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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing local governments to restrict or
2 prohibit smoking in public places; amending RCW 70.160.080; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that among the
6 important duties of local communities is protecting the public health
7 of its citizens and promoting the safety of its work force.

8 To ensure the ability of local communities to do so, the
9 legislature finds and reaffirms the authority of cities, towns, and
10 counties to enact ordinances exercising local control and expressing
11 individual community values in the conduct of business and public
12 health protection within their jurisdictions, including restricting or
13 prohibiting smoking in locations where members of the public congregate
14 and work.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.160.080 and 1985 c 236 s 9 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) A city, town, or county may restrict or prohibit smoking in
18 public places situated within its jurisdiction, including but not

1 limited to restaurants, skating rinks, and bowling alleys, regardless
2 of whether such restrictions or prohibitions are more restrictive than
3 those imposed by state law.

4 (2) Local fire departments or fire districts and local health
5 departments may adopt regulations as required to implement this
6 chapter.

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