

Republic Of Paraguay

Legislative Branch

Law No. 825 On The Protection Of Non-Smokers

The Congress Of Paraguay Signs The Following Statute Into Law

Prohibition

Article 1.- The consumption of tobacco or tobacco by-products is prohibited in the following locations, except in areas specifically equipped for this purpose:

- a) Enclosed stadiums, movie theaters, theaters, libraries, museums and any other enclosed area used for public activities;
- b) Public passenger transportation units, via land, air, rail, ocean and inland waterways.
- c) Enclosed spaces in educational centers, such as classrooms and conference rooms;
- d) Enclosed areas in hospitals, clinics, health care centers, first aid stations and the like;
- e) Public service areas and spaces used for meetings in state offices;
- f) Enclosed facilities used for retail food and grocery stores, supermarkets and the like;
- g) In restaurants, bars and similar establishments, separate areas or zones shall be established for non-smokers, and;
- h) Enclosed work areas, such as mines, plants and shops.

Article 2.- Tobacco by-products are understood to be products such as pipe tobacco, filter and non-filter cigarettes and cigars.

Article 3.- In the areas and locations described in Article 1, the words “No Smoking” or the symbol prohibiting the use of tobacco or tobacco by-products shall be posted in visible locations, on signs measuring at least 30 cm. long by 14 cm. wide.

Penalties

Article 4.- Any violation or infringement of the provisions of Article 3 shall be penalized by a fine equal to ten times the minimum daily wage, imposed on the owners or persons responsible.

Article 5.- Any violation or infringement of the provisions of Article 1 shall be penalized by a fine equal to two times the minimum daily wage.

Article 6.- A repeat violation of the provisions of Articles 1 and 3 shall be penalized by two times the fine established in each respective case.

Article 7.- Any violators of Article 1, paragraphs a), b) and e), who continue to violate these provisions may be expelled from the location with the assistance of the public authorities.

Article 8.- The municipal authorities shall be responsible for applying this Law, through the National Police.

Article 9.- The personnel indicated in Article 8 shall write violation tickets or citations in order to apply the penalties.

Article 10.- Those persons cited shall have up to ten days to pay the penalty. Failure to do so within the established term shall imply a repeat violation, for which the provisions of Article 6 shall apply.

Article 11.- The Executive Branch is to be notified.

This Bill was approved by the Chamber of Senators on November 16, 1995 and by the Chamber of Deputies, thus being enacted into law, on December 14, 1995.

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President
Chamber of Deputies

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Rodrigo Campos Cervera
Vice President and Acting President
Chamber of Senators

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Juan Carlos Rojas Coronel
Parliamentary Secretary

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Parliamentary Secretary

Asunción, January 22, 1996

To be considered as a Law of the Republic, to be published and included in the Official Register.

The President of the Republic
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Juan Carlos Wasmosy

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Minister of Public Health