

## Missouri Legislative Update

A statewide public smoking bill also has been introduced in the Senate of the Missouri General Assembly this session. SB 904 is in the committee chaired by State Senator Matt Bartle of Lee's Summit. The committee has not yet acted on the bill which provides protections from secondhand smoke in public places including restaurants, bars and casinos. A smoke free House bill, HB 1766, also remains in committee.

## Still Waiting

In the metro area the only communities without public smoking restrictions include:

Grandview

Raytown

Riverside

Smithville

## Kansas Goes Smoke Free

Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson signed into law this month a bill that will ban smoking in public, indoor places, such as restaurants and bars. The ban will take effect July 1, 2010. It will replace some of the weaker smoking ordinances in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.

Parkinson called passage of the bill, after years of attempts, proof that the public can get its way against strong opposition from special interests.

Three bill signings were held across the state including Topeka, Salina and Kansas City. The ceremonial signing event in Kansas City, Kansas was held at the KU Medical Center where local advocates and health organizations were congratulated for advancing public health protections from second hand smoke throughout the area.

The governor also mentioned the importance of the support from the Greater Kansas City and the Kansas City, Kansas Chambers of Commerce.

The new law sets a floor of basic protections from secondhand smoke. Communities with stronger smoke-free ordinances will keep their existing



*Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson at the ceremonial signing of the Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act with Johnson and Wyandotte County legislative champions.*

ordinances. This includes Overland Park, Leawood, Lenexa, Olathe, Roeland Park, Westwood, Prairie Village, Mission, Fairway and Mission Woods.

Communities with weaker ordinances than the state law will be required to comply with the state law; these include KCK and Shawnee. The law will bring public smoking restrictions to: Bonner Springs, DeSoto, Edwardsville, Gardner, Merriam.

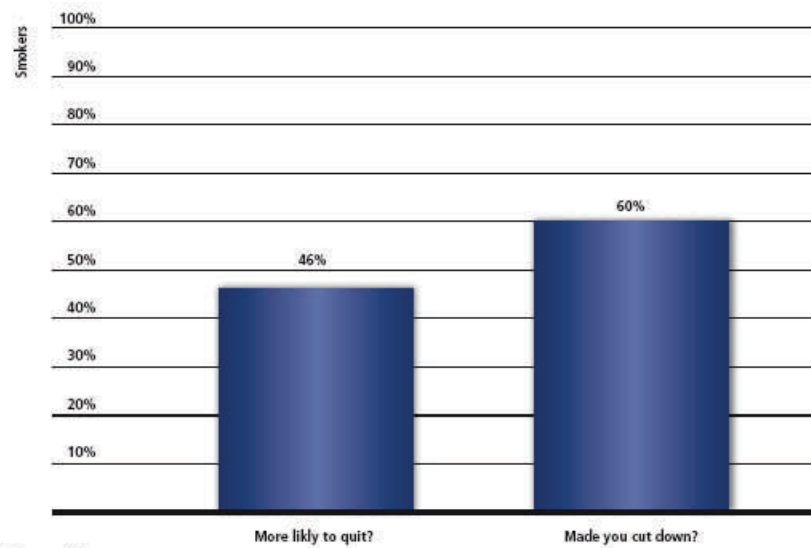
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## Effect of Ireland's Smoke Free Law on Smokers' Behaviors

EFFECTS OF IRELAND'S SMOKE-FREE LAW ON SMOKERS' REPORTED BEHAVIOURS



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