

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2545

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED UNDER THE  
2 GAMING CONTROL ACT AND LICENSEES UNDER THE CHARITABLE BINGO LAW  
3 MAY ALLOW SMOKING ON THEIR LICENSED PREMISES; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS  
4 PROVISION SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY EXISTING OR SUBSEQUENTLY ENACTED  
5 LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS OR RESTRICTS  
6 SMOKING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Establishments licensed under the Mississippi  
9 Gaming Control Act and licensees under the Charitable Bingo Law  
10 may allow smoking by patrons on their licensed premises. The  
11 provisions of this section shall supersede any existing or  
12 subsequently enacted local law, ordinance or regulation that  
13 prohibits or restricts smoking. As used in this section "smoking"  
14 means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying or otherwise possessing  
15 any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or device of  
16 any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other smoking product.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
18 and after July 1, 2009.

