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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Political Subdivisions - Smoking Regulations - Restrictions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting certain
4 ordinances or laws regulating smoking in certain establishments that are more
5 stringent or restrictive than certain public general laws; providing for the
6 application of this Act; and generally relating to restricting smoking regulations
7 enacted by political subdivisions.

8 BY adding to
9 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
10 Section 15-101
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

16 15-101.

17 A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT ADOPT ORDINANCES OR LAWS
18 REGULATING SMOKING IN COUNTY OFFICES, COUNTY BUILDINGS, HOTELS, MOTELS,
19 RESTAURANTS, BARS, TAVERNS, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE MORE
20 STRINGENT OR RESTRICTIVE THAN ANY PUBLIC GENERAL LAW IN EXISTENCE ON
21 OCTOBER 1, 2005.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
23 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
24 any effect on or application to any smoking regulation ordinances or laws passed by a
25 political subdivision enacted before the effective date of this Act.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2005.