 cents for a single unit, 40 cents for a half-pound unit, 70 cents for a pound-unit or 21 cents for all other units, pouches or packages plus an additional 21 cents for each 4 ounce increment over one pound;  
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<td>Little Cigars (cigar that has a cellulose acetate integrated filter): 15.125 cents/cigar;</td>
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<td>All other Cigars: 95% of the taxable sales price not exceeding 65 cents per cigar;</td>
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<td>Moist snuff: the greater of $2.526 or 83 1/2% of the cigarette tax multiplied by</td>
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<td>20 for consumer sized cans or packages that weigh 1.2 ounces or less, for cans or</td>
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<td>packages that weigh more than 1.2 ounces a proportionate tax for each ounce or</td>
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<td>Any other tobacco products as defined: 95% of the taxable sales price.</td>
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<td><strong>West Virginia</strong></td>
<td>All other tobacco products as defined: 7% of the wholesale price.</td>
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<td>Moist snuff: 100% of the manufacturer’s list price;</td>
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<td>Cigars: 71% of the manufacturer’s list price, not exceeding 50 cents per cigar;</td>
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<td>Moist snuff: 60 cents for up to an ounce and a proportionate rate on any fractional parts of</td>
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Appendix G

Map of State Funding for Tobacco Control and Prevention Programs in FY2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 for most states)

* Includes FY2011 funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
### Appendix H

**Chart of State Funding for Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Programs in Fiscal Year 2011** (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 for most states)

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**Total Funding vs. Percentage of CDC Recommended Level**

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* Federal Funding category includes dollars given to states by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support the state's tobacco control program as well as federal stimulus dollars.
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<td>Smoking Restrictions, Advertising &amp; Promotion</td>
<td>Stronger local laws/ordinances on smoking in restaurants and bars are not allowed. Local communities also cannot regulate outdoor billboard advertising for smokeless tobacco products.</td>
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<td>All stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products are not allowed.</td>
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<td>Stronger local laws/ordinances concerning the distribution of tobacco product samples only are not allowed.</td>
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<td>Youth Access; Smoking Restrictions</td>
<td>Stronger local laws/ordinances on smoking in private workplaces and other more specific locations and restricting youth access to tobacco products, except in relation to vending machines are not allowed.</td>
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<td>Prohibits local governing bodies from enacting stronger laws/ordinances concerning the smoking/use of, sale, purchase, distribution, advertising, sampling, promotion, display, possession, licensing, or taxation of tobacco products.</td>
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<td>Preempts all stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking except Philadelphia’s existing ordinance; also preempts all local laws/ordinances further restricting youth access to tobacco products enacted after January 1, 2002.</td>
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<td>All laws, ordinances or rules further restricting youth access to tobacco products may not supersede state law/regulation.</td>
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<td>Preempts local laws/ordinances concerning smoking that are not essentially identical to state law except for certain places of outdoor public access; preemption of youth access laws/ordinances only applies to placement of tobacco products, mail order sales of tobacco products and tobacco product vending machines. Stronger local laws/ordinances dealing with advertising and promotion of tobacco products are also not allowed.</td>
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<td>Smoking Restrictions</td>
<td>Local smoking ordinances adopted after January 1, 1990 shall not contain provisions that exceed state smoking restrictions, except as specified.</td>
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<td>Stronger local laws/ordinances further restricting smoking and youth access to tobacco products are generally not allowed.</td>
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