

Title: AMENDMENTS TO HEALTH CODE. Legislative Decree No. 334			
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DECREE No. 334

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR.

CONSIDERING:

I. That articles 65 and 68 of the Constitution stipulate that it is the duty of the State and the people to monitor public health in El Salvador, and that a Higher Council of Public Health shall monitor public health;

II. That in order to comply with the aforementioned provisions, the Health Code was promulgated through Legislative Decree No. 955 of 28 April 1988 and published in the Official Journal No. 86 volume No. 299 on 11 May 1988;

III. That even though the health risks of tobacco consumption are known, the Health Code includes no provisions that prohibit smoking in closed spaces, merely warning that tobacco consumption is harmful to health;

IV. That tobacco smokers harm themselves and those around them, causing serious health problems to themselves and to those who inhale the smoke created by these products, as a result of which the State spends several millions on treatment for smokers and second-hand smokers;

V. That in view of the above, provisions should be made to restrict smokers from smoking in enclosed spaces, thereby preventing illnesses caused by tobacco consumption and improving all-round quality of life.

THEREFORE

By exercising their constitutional powers and on the initiative of the deputies Rodolfo Antonio Parker Soto, José Salvador Cardoza López, Javier Benítez, Mauricio Ernesto Rodríguez and Julio Milton Parada,

The following amendment of article 190 of the Health Code, promulgated by Legislative Decree No. 955 of 28 April 1988 and published in the Official Journal No. 86 volume No. 299 on 11 May 1988,

IS HEREBY DECREED:

Article 1 - Insert an additional (second) paragraph to article 190 of the Health Code;

"Smoking is prohibited in all public institutions and on public transport."

Article 2 - This Decree shall enter into force eight days after its publication in the Official Journal.

DONE AT PARLIAMENT: San Salvador, 31 May 2007.

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President

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PRESIDENTIAL PALACE: San Salvador, 14 June 2007.

Hereby promulgated by,

ELÍAS ANTONIO SACA GONZÁLEZ,

President of the Republic.

JOSÉ GUILLERMO MAZA BRIZUELA

Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare

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