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Bills Pending in NJ Legislature on Tobacco Control & Smoking, as of 3/23/10

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Bills to Reduce Tobacco Use and Secondhand Smoke Exposure

- A258 Prohibits use of smokeless tobacco in public schools. Last Session Bill Number: A1121.
- A512 Prohibits smoking in state-owned or operated vehicles. Last Session Bill Number: A2790.
- A1062 Eliminates smoking ban exemption for casinos and simulcasting facilities. Last Session Bill Number: A806/S236.
- A1591 Creates motor vehicle offense of smoking in motor vehicle with a child present and dedicates penalties to "Smoking Cessation Fund." Last Session Bill Number: A2597/S366.
- A1853 Requires DEP to designate smokefree sections of state beaches, parks, and forests. Last Session Bill Number: A3546/S2984.
- A1954 Prohibits persons under 19 from smoking in public and purchasing tobacco products. Last Session Bill Number: A1870.
- AJR24 Designates May of each year as "Youth Smoking Prevention and Awareness Month." Last Session Bill Number: AJR127.
- S423 Eliminates smoking ban exemption for casinos and simulcasting facilities. Last Session Bill Number: S236/A806.
- S443 Prohibits smoking in certain outdoor public places. Last Session Bill Number: S3038.
- S446 Regulates smoking in multiple dwellings; requires Commissioner of Community Affairs to promulgate construction standards for new multiple dwellings permitting smoking.
- S475 Creates motor vehicle offense of smoking in motor vehicle with a child present and dedicates penalties to "Smoking Cessation Fund." Last Session Bill Number: S366/A2597.
- S669 Prohibits smoking at public parks and beaches. Last Session Bill Number: S3025.
- S684 Prohibits persons under age 19 from smoking or carrying a lighted tobacco product in an outdoor public place. Last Session Bill Number: S1335/A2177.
- S889 Prohibits smoking at state-owned beaches. Last Session Bill Number: S3110.

Bills Related to Tobacco Products

- A461 Exempts testing of cigarettes in tobacco businesses from "New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act." Last Session Bill Number: A584.
- A1357 Prohibits sale of candy that resembles a Tobacco product. Last Session Bill Number: A3735.
- A1913 Prohibits sale of tobacco products in vending machines and establishes requirements for retail sales of Tobacco. Last Session Bill Number: A979.
- A1954 Prohibits persons under 19 from smoking in public and purchasing tobacco products. Last Session Bill Number: A1870.
- A1988 Requires health insurers to cover costs of tobacco use cessation services. Last Session Bill Number: A1361.
- S383 Establishes requirements for non face-to-face sales of cigarettes and tobacco products. Last Session Bill Number: S217.
- S384 Requires licenses to conduct business in Tobacco products under the New Jersey Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales and Use Tax Act. Last Session Bill Number: S219.
- S392 Requires licenses for distributors, wholesalers and retailers to conduct business in tobacco products under the New Jersey Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales and Use Tax Act. Last Session Bill Number: S938.

Bills Not Pre-Filed From 2008-09

- S1367 Establishes health care quality improvement fund grant program funded from tax rate increase on small cigars. Introduced 2/28/08 by Sen. Vitale. Increases the tax on little cigars and cigarillos from 30% of the wholesale price to 150% of the wholesale price. Funds for the grants would be derived from 50% of the monies collected from the tax imposed on little cigars and cigarillos; of the remaining monies collected from this tax, 25% would be credited to the Department of Health and Senior Services for smoking cessation programs, and 25% would be credited to the General Fund for general State purposes. Little cigars and cigarillos are cigars which weigh, excluding packaging, no more than 3 pounds per 1,000 units, 6 and which resemble cigarettes in size and weight.
- A3887 Prohibits persons under age 18 from smoking or carrying a lighted tobacco product in an outdoor public place and establishes enforcement actions. Introduced 5/7/09 by Asms. Scalera and Schaer, primary sponsors; on 6/4/09, reported out of Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, 2nd reading.
- A424 Prohibits smoking by minors in facilities receiving state funds. Introduced 1/8/08 by Asms. Green and Lampit.
- A670 Permits Smoking in place or building owned and operated by social or fraternal organization. Introduced 1/8/08 by Asms. Doherty and Biondi.
- A788 Requires cigarette receptacles to be placed at entrances of buildings in which smoking is prohibited. Introduced 1/8/08 by Asms. Connors and Scalera.

- A1037 Requires that no combustible materials be present near designated outdoor smoking areas. Introduced 1/08/08. Sponsored by Asm. Wisniewski.
- A564 Requires licenses for distributors, wholesalers and retailers to conduct business in tobacco products under the New Jersey Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales and Use Tax Act (same fee \$ amounts as for cigarettes). Introduced 1/8/08 by Asm. Dancer (prior session, sponsored by Sens. Singer, Inverso and Bucco, and Asm. Dancer).
- A734 Changes tobacco products wholesale sales tax on moist snuff to a weight-based tax. Last Session Bill Number: A3383, S1990 (1R), A4705. Introduced 1/08/08. Sponsor, Asm. Greenwald.
- S1509 Prohibits sale of Tobacco products in vending machines with certain exceptions. Introduced 3/10/08 by Sen. Turner.