

11102680D

HOUSE BILL NO. 2178

Offered January 12, 2011

Prefiled January 12, 2011

A BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2824 of the Code of Virginia, relating to smoking in emergency response vehicles prohibited.

Patron—Phillips

Referred to Committee on General Laws

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 of any public elementary, intermediate, and secondary school; (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; *and (xi) emergency medical services vehicles and other emergency response vehicles.*

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.

INTRODUCED

HB2178