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SENATE BILL NO. 132

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 15.2-2830 of the Code of Virginia, relating to localities limiting smoking in outdoor parks to designated areas.*

Patron—Edwards

Referred to Committee on Local Government

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-2830 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-2830. Optional provisions of ordinances.

A. If an ordinance is enacted by a locality in accordance with this chapter, it may provide that management shall designate reasonable no-smoking areas, considering the nature of the use and the size of the building, in the following places:

1. Retail and service establishments of 15,000 square feet or more serving the general public, including, but not limited to, department stores, grocery stores, drug stores, clothing stores, and shoe stores;

2. Educational facilities, except as provided in § 15.2-2824;

3. Health care facilities;

4. Rooms in which a public meeting or hearing is being held;

5. Places of entertainment and cultural facilities, including but not limited to theaters, concert halls, gymnasiums, auditoriums, other enclosed arenas, art galleries, libraries, and museums;

6. Indoor facilities used for recreational purposes; or

7. Other public places.

B. If an ordinance is enacted by a locality in accordance with this chapter, it may provide that the locality may limit smoking in outdoor parks, recreation facilities, and playgrounds it has established pursuant to its authority in § 15.2-1806 to designated areas within 100 feet of a sports field, recreation center, or playground. Appropriate signs shall be posted in accordance with § 15.2-2832 at each public entrance to such park, facility, or playground.

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