

# Smokefree Casinos: A National Update



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A group of people is gathered outdoors on a grassy area, holding a large black banner. The banner features the text "SMOKEFREECASINOS.COM" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The people are dressed in casual attire, with some wearing blue shirts. In the background, there are trees with yellow autumn foliage and a brick building. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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# Gambling With Lives

- Secondhand Smoke levels highest in casinos
- Casino workers' & patrons' health at high risk
- Solution?
  - 100% smokefree casinos
  - No exceptions
  - Ventilation does not work
  - Tribal & Non-tribal casinos



# The Players

- Casino Workers
- Smokefree Advocates, Health Groups, etc.
- Public/Patrons
- Researchers
- Lawmakers
- Lawyers
- Tobacco Industry
- Gaming Industry

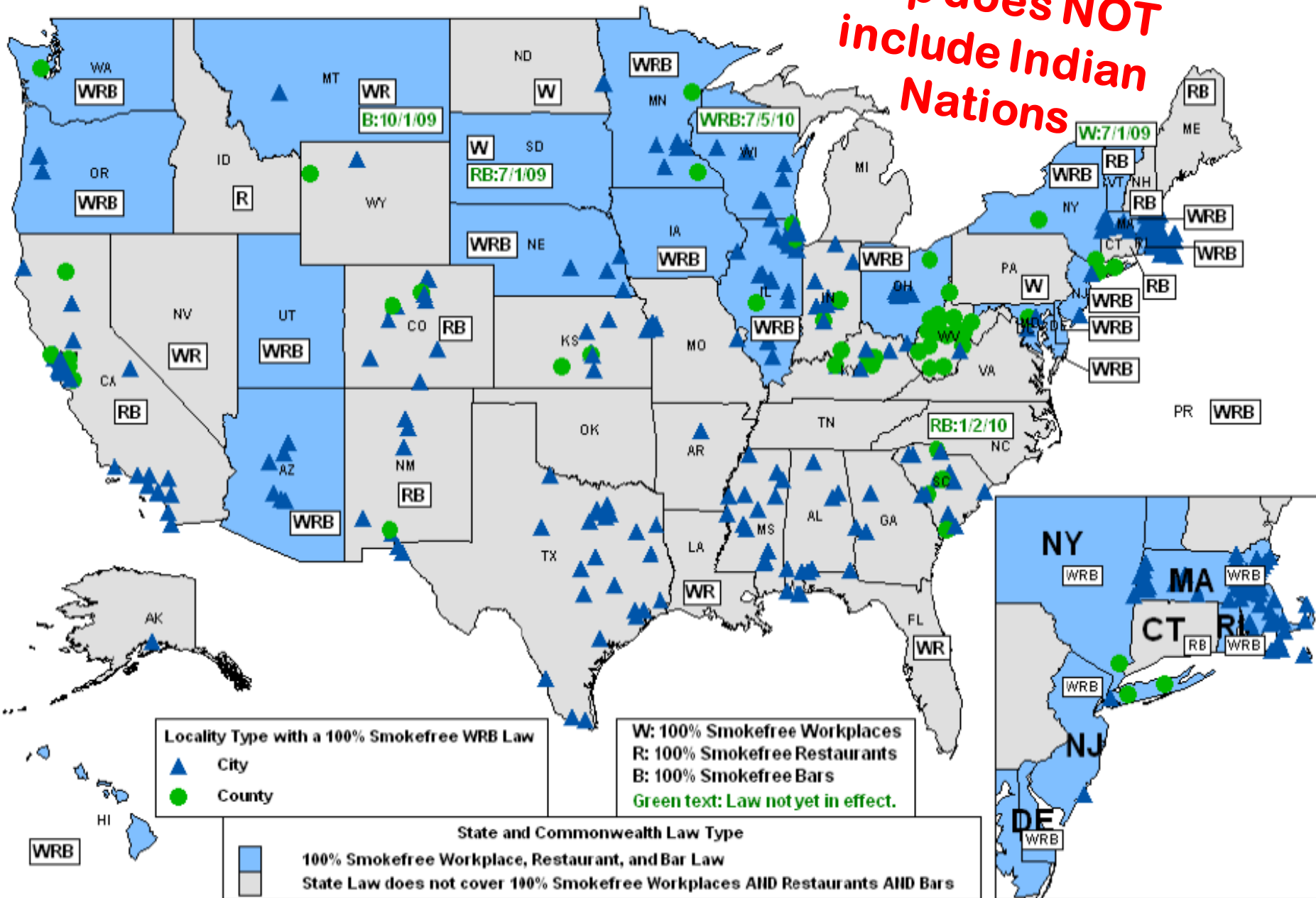


# U.S. 100% Smokefree Laws in Workplaces AND Restaurants AND Bars

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As of June 1, 2009

Map does NOT include Indian Nations





# Statewide gaming bills considered this year

*(nothing passed, yet)*

- **Connecticut:** HB5608 and HB5614 both weak casino bills
- **Indiana:** SB282 strong bill that included all gaming
- **Iowa:** HF6 and HF174\* to remove gaming floor exemption
- **Louisiana:** HB844 bars and gaming facilities
- **Mississippi:** HB184 and SB2724 included gaming
- **New Jersey:** A806 and S236\* remove casino exemption
- **New York:** S03388\* tribal casinos (gaming compact)
- **Pennsylvania:** SB113\* to remove casino exemption
- **Rhode Island:** SB126 & SB801 to remove gaming exemption
- **Navajo Nation:** Strong law including casinos (Fall session)

**\*Bills are still alive, or will carry over to 2010 session**

# Stacking the Deck



# Stacking the Deck: *New Developments*

- ***National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH)***  
Report released:
  - Landmark research
  - Advocates must use this report!
  - Class Action lawsuit underway (concerns)
- ***National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS)***  
support 100% smokefree casinos!
- **New Pennsylvania Casino Study (J. Repace)**
  - 6 deaths per year, for every 10,000 workers at risk
- **Illinois Gaming Revenue**



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## Casinos and Gaming Venues



Check out ANR's [4-page backgrounder on Smokefree Casinos](#).

The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) approved a landmark resolution in January 2009 encouraging state lawmakers to ensure that casinos are smokefree workplaces.

[NCLGS final resolution](#)

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Casinos *are* workplaces. Listen to this radio ad to hear casino employee Vinny

Rennich's story.

Rennich is the

ANR's 2007

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What are our odds?



# Our odds depend on:

- Advocacy within the movement
- More research (both economic & health)
- Workers willing to step forward
- Lawsuits
- Working together (Tribal & Non-tribal)

*To get involved:*

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