



Legislative Update
and Action Alert

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May 14, 2009

House Passes Senate Version of HB 2!

HB 2 to Become LAW with Governor's Signature

Governor Perdue Pledges to Sign Bill

NC Restaurants and Bars will become Smoke-Free Jan 2, 2010!

On Wednesday, May 13, the North Carolina House voted by a narrow margin of 62 to 56 to concur with the Senate version of House Bill 2 "Prohibit Smoking in Certain Public Places". The bill has now passed its **final** vote in the General Assembly and is on its way to Governor Perdue's desk for her signature. She has stated she will sign the bill. The NC Constitution requires the bill to be signed within ten days. North Carolina legislative leaders have taken a big step toward protecting public health!

The final version of HB 2 will go into effect on Jan. 2, 2010 and provide protection from secondhand smoke in restaurants and bars across the state. HB 2 also authorizes some expansion of local control so that local governments can pass local ordinances restricting smoking in some other public places, including some worksites. To View the final version of the bill, [click here](#).

The completion of action around HB 2 in the General Assembly is historic for a tobacco state like North Carolina and marks a significant accomplishment for the members and partners of the NC Alliance for Health. Though the Alliance's work will not be done until all NC workers are protected from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, it is important that we take a moment to savor and acknowledge this huge accomplishment for public health.

And that includes saying THANK YOU to all of the members and partners of the NC Alliance for Health who have worked tirelessly for many years to pass a good, strong smoke-free bill. HB 2 would not be so close to becoming law without all of the dedicated advocates who have made contact with legislators, sometimes multiple times, over multiple years. And, we thank the organizational members of the Alliance who have

contributed significant staff time and resources to both advocate at the General Assembly and rally their members around the smoke-free issue. THANK YOU.

We must also take a moment to thank the House members who have made smoke-free restaurants and bars a reality by voting to concur.

Please THANK your Representative for voting

YES on HB 2!

Please thank HB 2's primary House sponsors:

Rep. Hugh Holliman (D-Davidson)

Rep. Jeff Barnhart (R-Cabarrus)

Rep. Rick Glazier (D-Cumberland)

Rep. Jennifer Weiss (D-Wake)

Without their strong leadership, HB 2 would not be where it is today!

Representatives voting YES to Concur on HB 2 include:

Member	Counties Represented
Alma Adams	Guilford
Kelly M. Alexander, Jr.	Mecklenburg
Martha B. Alexander	Mecklenburg
Lucy T. Allen	Franklin, Halifax, Nash
Jeff Barnhart	Cabarrus
Larry M. Bell	Sampson, Wayne
Dan Blue	Wake
Alice L. Bordsen	Alamance
Angela R. Bryant	Halifax, Nash
Justin P. Burr	Montgomery, Stanly, Union
Pearl Burris-Floyd	Cleveland, Gaston
Lorene Coates	Rowan
Tricia Ann Cotham	Mecklenburg
William A. Current, Sr.	Gaston
Margaret Highsmith Dickson	Cumberland
Bob England, M.D.	Cleveland, Rutherford
Bill Faison	Caswell, Orange

Jean Farmer-Butterfield	Edgecombe, Wilson
Susan C. Fisher	Buncombe
Elmer Floyd	Cumberland
Pryor Gibson	Anson, Union
Rick Glazier	Cumberland
Bruce Goforth	Buncombe
Melanie Wade Goodwin	Montgomery, Richmond
R. Phillip Haire	Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain
Larry D. Hall	Durham
Ty Harrell	Wake
Pricey Harrison	Guilford
Hugh Holliman	Davidson
Sandra Spaulding Hughes	New Hanover, Pender
Pat B. Hurley	Randolph
Verla Insko	Orange
Darren G. Jackson	Wake
Maggie Jeffus	Guilford
Carolyn H. Justice	New Hanover, Pender
Jimmy L. Love, Sr.	Harnett, Lee
Marvin W. Lucas	Cumberland
Paul Luebke	Durham
Nick Mackey	Mecklenburg
Grier Martin	Wake
Marian N. McLawhorn	Pitt
Henry M. Michaux, Jr.	Durham
Annie W. Mobley	Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Perquimans
Wil Neumann	Gaston
Bill Owens	Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Tyrrell
Garland E. Pierce	Hoke, Robeson, Scotland
Shirley B. Randleman	Wilkes
Ray Rapp	Haywood, Madison, Yancey
Deborah K. Ross	Wake
Fred F. Steen, II	Rowan
Randy Stewart	Nash
Bonner L. Stiller	Brunswick
Ronnie Sutton	Robeson
Cullie M. Tarleton	Ashe, Watauga
Alice Graham Underhill	Craven, Pamlico

William L. Wainwright	Craven, Lenoir
Ray Warren	Alexander, Catawba
Jennifer Weiss	Wake
Jane Whilden	Buncombe
Larry Womble	Forsyth
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Douglas Y. Yongue	Hoke, Robeson, Scotland

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To call your representative, call 919-733-4111 and ask for the member by name to be transferred.

Thank You for your efforts to make North Carolina Smoke-Free!

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