

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE DRH50001-LN-22B\* (12/18)**

Short Title: Smoking in State Govt. Buildings/Prohibition. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Weiss and Glazier (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE HEALTH RISKS OF  
SECONDHAND SMOKE BY PROHIBITING SMOKING IN BUILDINGS  
OWNED, LEASED, OR OCCUPIED BY STATE GOVERNMENT.

Whereas, secondhand smoke has been proven to cause cancer, heart disease,  
and asthma in both smokers and nonsmokers; and

Whereas, the 2006 Surgeon General's Report on the health consequences of  
involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke states that the scientific evidence indicates that  
there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

Whereas, the 2006 Surgeon General's Report documents that separating  
smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating smoke cannot eliminate  
exposure to secondhand smoke; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that  
all individuals with coronary heart disease or known risk factors for coronary heart  
disease should avoid all indoor environments that permit smoking; and

Whereas, exposure to secondhand smoke is costly, costing the nation \$10  
billion per year, \$5 billion in direct medical care costs, and \$5 billion in indirect costs  
according to the 2005 Society of Actuaries; and

Whereas, the vast majority of North Carolinians (77.4% of adults) do not  
smoke; and

Whereas, the 2006 Surgeon General's Report documents that eliminating  
indoor smoking fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke; and

Whereas, the North Carolina's General Assembly buildings are smoke-free;

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Effective January 1, 2008, Chapter 130A of the General  
Statutes is amended by adding the following new Article to read:

