



CHAPTER 130A

ARTICLE 23 - SMOKING PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT

N.C.G.S. § 130A-491.

Legislative findings and intent.

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§ 130A-491(a) Findings. - The General Assembly finds that secondhand smoke has been proven to cause cancer, heart disease, and asthma attacks in both smokers and nonsmokers. In 2006, a report issued by the United States Surgeon General stated that the scientific evidence indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

§ 130A-491(b) Intent. - It is the intent of the General Assembly to protect the health of individuals in public places and places of employment and riding in State government vehicles from the risks related to secondhand smoke. It is further the intent of the General Assembly to allow local governments to adopt local laws governing smoking within their jurisdictions that are more restrictive than the State law. (2007-193, s. 1; 2008-149, s. 1; 2009-27, s. 1.)

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