

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB5997

Introduced 2/10/2010, by Rep. Karen A. Yarbrough

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 82/35

Amends the Smoke Free Illinois Act. Preempts home rule powers with regard to regulating smoking in facilities licensed under the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act. Effective immediately.

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HOME RULE NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Smoke Free Illinois Act is amended by changing Section 35 as follows:
- 6 (410 ILCS 82/35)

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- Sec. 35. Exemptions. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, smoking is allowed in the following areas:
- 9 (1) Private residences or dwelling places, except when
 10 used as a child care, adult day care, or healthcare
 11 facility or any other home-based business open to the
 12 public.
 - (2) Retail tobacco stores as defined in Section 10 of this Act in operation prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. The retail tobacco store shall annually file with the Department by January 31st an affidavit stating the percentage of its gross income during the prior calendar year that was derived from the sale of loose tobacco, plants, or herbs and cigars, cigarettes, pipes, or other smoking devices for smoking tobacco and related smoking accessories. Any retail tobacco store that begins operation after the effective date of this amendatory Act may only qualify for

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an exemption if located in a freestanding structure occupied solely by the business and smoke from the business does not migrate into an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.

- (3) Private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes and long-term care facilities that are occupied by one or more persons, all of whom are smokers and have requested in writing to be placed or to remain in a room where smoking is permitted and the smoke shall not infiltrate other areas of the nursing home. No local, municipal, or county ordinance or law shall supersede this item (3) in allowing facilities licensed under the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act to designate smoking areas that comply with the national Fire Safety Protection Act and the federal Life Safety Code. Notwithstanding Section 65 of this Act, a home rule unit may not regulate smoking in facilities licensed under the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act. This item (3) is a denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.
- (4) Hotel and motel sleeping rooms that are rented to guests and are designated as smoking rooms, provided that all smoking rooms on the same floor must be contiguous and smoke from these rooms must not infiltrate into nonsmoking rooms or other areas where smoking is prohibited. Not more than 25% of the rooms rented to guests in a hotel or motel

may be designated as rooms where smoking is allowed. The status of rooms as smoking or nonsmoking may not be changed, except to permanently add additional nonsmoking rooms.

- (5) Enclosed laboratories that are excluded from the definition of "place of employment" in Section 10 of this Act. Rulemaking authority to implement this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, if any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.
- (6) Common smoking rooms in long-term care facilities operated under the authority of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs 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. Rulemaking authority to implement this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, if any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 95-17, eff. 1-1-08; 95-1029, eff. 2-4-09.)
- 2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 3 becoming law.