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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco in public schools;
2 and providing a penalty.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the School
7 Tobacco Control Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Education of the
13 Commonwealth.

14 "School." A school operated by a joint board, board of
15 directors or school board where pupils are enrolled in
16 compliance with Article XIII of the act of March 10, 1949

1 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949. The
2 term includes area vocational-technical schools and intermediate
3 units.

4 "Smoking." Includes possession of a lighted cigarette,
5 cigar, pipe or other lighted smoking equipment.

6 "Tobacco use." Includes smoking and the use of smokeless
7 tobacco in any form.

8 Section 3. Tobacco use prohibited.

9 (a) Offense defined.--Tobacco use by a pupil is prohibited
10 in school buildings and school buses and on school property
11 owned by, leased by or under the control of a school district.

12 (b) Penalty.--The department may assess a civil penalty of
13 \$50 against a pupil who violates this section.

14 Section 4. Department.

15 (a) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
16 regulations necessary to enforce the prohibition of tobacco use.

17 (b) Display of act.--A copy of this act and the regulations
18 promulgated under it shall be published and distributed to
19 pupils and parents.

20 Section 5. Construction.

21 This act supersedes any municipal ordinance or school board
22 regulation to the contrary.

23 Section 6. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect in six months.