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SENATE BILL NO. 467

Senate Amendments in [] - February 10, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2824 of the Code of Virginia, relating to prohibitions on smoking in public schools.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Northam

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2824 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2824. Prohibitions on smoking generally; penalty for violation.

A. Smoking shall be prohibited in (i) elevators, regardless of capacity, except in any open material hoist elevator not intended for use by the general public; (ii) public school buses; (iii) the interior *and on the grounds* of any public elementary, intermediate, and secondary school, [*and*] *the interior of any public school administration building [; and in the interior of buildings where school-sponsored events are being held off-site]*; (iv) hospital emergency rooms; (v) local or district health departments; (vi) polling rooms; (vii) indoor service lines and cashier lines; (viii) public restrooms in any building owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any agency thereof; (ix) the interior of a child day center licensed pursuant to § 63.2-1701 that is not also used for residential purposes; however, this prohibition shall not apply to any area of a building not utilized by a child day center, unless otherwise prohibited by this chapter; and (x) public restrooms of health care facilities.

B. No person shall smoke in any area or place specified in subsection A and any person who continues to smoke in such area or place after having been asked to refrain from smoking shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$25.

C. Civil penalties assessed under this section shall be paid into the Virginia Health Care Fund established under § 32.1-366.

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