



Legislative Update and Action Alert

March 13, 2009

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HB 2 to be Considered by House Judiciary 1 Cmte on Tuesday, March 17

Please Contact House Judiciary 1 Committee Members

HB 2, Prohibit Smoking in Public and Work Places, has been placed on the calendar of the House Judiciary 1 Committee this coming Tuesday, March 17, at 10 a.m. in room 1228 of the Legislative Building. Please take a moment to contact House Judiciary 1 Committee members before Tuesday morning's hearing. In past years, opponents to smoke-free legislation have showed up in force in the Judiciary Committee. *Please plan to attend the hearing to show your support for HB 2.*

**Urge House Judiciary 1 Committee members to vote YES on HB 2
and avoid amendments that could weaken what is currently a strong, comprehensive
bill.**

[\(Email legislators by clicking on the name below.\)](#)

Urge House Judiciary 1 Committee to vote YES on HB 2:

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| Chairman | Rep. Ross (D-Wake) SPONSOR |
| Vice Chairman | Rep. Goodwin (D-Richmond) SPONSOR |
| Vice Chairman | Rep. Stam (R-Wake) |
| Vice Chairman | Rep. Stiller (R-Brunswick) |
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| | Rep. Stevens (R-Alleghany, Surry) |
| | Rep. West (R-Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon) |

Summary of HB 2:

Click here to view a copy of the [new version of HB 2](#) as approved by the House Health Committee. HB 2 will prohibit smoking in all indoor worksites and public places EXCEPT in the following locations:

- Private residences (except those used to provide child care or adult care services).
- Tobacco shops as long as the smoke does not migrate into other enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited (such as a mall). Tobacco shops that open after July 1, 2009 may only allow smoking if they are in a free-standing structure occupied solely by the tobacco shop.
- All premises, facilities, and vehicles owned, operated, or leased by any manufacturer or processor of tobacco products.
- Up to 20% of designated guest rooms in lodging facilities.

HB 2 also restores authority to local governments to regulate smoking so that local communities may do more to regulate secondhand smoke if they choose.

The bill would become effective January 2, 2010.

What **MORE** can you do to promote the smoke-free issue?

- 1) **VISIT www.smokefreenc.org** and tell others about it! Simply point and click to send a message to your legislators. Forward to friends, family and colleagues so they can also show their support for a smoke-free North Carolina by visiting the Alliance's website.
- 2) **Sign the Alliance Resolution Supporting a Smoke-free NC.** Have your organization, its board members, staff and volunteers sign the Alliance's resolution to demonstrate your support for making NC's worksites and public places smoke-free. Access the resolution at: <http://www.ncallianceforhealth.org/resolution.html>. The website is now capable of taking signatures directly on-line. Also available on our website are fact sheets, talking points and other resources on secondhand smoke and the cigarette tax.
- 3) **Participate in Smoke Free Air Advocacy Day, sponsored by ACS CAN, at the legislature on Tuesday, March 24.** Registration for Smoke Free Air Advocacy Day will begin at the Clarion Capitol Hotel in Raleigh at 9:30 am. For more information and to RSVP (no later than **March 19**), contact Alliance Executive Director Lisa Familo at lisa.familo@ncallianceforhealth.com or 919-557-5304. A boxed lunch will be available for all participants who RSVP.
- 4) **Visit the Alliance website www.ncallianceforhealth.org for [talking points about the dangers of secondhand smoke](#).** See also the Alliance's new talking points on [Small Businesses and Smoke-free Worksites](#).

For additional information about the North Carolina Alliance for Health, please contact Alliance Executive Director Lisa Familo at lisa.familo@ncallianceforhealth.org; or Alliance Policy Director Pam Seamans at pamseamans@nc.rr.com.

Or, go to www.ncallianceforhealth.org

for talking points and other resources.

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