

ASSEMBLY, No. 2423

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen GREEN and LANCE

1 AN ACT concerning smoking by minors and supplementing Title 26 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. For purposes of this act:

8 "Foster home" means and includes private residences wherein any
9 child in the care, custody or guardianship of the Division of Youth and
10 Family Services may be placed for temporary or long-term care, and
11 shall include any private residence maintained by persons with whom
12 any such child is placed for adoption.

13 "Tobacco product" means cigarettes, cigars, loose tobacco, and
14 smokeless tobacco.

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16 2. All State departments shall, within 30 days of the effective date
17 of this act, promulgate rules which prohibit the smoking or other use
18 of tobacco products by persons under the age of 18 in all indoor and
19 outdoor areas of public or private facilities, whether operated by a
20 State, municipal, county or private agency, under the department's
21 jurisdiction and to which payments are made from the treasury of the
22 State, directly or indirectly, with the exception of foster homes. All
23 State departments shall, upon renewal or issuance of a contract with
24 a private or governmental agency, require as a condition of continued
25 State payments to the facility that the facility prohibit the smoking or
26 other use of tobacco products by persons under the age of 18 in all
27 indoor and outdoor areas of the facility, with the exception of foster
28 homes.

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30 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill prohibits smoking by persons under the age of 18 in
36 facilities which receive State funds, whether public, private, State,
37 municipal or county, with the exception of foster homes, in an effort

1 to safeguard the health of minors from the risks of smoking. Each
2 State department would be responsible for promulgating rules
3 prohibiting smoking by minors in such facilities under the department's
4 jurisdiction and for providing a condition in all contracts with private
5 or governmental agencies that requires the agency to prohibit smoking
6 by minors in its facilities.

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11 Prohibits smoking by minors in facilities receiving State funds.