

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 412

5 By: Senator Bisbee
6 By: Representatives Borhauer, R. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-27-703 TO EXPAND
11 THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST PUBLIC SMOKING TO
12 INCLUDE THE WHOLE HOSPITAL AND THE HOSPITAL
13 GROUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST
16 PUBLIC SMOKING TO ALL HOSPITAL
17 FACILITIES AND HOSPITAL GROUNDS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-27-703 is amended to read as follows:
24 20-27-703. Public smoking prohibited - Exceptions.

25 ~~(a)(1) Smoking of tobacco or products containing tobacco in any form in~~
26 ~~a doctor's or dentist's waiting room, in hospital corridors, in nurses'~~
27 ~~stations in hospitals and clinics, in all hospital rooms, except private~~
28 ~~patient rooms in this state, and on school buses, is prohibited.~~

29 (2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B), smoking of
30 tobacco in any form in any public or private hospital and on any public or
31 private hospital grounds is prohibited; provided, however, that a psychiatric
32 or substance abuse patient may be permitted to use tobacco products in a
33 limited designated area of the hospital unit to which he or she is assigned if
34 a treating physician certifies in the patient's medical record that it is in
35 the best interest of the patient to be allowed to use tobacco products during
36 the time that he or she is a patient in the facility.

1 (B) Smoking may be allowed on the public or private
2 hospital grounds in a designated area that is at least fifty (50) feet from
3 any entrance to the hospital or in any parking lot of the hospital.

4 (b) The provisions of ~~this subchapter~~ subdivision (a)(1) of this
5 section shall not prohibit smoking in any of the aforementioned areas if the
6 smoking is assigned to areas designated as smoking areas.

7 (c) The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to hotels,
8 motels, and restaurants.

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