

Early Attention to Detail Pays off in Nebraska Smoke-Free Air Regulation/Rulemaking

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Nebraska's smoke-free air law

- Signed by Governor on February 26, 2008.
- Prohibits smoking in indoor public places and workplaces.
- Exemptions for private residences, up to 20% of hotel rooms, smoking-related research facilities and tobacco-only retail shops.
- Goes into effect June 1, 2009.
- Public hearing on rules and regulations September 25, 2008.

Nebraska lessons learned for successful rulemaking

- Keep an eye towards rulemaking in the drafting (and amending) of the bill.

Examples – intent language, “liberally construed”, and proprietor responsibilities.

- Importance of health department involvement at all stages of the process.
- Importance of partnership and communication between advocates and health department.
- Clear, concise, consistent language.
- Simplicity – minimize exemptions.

How can I find more information
about Nebraska's smoke-free air
law?

- Visit: www.smokefree.ne.gov