

Christian Life Commission



Alcohol and Addiction – A Smoke-Free Texas 82nd Legislative Session

- Currently, 29 states have 100 percent smoke-free workplace laws which eliminate smoking in all indoor workplaces including restaurants, restaurant bars and stand-alone bars.
- In Texas, 34 cities are currently covered by comprehensive smoke-free indoor workplace ordinances. As the nation's second largest state, a statewide smoke-free workplace legislation in Texas would provide clean indoor air to 5.6 percent of the U.S. population.

70 percent of Texas voters support prohibiting smoking in indoor work and public places, including bars and restaurants.

The Christian Life Commission Supports Smoke-Free Workplace Legislation

HB 670 (Rep. Crownover - Denton), **SB 355** (Sen. Ellis - Houston) would eliminate smoking and the dangers of secondhand smoke in indoor workplaces in Texas.

- This legislation regulates smoking in:
 - Restaurants
 - Bars
 - Indoor Workplaces
- This legislation does not regulate smoking in:
 - Private residences
 - Tobacco bars
 - Tobacco shops
 - Outdoor areas including patios of a restaurant or bar

A comprehensive smoke-free indoor workplace law would save lives and benefit Texas businesses and taxpayers.

- Scientific evidence indicates that ***ANY level of exposure to secondhand smoke is a health risk.***
- Food service employees are 50 percent more likely to be diagnosed with lung cancer than the general public.
- Businesses ultimately save money on health care costs, insurance, maintenance and other direct and indirect costs of secondhand smoke.

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