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**S 43. SMOKING IN STATE GOVT. BUILDINGS/PROHIBITION.** Filed 1/31/07. *TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE HEALTH RISKS OF SECONDHAND SMOKE BY PROHIBITING SMOKING IN BUILDINGS OWNED, LEASED, OR OCCUPIED BY STATE GOVERNMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JUSTUS-WARREN HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.* Effective January 1, 2008, amends GS Chapter 130A to add new Article 23 (Smoking in Public Places) prohibiting smoking (notwithstanding Article 64 [Smoking in Public Places] of GS Chapter 143) in state government buildings, except for in areas used for medical or scientific research on smoking. Requires the posting of "no smoking" signs. Directs the Commission for Health Services to adopt rules. Violation is an infraction punishable by a fine of no more than \$25. Applies to acts committed on or after January 1, 2008.

**Intro. by Purcell.**

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