

## The Cigar Bar Bill (LB355) Was Signed Into Law by Governor Dave Heineman

### The bad news . . .

Governor Dave Heineman signed the cigar bar bill into law on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. This was a flip-flop from last year when he signed LB395, a simple, stronger and fairer smoke-free bill into law.

Because of the cigar bar bill, when it takes effect in September 2009, cigar bars and other nearby businesses will be smoky. There will probably be lawsuits because of smoke drifting into businesses that should be smoke free.

**GASP could use your financial help so we can work on this legal fight and to build our base of supporters throughout Nebraska. See how to make a tax-deductible donation to GASP after my signature. We have many bills written and ready to be introduced in 2010. See them on our website at <http://www.smokefreenebraska.org/leg/leg.html>**

### Now for the good news . . .

Thanks to help from GASP supporters like you who wrote and called your senators, we were able to get the senators to amend the original smoky cigar bar bill to make it much better. Originally just about every bar and restaurant in Nebraska could have called themselves a cigar bar, and allowed smoking. Together, we were able to get the senators to make these changes to the cigar bar bill:

- 1. No food may be served in a cigar bar.** This keeps restaurants from being “creative” and allowing smoking.
- 2. They may not be creative by selling alcohol at a discount in combination with cigars or other tobacco products and tobacco-related products.** This will keep most bars from calling themselves cigar bars because they won't be able to reach the 10% sales of tobacco required in the law.
- 3. No cigarettes may be smoked in a cigar bar.** This should help reduce the number of bars that attempt to be reclassified as a cigar bar.
- 4. Because of senators' and the governor's action last year, on June 1, 2009 almost all businesses in Nebraska will be required to be smoke free.**

**Please email and/or call to THANK your senator if they voted against the cigar bar bill.**

### The senators who voted against the cigar bar bill are:

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If your senator voted Yes on the cigar bar bill, please be nice when you write or call them. You do not want to upset your senator, or tell them anything like "I'm going to work for your opponent in the next election". Just tell them you are disappointed in their vote for the tobacco industry and against people's health.

**The senators who voted for the cigar bar bill are:**

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**You can make a difference on tobacco issues by telling GASP you want to help. Go to <http://www.smokefreenebraska.org/donvolcon/donvolcon.html> and letting us know how you want to help.**

**By writing letters to elected officials**

**Talking with your friends**

**Making a tax-deductable donation**  
**Sign up more people to help GASP**

**Find and Contact Your State Senator:**

If you don't know who your State Senator is—and you are registered to vote—you can identify your legislative district through the State of Nebraska Voter Check webpage. Visit [www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov](http://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov) and enter your name in the registrant search. Then go to the Senators' list on the Legislature website (below) to find the State Senator's email and phone number who serves your district.

Anyone may click on the map at [http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_find.php](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_find.php) to find your senator and district. If you live in a metro area, you may click on that area and then use the Zoom bar on the left side of the map to zoom in so you can see the street where you live. When you click on your street, your senator's information will be displayed.

Additional contact information for your Senator, including their district number, email address and phone number is found on the Legislature website [www.nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator\\_list.php](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/senators/senator_list.php).

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