HOUSE BILL No. 2243

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning crimes and punishments; relating to the use of tobacco in a medical care facility and on medical facility property; amending K.S.A. 21-4017 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 21-4017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4017. (a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Medical care facility" means a general hospital, special hospital, ambulatory surgery center or recuperation center, as defined by K.S.A. 65-425 and amendments thereto, and any psychiatric hospital licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b and amendments thereto; and
- (2) "Smoking" means possession of a lighted eigarette, eigar, pipe or burning tobacco in any other form or device designed for the use of tobacco.
- (b) On and after July 1, 1994, smoking The use of tobacco in a medical care facility building or on medical care facility property is hereby prohibited except that a smoking an area may be established within a medical care facility building for residents of a licensed long-term care unit of a medical care such facility for tobacco use if such smoking area is well-ventilated. On and after July 1, 1994, The chief administrative officer of each medical care facility shall cause to be posted in conspicuous places signs stating that smoking in the medical care facility tobacco use in medical care facility buildings and on medical care facility property is prohibited by state law. On or before January 1, 2008, each chief administrative officer shall adopt policies and procedures which describe the medical care facility buildings and property and how the prohibition shall be implemented at such facility.
- (c) Any person found guilty of smoking in violation of violating subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$20 for each violation. Any person found guilty of failing to post signs as required by subsection (b) of this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50. In addition, the department of health and environment, or local department of health, may institute an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin repeated violations of subsection (b) of this section.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-4017 is hereby repealed.
 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
 publication in the statute book.