

Smoke-Free Illinois Act

Below is an outline of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act, which applies to all municipalities and unincorporated areas in the State of Illinois.

- The Smoke-Free Illinois Act repeals and replaces the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act.
- The Smoke-Free Illinois Act goes into effect at midnight on January 1, 2008.
- The Act protects employees and the public from secondhand smoke.
- The following areas must be smoke-free:
 - All indoor public places (includes, but is not limited to): restaurants, bars/taverns, bowling alleys, private clubs, dormitories, public conveyances, sports arenas, retail and commercial establishments, convention facilities, vehicles and buildings owned or leased by the state, offices, and hospitals.
 - Places of employment: any area under the control of a public or private employer that employees are required to enter, leave, or pass through during the course of employment. Includes, but is not limited to: offices, restrooms, conference/ classrooms, break rooms, cafeterias, lobbies.
 - 15 feet from all doors, windows that open, and vents.
- Limited exemptions include:
 - Up to 25% of hotel/motel rooms, provided smoke does not infiltrate to smoke-free areas.
 - Tobacco retailers that file annually with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Stores must derive 80% of sales from tobacco-related products, may not have any kind of food, liquor, or restaurant license, and if they begin operation after 1/1/08, must be a freestanding structure.
 - Nursing home rooms in which all occupants have requested in writing to be placed in a room which allows smoking. Smoke may not infiltrate into other areas.
- No smoking signs must be posted at every entrance according to requirements set forth by the act.
- Ashtrays must be removed from all areas where smoking is prohibited.
- IDPH has established a toll-free number and a web-site to register complaints: (866)973-4646, www.smoke-free.illinois.gov.
- For links to the full text of the act, further information on enforcement and penalties as well electronic versions of any materials found in this resource visit www.kendallhealth.org.
- Additional information about the law can also be found at www.smoke-free.illinois.gov.

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