

13102254D

**SENATE BILL NO. 1253**

Offered January 9, 2013

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2830 of the Code of Virginia, relating to smoking in public parks.*

Patron—Northam

Referred to Committee on Local Government

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 15.2-2830 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 15.2-2830. Optional provisions of ordinances.**

A. If an ordinance is enacted by a locality in accordance with this chapter, it may provide that management shall designate reasonable no-smoking areas, considering the nature of the use and the size of the building, in the following places:

1. Retail and service establishments of 15,000 square feet or more serving the general public, including, but not limited to, department stores, grocery stores, drug stores, clothing stores, and shoe stores;

2. Educational facilities, except as provided in § 15.2-2824;

3. Health care facilities;

4. Rooms in which a public meeting or hearing is being held;

5. Places of entertainment and cultural facilities, including but not limited to theaters, concert halls, gymnasiums, auditoriums, other enclosed arenas, art galleries, libraries, and museums;

6. Indoor facilities used for recreational purposes; or

7. Other public places.

B. *If an ordinance is enacted by a locality in accordance with this chapter, it may provide for a smoking ban in public parks, on public beaches, and in similar outdoor public recreational areas as designated by the locality. Appropriate signs shall be posted in accordance with § 15.2-2832 at each public entrance to such public area.*

INTRODUCED

SB1253