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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 269, L.D. 343, Bill, “An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for Tobacco Specialty Stores”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§2, ¶L, as amended by PL 2007, c. 180, §2, is further amended to read:

L. Smoking is not prohibited in a tobacco specialty store. The on-premises service, or preparation or consumption of food or drink, if the tobacco specialty store is not licensed for such service or consumption preparation prior to January 1, 2007, is prohibited in such a store. The on-premises consumption of food or drink is not prohibited in a tobacco specialty store. Smoking a waterpipe or hookah is prohibited in a tobacco specialty store that is newly licensed or that requires a new license after January 1, 2007. A tobacco specialty store shall provide notice to all applicants for employment and employees that working in a tobacco specialty store may cause serious negative health effects, including an increased risk of cancer and heart disease and that no level of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is safe.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It provides that the on-premises consumption of food or drink is not prohibited in a tobacco specialty store. It requires a tobacco specialty store to provide notice to all applicants for employment and employees that working in a tobacco specialty store may cause serious negative health effects, including an increased risk of cancer and heart disease and that no level of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is safe.