

CHAPTER 501

(Senate Bill 91)

AN ACT concerning

Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from smoking tobacco products in certain places except under certain circumstances; authorizing certain counties to regulate smoking under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law concerning tobacco smoking in retail stores; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; stating the purpose of certain provisions of this Act; prohibiting a person from smoking in indoor areas open to the public, beginning on a certain date, except under certain circumstances; requiring the posting of certain signs; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to the General Assembly regarding certain provisions of this Act; requiring that certain moneys be placed in a certain fund; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to waive certain penalties under certain circumstances before a certain date; providing that a certain waiver terminates on a certain date; establishing a certain affirmative defense; providing that an employer who discharges or discriminates against an employee for certain reasons is deemed in violation of certain provisions of law; prohibiting an employee from making certain groundless or malicious complaints or from taking certain actions in bad faith; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to bring certain actions against certain persons under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of this Act; prohibiting smoking in certain places of employment; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to report to the General Assembly regarding the enforcement efforts and the effect of the efforts by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; establishing certain penalties for certain violations in certain places of employment; authorizing the health officer of a county Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene health officer of a county to grant a certain waiver under certain circumstances; authorizing the health officer of a county to impose certain conditions on a certain waiver; requiring a health officer of a county to develop certain criteria; defining certain terms; ~~declaring that nothing in this Act shall~~ providing that certain provisions of law may not be construed to preempt a certain entity from enacting and enforcing certain measures; making a stylistic change; ~~providing for a delayed effective date;~~ and generally relating to the prohibition of smoking in indoor areas open to the public and indoor places of employment.