By: Representative Mayo

To: Public Health and Human

Services

## HOUSE BILL NO. 184

1	AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI SMOKE-FREE AIR ACT OF 2009;
2	TO EXPRESS CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF
3	SECONDHAND SMOKE AND OTHER RISKS OF SMOKING; TO DEFINE CERTAIN
4	TERMS; TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN ALL ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES IN THE
5	STATE, IN ALL ENCLOSED FACILITIES WITHIN PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, IN
6	CERTAIN ENCLOSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, AND IN CERTAIN OUTDOOR
7	PLACES; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROHIBITIONS ON
8	SMOKING IN THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT "NO SMOKING" SIGNS SHALL BE
9	POSTED IN EVERY PLACE WHERE SMOKING IS PROHIBITED BY THIS ACT; TO
10	PROVIDE THAT NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST EMPLOYEES WHO EXERCISE
11	ANY RIGHTS AFFORDED BY THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
12	HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
13	THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL BE ENFORCED BY LOCAL
14	HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, CITY MANAGERS OR ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNTY
15	ADMINISTRATORS; TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE CITIZENS TO BRING LEGAL
16	ACTIONS TO ENFORCE THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
17	OF THIS ACT; TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO ADOPT LOCAL
18	ORDINANCES RELATING TO SMOKING THAT ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THIS
19	ACT; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 29-5-160 THROUGH 29-5-163, MISSISSIPPI
20	CODE OF 1972, WHICH ARE THE MISSISSIPPI CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT, AND
21	SECTIONS 97-32-25 THROUGH 97-32-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
22	WHICH ARE THE MISSISSIPPI ADULT TOBACCO USE ON EDUCATIONAL
23	PROPERTY ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
	DE 11 EMICIES DI INC ELCICENTOIL OF THE STITE OF HIGGIOSTITI.
25	<b>SECTION 1.</b> This act shall be known as the Mississippi
26	Smoke-free Air Act of 2009.

- 27 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Legislature finds that:
- (a) The 2006 United States Surgeon General's Report, 28
- 29 The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke,
- 30 has concluded that:
- (i) Secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and 31
- 32 premature death in children and adults who do not smoke;
- 33 (ii) Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at
- 34 an increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute
- 35 respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks, and

- 36 smoking by parents causes respiratory symptoms and slows lung
- 37 growth in their children;
- 38 (iii) Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has
- 39 immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes
- 40 coronary heart disease and lung cancer;
- 41 (iv) There is no risk-free level of exposure to
- 42 secondhand smoke;
- (v) Establishing smoke-free workplaces is the only
- 44 effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not
- 45 occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning
- 46 technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers
- 47 to secondhand smoke; and
- 48 (vi) Evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows
- 49 that smoke-free policies and laws do not have an adverse economic
- 50 impact on the hospitality industry.
- 51 (b) Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a
- 52 major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing
- 53 secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a
- 54 cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease,
- 55 stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer. The National Cancer
- 56 Institute determined in 1999 that secondhand smoke is responsible
- 57 for the early deaths of approximately fifty-three thousand
- 58 (53,000) Americans annually.
- 59 (c) The Public Health Service's National Toxicology
- 60 Program (NTP) has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen.
- 61 (d) Based on a finding by the California Environmental
- 62 Protection Agency in 2005, the California Air Resources Board has
- 63 determined that secondhand smoke is a toxic air contaminant,
- 64 finding that exposure to secondhand smoke has serious health
- 65 effects, including low birth-weight babies; sudden infant death
- 66 syndrome (SIDS); increased respiratory infections in children;
- 67 asthma in children and adults; lung cancer, sinus cancer, and

- breast cancer in younger, premenopausal women; heart disease; and death.
- 70 (e) Scientific evidence has firmly established that
- 71 there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, a
- 72 pollutant that causes serious illness in adults and children.
- 73 There is also indisputable evidence that implementing one hundred
- 74 percent (100%) smoke-free environments is the only effective way
- 75 to protect the population from the harmful effects of exposure to
- 76 secondhand smoke.
- 77 (f) A study of hospital admissions for acute myocardial
- 78 infarction in Helena, Montana, before, during, and after a local
- 79 law eliminating smoking in workplaces and public places was in
- 80 effect, has determined that laws to enforce smoke-free workplaces
- 81 and public places may be associated with a reduction in morbidity
- 82 from heart disease. Similar studies have been conducted in
- 83 Bowling Green, Ohio; Monroe County, Indiana; Pueblo, Colorado; New
- 84 York State; France; Greece; Italy; and Scotland. All of these
- 85 studies have reached the conclusion that communities see an
- 86 immediate reduction in heart attack admissions after the
- 87 implementation of comprehensive smoke-free laws.
- 88 (g) Secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to
- 89 elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and
- 90 individuals with impaired respiratory function, including
- 91 asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease.
- 92 (h) The Americans With Disabilities Act, which requires
- 93 that disabled persons have access to public places and workplaces,
- 94 deems impaired respiratory function to be a disability.
- 95 (i) The United States Centers for Disease Control and
- 96 Prevention has determined that the risk of acute myocardial
- 97 infarction and coronary heart disease associated with exposure to
- 98 tobacco smoke is nonlinear at low doses, increasing rapidly with
- 99 relatively small doses such as those received from secondhand
- 100 smoke or actively smoking one (1) or two (2) cigarettes a day, and

- 101 has warned that all patients at increased risk of coronary heart
- 102 disease or with known coronary artery disease should avoid all
- 103 indoor environments that permit smoking.
- 104 (j) Given the fact that there is no safe level of
- 105 exposure to secondhand smoke, the American Society of Heating,
- 106 Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) bases its
- 107 ventilation standards on totally smoke-free environments. ASHRAE
- 108 has determined that there is currently no air filtration or other
- 109 ventilation technology that can completely eliminate all the
- 110 carcinogenic components in secondhand smoke and the health risks
- 111 caused by secondhand smoke exposure, and recommends that indoor
- 112 environments be smoke free in their entirety.
- 113 (k) A significant amount of secondhand smoke exposure
- 114 occurs in the workplace. Employees who work in smoke filled
- 115 businesses suffer a twenty-five to fifty percent (25-50%) higher
- 116 risk of heart attack and higher rates of death from cardiovascular
- 117 disease and cancer, as well as increased acute respiratory disease
- 118 and measurable decrease in lung function.
- 119 (1) During periods of active smoking, peak and average
- 120 outdoor tobacco smoke (OTS) levels measured in outdoor cafes and
- 121 restaurant and bar patios near smokers rival indoor tobacco smoke
- 122 concentrations.
- 123 (m) The Society of Actuaries has determined that
- 124 secondhand smoke costs the United States economy roughly Ten
- 125 Billion Dollars (\$10,000,000,000.00) a year: Five Billion Dollars
- 126 (\$5,000,000,000.00) billion in estimated medical costs associated
- 127 with secondhand smoke exposure and Four Billion Six Hundred
- 128 Million (\$4,600,000,000.00) in lost productivity.
- (n) Numerous economic analyses examining restaurant and
- 130 hotel receipts and controlling for economic variables have shown
- 131 either no difference or a positive economic impact after enactment
- 132 of laws requiring workplaces to be smoke free. Creation of

- 133 smoke-free workplaces is sound economic policy and provides the
- 134 maximum level of employee health and safety.
- 135 (o) Hundreds of communities in the United States, plus
- 136 numerous states, including California, Delaware, Florida,
- 137 Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, have
- 138 enacted laws requiring workplaces, restaurants, bars, and other
- 139 public places to be smoke free, as have numerous countries,
- 140 including Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Uganda,
- 141 and Uruguay.
- 142 (p) There is no legal or constitutional "right to
- 143 smoke." Business owners have no legal or constitutional right to
- 144 expose their employees and customers to the toxic chemicals in
- 145 secondhand smoke. On the contrary, employers have a common law
- 146 duty to provide their workers with a workplace that is not
- 147 unreasonably dangerous.
- 148 (q) Smoking is a potential cause of fires, and
- 149 cigarette and cigar burns and ash stains on merchandise and
- 150 fixtures causes economic damage to businesses.
- 151 (r) The smoking of tobacco is a form of air pollution,
- 152 a positive danger to health, and a material public nuisance.
- 153 (2) Accordingly, the Legislature finds and declares that the
- 154 purposes of this act are:
- 155 (a) To protect the public health and welfare by
- 156 prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment; and
- 157 (b) To guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breathe
- 158 smoke-free air, and to recognize that the need to breathe
- 159 smoke-free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke.
- 160 **SECTION 3.** The following words and phrases, whenever used in
- 161 this act, shall be construed as defined in this section:
- 162 (a) "Bar" means an establishment that is devoted to the
- 163 serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the
- 164 premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to

- 165 the consumption of those beverages, including, but not limited to,
- 166 taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.
- 167 (b) "Business" means a sole proprietorship,
- 168 partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity,
- 169 either for-profit or not-for-profit, including, but not limited
- 170 to, retail establishments where goods or services are sold;
- 171 professional corporations and other entities where legal, medical,
- dental, engineering, architectural or other professional services
- 173 are delivered; and private clubs.
- 174 (c) "Employee" means a person who is employed by an
- 175 employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or
- 176 profit, and a person who volunteers his or her services for a
- 177 nonprofit entity.
- 178 (d) "Employer" means a person, business, partnership,
- 179 association, corporation, including a municipal corporation,
- 180 trust, or nonprofit entity that employs the services of one or
- 181 more individual persons.
- (e) "Enclosed area" means all space between a floor and
- 183 ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by permanent or temporary
- 184 walls or windows (exclusive of doorways), which extend from the
- 185 floor to the ceiling.
- 186 (f) "Health care facility" means an office or
- 187 institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether
- 188 physical, mental or emotional, or other medical, physiological, or
- 189 psychological conditions, including, but not limited to,
- 190 hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including
- 191 weight control clinics, nursing homes, long-term care facilities,
- 192 homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices
- 193 of physicians, surgeons, dentists, chiropractors, physical
- 194 therapists, other health care professionals, and all specialists
- 195 within these professions. This definition shall include all
- 196 waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semiprivate rooms, and
- 197 wards within health care facilities.

198 "Place of employment" means an area under the (q) 199 control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including, but not 200 201 limited to, work areas, private offices, employee lounges, 202 restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee 203 cafeterias, hallways, and vehicles. A private residence is not a 204 "place of employment" unless it is used as a child care, adult day 205 care, or health care facility.

206 (h) "Private club" means an organization, whether incorporated or not, that is the owner, lessee or occupant of a 207 208 building or portion thereof used exclusively for club purposes at 209 all times, that is operated solely for a recreational, fraternal, 210 social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purpose, but 211 not for pecuniary gain, and that only sells alcoholic beverages incidental to its operation. The affairs and management of the 212 213 organization are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by the members at an annual 214 215 meeting. The organization has established bylaws and/or a 216 constitution to govern its activities. The organization has been 217 granted an exemption from the payment of federal income tax as a 218 club under 26 USCS Section 501.

"Public place" means an enclosed area to which the 219 (i) 220 public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including, but not limited to, banks, bars, educational facilities, gaming 221 222 facilities, health care facilities, hotels and motels, 223 laundromats, public transportation vehicles and facilities, 224 reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing 225 establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters and waiting rooms. A 226 227 private club is a "public place" when it is being used for a function to which the general public is invited. A private 228 229 residence is not a "public place" unless it is used as a child 230 care, adult day care, or health care facility.

- 231 (j) "Restaurant" means an eating establishment,
- 232 including, but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich
- 233 stands, and private and public school cafeterias, that gives or
- 234 offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well
- 235 as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on
- 236 the premises for serving elsewhere. The term "restaurant"
- 237 includes a bar area within the restaurant.
- (k) "Service line" means an indoor or outdoor line in
- 239 which one or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of
- 240 any kind, whether or not the service involves the exchange of
- 241 money, including, but not limited to, ATM lines, concert lines,
- 242 food vendor lines, movie ticket lines, and sporting event lines.
- 243 (m) "Shopping mall" means an enclosed public walkway or
- 244 hall area that serves to connect retail or professional
- 245 establishments.
- 246 (n) "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or
- 247 carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe in any
- 248 manner or in any form.
- 249 (o) "Sports arena" means sports pavilions, stadiums,
- 250 gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and
- 251 ice rinks, bowling alleys, and other similar places where members
- 252 of the general public assemble to engage in physical exercise,
- 253 participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other
- events.
- 255 **SECTION 4.** All enclosed facilities, including buildings and
- 256 vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the State of Mississippi or
- 257 any agency, department, institution or political subdivision of
- 258 the state shall be subject to the provisions of this act.
- 259 **SECTION 5.** Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed
- 260 public places within the State of Mississippi, including, but not
- 261 limited to, the following places:
- 262 (a) Aquariums, galleries, libraries and museums.

- 263 (b) Areas available to and customarily used by the
  264 general public in businesses and nonprofit entities patronized by
  265 the public, including, but not limited to, banks, laundromats,
  266 professional offices, and retail service establishments.
- 267 (c) Bars.
- 268 (d) Bingo facilities.
- (e) Child care and adult day care facilities.
- 270 (f) Convention facilities.
- 271 (g) Educational facilities, both public and private.
- (h) Elevators.
- (i) Gaming facilities.
- 274 (j) Health care facilities.
- (k) Hotels and motels.
- (1) Lobbies, hallways, and other common areas in
- 277 apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement
- 278 facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential
- 279 facilities.
- 280 (m) Polling places.
- 281 (n) Private clubs when being used for a function to
- 282 which the general public is invited.
- 283 (o) Public transportation vehicles, including buses and
- 284 taxicabs, under the authority of the state or any agency,
- 285 department, institution or political subdivision of the state, and
- 286 ticket, boarding, and waiting areas of public transportation
- 287 facilities, including bus, train and airport facilities.
- 288 (p) Restaurants.
- 289 (q) Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, and
- 290 other common-use areas.
- 291 (r) Retail stores.
- 292 (s) Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public
- 293 assembly, including school buildings, under the control of an
- 294 agency, board, commission, committee or council of the state or
- 295 any of its subdivisions.

- 296 (t) Service lines.
- 297 (u) Shopping malls.
- 298 (v) Sports arenas, including enclosed places in outdoor
- 299 arenas.
- 300 (w) Theaters and other facilities primarily used for
- 301 exhibiting motion pictures, stage dramas, lectures, musical
- 302 recitals, or other similar performances.
- 303 **SECTION 6.** (1) Smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed
- 304 facilities within places of employment without exception. This
- 305 includes common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference
- 306 and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, medical
- 307 facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms,
- 308 vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities.
- 309 (2) This prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to all
- 310 existing employees not later than August 1, 2009, and to all
- 311 prospective employees upon their application for employment.
- 312 **SECTION 7.** Smoking shall be prohibited in the following
- 313 enclosed residential facilities:
- 314 (a) All private and semi-private rooms in nursing
- 315 homes.
- 316 (b) At least eighty percent (80%) of hotel and motel
- 317 rooms that are rented to guests.
- 318 **SECTION 8.** Smoking shall be prohibited in the following
- 319 outdoor places:
- 320 (a) Within twenty (20) feet outside entrances, operable
- 321 windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking
- 322 is prohibited, so as to insure that tobacco smoke does not enter
- 323 those areas.
- 324 (b) In outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants
- 325 and within twenty (20) feet thereof.
- 326 (c) In all outdoor arenas, stadiums, and amphitheaters,
- 327 except in designated smoking areas, which may be established only
- 328 in perimeter areas at least twenty (20) feet from any seating

- 329 areas or concession stands. Smoking shall also be prohibited
- 330 within twenty (20) feet of bleachers and grandstands for use by
- 331 spectators at sporting and other public events.
- 332 (d) In all public transportation stations, platforms,
- 333 and shelters under the authority of the state or any agency,
- 334 department, institution or political subdivision of the state.
- 335 (e) In all outdoor service lines.
- 336 (f) In outdoor common areas of nursing homes, except in
- 337 designated smoking areas, which must be located at least twenty
- 338 (20) feet outside of entrances, operable windows, and ventilation
- 339 systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited.
- 340 **SECTION 9.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act
- 341 to the contrary, the following areas shall be exempt from the
- 342 provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of this act:
- 343 (a) Private residences, except when used as a child
- 344 care, adult day care, or health care facility, and except as
- 345 provided in Section 7 of this act.
- 346 (b) Not more than twenty percent (20%) of hotel and
- 347 motel rooms rented to guests and designated as smoking rooms. All
- 348 smoking rooms on the same floor must be contiguous and smoke from
- 349 these rooms must not infiltrate into areas where smoking is
- 350 prohibited under the provisions of this act. The status of rooms
- 351 as smoking or nonsmoking may not be changed, except to add
- 352 additional nonsmoking rooms.
- 353 (c) Private clubs that have no employees, except when
- 354 being used for a function to which the general public is invited,
- 355 provided that smoke from those clubs does not infiltrate into
- 356 areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this
- 357 act. This exemption shall not apply to any organization that is
- 358 established for the purpose of avoiding compliance with this act.
- 359 (d) Outdoor areas of places of employment except those
- 360 covered by the provisions of Section 8 of this act.

361 <u>SECTION 10.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this act,
362 an owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of an
363 establishment, facility, or outdoor area may declare that entire
364 establishment, facility, or outdoor area as a nonsmoking place.
365 Smoking shall be prohibited in any place in which a sign
366 conforming to the requirements of Section 11(1) of this act is
367 posted.

SECTION 11. (1) "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in every public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this act, by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of that place.

- 375 (2) Every public place and place of employment where smoking
  376 is prohibited by this act shall have posted at every entrance a
  377 conspicuous sign clearly stating that smoking is prohibited.
  378 Every vehicle that constitutes a place of employment under this
  379 act shall have at least one (1) conspicuous sign, visible from the
  380 exterior of the vehicle, clearly stating that smoking is
  381 prohibited.
- 382 (3) All ashtrays shall be removed from any area where 383 smoking is prohibited by this act by the owner, operator, manager, 384 or other person having control of the area.
- 385 SECTION 12. (1) No person or employer shall discharge, 386 refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against an employee, 387 applicant for employment, or customer because that employee, 388 applicant or customer exercises any rights afforded by this act or 389 reports or attempts to prosecute a violation of this act. 390 Notwithstanding Section 15 of this act, a violation of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to 391 392 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.

- 393 (2) An employee who works in a setting where an employer 394 allows smoking does not waive or otherwise surrender any legal 395 rights the employee may have against the employer or any other 396 party.
- 397 <u>SECTION 13.</u> The State Department of Health shall adopt rules 398 and regulations as are necessary and reasonable to implement the 399 provisions of this act. Notice of the provisions of this act 400 shall be given to all applicants for a business license in the 401 state.
- 402 **SECTION 14.** (1) This act shall be enforced by local health departments, city managers or administrators, county administrators, and their authorized designees.
- 405 (2) Any person who desires to register a complaint under 406 this act may initiate enforcement with the local health 407 department, city manager or administrator, or county 408 administrator.
- 409 (3) Local health departments, fire departments, and their 410 designees, while an establishment is undergoing otherwise mandated 411 inspections, shall inspect for compliance with this act.
- 412 (4) An owner, manager, operator or employee of an 413 establishment regulated by this act shall inform persons violating 414 this act of the appropriate provisions thereof.
- 415 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, an
  416 employee or private citizen may bring legal action to enforce this
  417 act.
- 418 (6) In addition to the remedies provided by the provisions
  419 of this section, local health departments, city managers or
  420 administrators, county administrators, and any persons aggrieved
  421 by the failure of the owner, operator, manager or other person in
  422 control of a public place or a place of employment to comply with
  423 the provisions of this act may apply for injunctive relief to
  424 enforce those provisions in any court of competent jurisdiction.

- SECTION 15. (1) A person who smokes in an area where

  smoking is prohibited by the provisions of this act shall be

  quilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding Fifty

  Dollars (\$50.00).
- 429 (2) Except as otherwise provided in Section 12(1) of this
  430 act, a person who owns, manages, operates, or otherwise controls a
  431 public place or place of employment and who fails to comply with
  432 the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor,
- 433 punishable by:
- 434 (a) A fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
- 435 for a first violation.
- 436 (b) A fine not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)
- 437 for a second violation within one (1) year.
- 438 (c) A fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)
- 439 for each additional violation within one (1) year.
- 440 (3) In addition to the fines established by this section,
- 441 violation of this act by a person who owns, manages, operates, or
- 442 otherwise controls a public place or place of employment may
- 443 result in the suspension or revocation of any permit or license
- 444 issued to the person for the premises on which the violation
- 445 occurred.
- 446 (4) Violation of this act is declared to be a public 447 nuisance, which may be abated by restraining order, preliminary
- 448 and permanent injunction, or other means provided for by law.
- 449 (5) Each day on which a violation of this act occurs shall 450 be considered a separate and distinct violation.
- 451 **SECTION 16.** Nothing in this act shall be construed to
- 452 prevent a political subdivision of the state from adopting local
- 453 ordinances or regulations relating to smoking in workplaces and
- 454 public places that are more restrictive than this act, nor does
- 455 this act repeal any existing local ordinances or regulations that
- 456 provide restrictions on smoking that are equivalent to or greater

457 than those provided by this act.

458	<b>SECTION 17.</b> The State Department of Health shall engage in a
459	continuing program to explain and clarify the purposes and
460	requirements of this act to persons affected by it, and to guide
461	owners, operators, and managers in their compliance with it. The
462	program may include publication of a brochure for affected
463	businesses and persons explaining the provisions of this act.
464	<b>SECTION 18.</b> This act shall not be interpreted or construed
465	to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other
466	applicable state or local laws.
467	<b>SECTION 19.</b> This act shall be liberally construed so as to
468	further its purposes.
469	<b>SECTION 20.</b> This act shall not be construed as amending or
470	repealing Section 97-35-1(4).
471	<b>SECTION 21.</b> Sections 29-5-160, 29-5-161 and 29-5-163,

- Mississippi Code of 1972, which are the Mississippi Clean Indoor

  Air Act, and Sections 97-32-25, 97-32-27 and 97-32-29, Mississippi

  Code of 1972, which are the Mississippi Adult Tobacco Use on

  Educational Property Act, are repealed.

  SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2009.