

Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# Health Amendment Bill 1998

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Health Act 1911*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Health Amendment Act 1998*.

**2. Commencement**

5 This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives  
the Royal Assent.

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**3. The Act amended**

The amendments in this Act are to the *Health Act 1911*.

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5           For subsequent amendments see 1997 Index to Legislation of  
          Western Australia, Table 1, pp. 104-5, and Acts Nos. 31  
          of 1997 and 10 and 15 of 1998.]

**4. Section 3 amended**

Section 3(1) is amended in the definition of “Public place” by  
inserting before “includes” —

10           “ , except in Part IXB, ”.

**5. Part IXB inserted**

After section 289D the following Part is inserted —

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**Part IXB — Smoking in enclosed public places**

15           **289E. Interpretation**

(1) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears —

          “**enclosed public place**” means a public place that has,  
          whether permanently or temporarily —

- 20           (a) a ceiling or roof; and  
          (b) walls, sides or other vertical coverings,  
          so that when the public place’s existing closeable  
          openings are closed, the public place is completely  
          or substantially enclosed;

          “**public place**” means a place or vehicle that —

- 25           (a) the public, or a section of the public, is  
          entitled to use; or

(b) is open to, or is being used by, the public, or a section of the public,

whether on payment of money, by virtue of membership of a club or other body, or otherwise;

5 “**regulations**” means regulations, if any, made under section 341 as read with section 289F;

“**smoke**” means smoke, hold, or otherwise have control over, an ignited tobacco product;

10 “**tobacco product**” has the same meaning as in the *Tobacco Control Act 1990*;

“**vehicle**” means any thing used or capable of being used to transport people by air or water or on rails or roads.

15 (2) For the purposes of the definition of “enclosed public place” in subsection (1) it is immaterial that an existing closeable opening is open at any particular time.

**289F. Regulations**

20 (1) The Governor may make regulations under section 341 for the regulation or prohibition of smoking in enclosed public places.

25 (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may —  
(a) require occupiers of enclosed public places to display signs about smoking, and may prescribe the content, dimensions and location of those signs; and  
(b) confer powers on environmental health officers in relation to persons who are smoking in enclosed public places where smoking is prohibited.

**289G. Consent required for prosecutions**

- (1) Proceedings for an offence against the regulations must not be taken without the written consent of the Executive Director, Public Health.
- 5 (2) If a complaint alleging an offence against the regulations purports to be made with the written consent of the Executive Director, Public Health, it is to be presumed, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that the complaint is so made.

10 **289H. No right to smoke in enclosed public places**

Nothing in the regulations is to be construed as creating or preserving a right of a person to smoke in an enclosed public place.

**289I. Review**

- 15 (1) The Minister is to carry out a review of the operation and effectiveness of this Part and the regulations as soon as is practicable after the expiry of 3 years from the commencement of the *Health Amendment Act 1998*.
- 20 (2) The Minister is to prepare a report based on the review and, as soon as is practicable after the report is prepared, is to cause the report to be laid before each House of Parliament.

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**6. Section 360 amended**

After section 360(4) the following subsection is inserted —

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- 5 (5) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (2), regulations  
made under section 341 as read with section 289F may  
create offences and provide in respect of any such  
offence —
- (a) if the offender is an individual —
- 10 (i) a penalty that is not more than \$500;  
and
- (ii) if the offence is a continuing offence, a  
daily penalty that is not more than \$50;  
and
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate —
- 15 (i) a penalty that is not more than \$5 000;  
and
- (ii) if the offence is a continuing offence, a  
daily penalty that is not more than \$500.

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