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1 AN ACT Relating to permitting employers to accommodate indoor  
2 smoking in the workplace; adding a new section to chapter 49.17 RCW;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.17 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any rule adopted under this chapter restricting smoking in the  
8 workplace shall include provisions permitting employer policies as  
9 authorized in this section.

10 (2) An employer's policy restricting smoking in the workplace must  
11 include a provision for a designated enclosed smoking room if a smoking  
12 room policy is included in a collective bargaining agreement applicable  
13 to the workplace or, if no collective bargaining agreement applies, the  
14 employees of the employer agree to a written smoking room policy. The  
15 designated smoking room is deemed to meet any ventilation requirements  
16 of this chapter if it is ventilated as required by the written smoking  
17 room policy.

18 (3) The written smoking room policy must be kept on file by the  
19 employer and made available to employees on request.

1 (4) This section does not apply to a workplace if a statute  
2 expressly prohibiting indoor smoking applies to that workplace.

3 (5) This section may not be construed to require any employer to  
4 provide a smoking room.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
8 immediately.

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