



Tobacco Section Update- 5/24/2022

Chair: Chelsea Ridge

These are the tobacco bills from the 2021 North Dakota Legislative Session:

- 1. SB2004- DOH Budget**
 - Tobacco Prevention is in support of allocating additional funds to make up for past cuts to the tobacco prevention program since 2017.
- 2. SB2190- Tobacco Internet Sales**
 - Failed on Senate Floor 44/3.
- 3. SB2189- ENDS Licensing & Taxation**
 - (Amendment: keep ENDS licensing, moved taxation of ENDS to a study for “harm reduction” products.) 5-2 Do Pass. Passed Senate Floor.
- 4. SB2156- Tobacco 21**
 - Emergency Clause; Passed Senate Floor 40/7
- 5. SB2188- Pre-Emption Bill against Local Ordinance Control**
 - 5/2 Do Not Pass, Failed Senate Floor
- 6. HB1152- Cigar Bar Bill-**
 - House, Industry, Business and Labor Committee: (9-5 Do Not Pass) Recalled to committee than received a (7-7 Neutral Vote). Arrived on the House Floor with a 7-7 No Recommendation. Passed the House Floor 48/45. Received by the Senate.
- 7. HB1403- \$1.00 Cigarette Tax Increase**
 - House Finance and Taxation Committee: 9-4 Do Not Pass; Failed House Floor 25/66
- 8. HB1422- Tax on Cigarettes & Tobacco Products**
 - House Finance and Taxation Committee: 9-5 Do Not Pass; Failed House Floor 33/58

Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in North Dakota and the United States, causing more deaths annually than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined. (Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids). Tobacco annually costs each North Dakota household \$916 in taxes due to smoking-related expenses (Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids: Toll of Tobacco in North Dakota, 2021). The financial and human toll from tobacco use – either directly or from exposure to secondhand smoke continues to be the most costly, preventable cause of death in the state. With the increase in the availability of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), vaping of nicotine and other substances has escalated related health concerns.

The goals of the NDPHA Tobacco Section are to reduce disease, disability, and death related to tobacco use by:

- Preventing initiation among youth and young adults
- Eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke
- Promoting quitting among adults and youth
- Advancing health equity by identifying and eliminating tobacco product-related inequities and disparities

There has been recent discussion on adding alcohol, and other drugs and substances to broaden our scope of members participating within this section. Moving forward the section membership can discuss how they would like to approach broadening this section or adding a new section.