

On March 19, 2012, Governor Mitch Daniels signed HEA 1149 enacting Indiana's statewide smoking ban, which will become effective on July 1, 2012. The Alcohol and Tobacco Commission is one of the agencies responsible for enforcing the ban and has additional information on the [ATC website](#).

The ATC has developed three Frequently Asked Questions lists regarding the smoking ban:

[Smoking Ban FAQ – General Information](#)

[Smoking Ban FAQ – Businesses](#)

[Smoking Ban FAQ – Fraternal Clubs](#)

Questions about the ban should be directed to the ATC.

The smoking ban generally provides that casinos, racinos, and off-track-betting facilities are exempt from the ban. During conference committee on the bill, however, the exemption for charitable gaming was removed.

Moreover, the new law does not prohibit a county, city, town, or other governmental unit from adopting a more restrictive smoking ban than the statewide ban. Numerous local governments across Indiana have adopted such bans. Licensed entities are encouraged to contact their local regulatory agencies to determine the extent of any local smoking bans, which may be more restrictive than the statewide ban. The statewide ban also does not prohibit a local governmental unit from banning smoking in any of the premises exempted from the statewide ban.

The Indiana Gaming Commission will approach violations of the new smoking ban using the same administrative process as any other violation of state law.