

(E) "INDOOR AREA OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" MEANS ~~AN~~:

(1) AN INDOOR AREA OR A PORTION OF AN INDOOR AREA ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC BY EITHER INVITATION OR PERMISSION; OR

(2) AN INDOOR AREA OF ANY ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED OR PERMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 2B OF THE CODE FOR THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

(F) "PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-101 OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

(G) "SMOKING" MEANS THE BURNING OF A LIGHTED CIGARETTE, CIGAR, PIPE, OR ANY OTHER MATTER OR SUBSTANCE THAT CONTAINS TOBACCO.

24-502.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE STATE PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEES FROM INVOLUNTARY EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE IN INDOOR AREAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, INDOOR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, AND CERTAIN DESIGNATED PRIVATE AREAS.

24-503.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH, COMFORT, AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE BY LIMITING EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE.

24-504.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 24-505 OF THIS SUBTITLE, BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2008, A PERSON MAY NOT SMOKE IN:

(1) AN INDOOR AREA OPEN TO THE PUBLIC;

(2) AN INDOOR PLACE IN WHICH MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(3) A GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR GOVERNMENT-OPERATED MEANS OF MASS TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING BUSES, VANS, TRAINS, TAXICABS, AND LIMOUSINES; OR