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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY JOHNSON, JONES, GIAMMARCO, KELLY, SCANLON,
DONATUCCI, CIANCIULLI, OLIVER, MILLIRON, RICHARDSON, WIGGINS
AND RITTER, APRIL 26, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 26, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.551, No.190), entitled
2 "An act relating to the right to practice medicine and
3 surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and establishing
4 means and methods whereby the right to practice medicine and
5 surgery and any of its branches and limited right to practice
6 medically related acts may be obtained, and exemptions
7 therefrom; imposing powers and duties on the State Board of
8 Medical Education and Licensure; providing for appropriation
9 of board fees to carry out the provisions thereof, and for
10 the granting, revocation and suspension of licenses;
11 providing penalties for violations; and making repeals,"
12 prohibiting smoking in physicians' waiting rooms; and
13 providing penalties.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The act of July 20, 1974 (P.L.551, No.190), known
17 as the "Medical Practice Act of 1974," is amended by adding
18 sections to read:

19 Section 10.1. Smoking Prohibited.--(a) Except as provided
20 in subsection (b), no physician licensed under this act shall
21 permit smoking in areas of his office premises used as waiting
22 rooms by patients.

23 (b) A physician shall permit smoking only in areas of his

1 office so designated as smoking areas.

2 Section 10.2. Penalty.--Any person who smokes tobacco or
3 other substance in an area of a physician's office which is not
4 designated as a smoking area shall, upon conviction in a summary
5 proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one
6 hundred dollars (\$100).

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.