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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to including electronic cigarettes within provisions regulating smoking in certain public areas and requiring vendors of electronic cigarettes to register

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 1399-n of the public health law,  
2     as amended by chapter 13 of the laws of 2003, is amended and two new  
3     subdivisions 9 and 10 are added to read as follows:  
4     8. "Smoking" means the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or  
5     any other matter or substance which contains tobacco, AND THE USE OF AN  
6     ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE.  
7     9. "ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE" OR "E-CIGARETTE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING  
8     AS IN SUBDIVISION THIRTEEN OF SECTION THIRTEEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE-AA OF  
9     THIS CHAPTER.  
10    10. "RETAIL ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE STORE" MEANS A RETAIL STORE DEVOTED  
11    PRIMARILY TO THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, AND IN WHICH THE SALE OF  
12    OTHER PRODUCTS IS MERELY INCIDENTAL. THE SALE OF SUCH OTHER PRODUCTS  
13    SHALL BE CONSIDERED INCIDENTAL IF SUCH SALES GENERATE LESS THAN TWENTY-  
14    FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL GROSS SALES.  
15    S 2. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 1399-q of the public health law,  
16    as added by chapter 13 of the laws of 2003, are amended and a new subdivision 8 is added to read as follows:  
17    6. Outdoor dining areas of food service establishments with no roof or  
18    other ceiling enclosure; provided, however, that smoking may be permitted in a contiguous area designated for smoking so long as such area:  
19    (a) constitutes no more than twenty-five percent of the outdoor seating  
20    capacity of such food service establishment, (b) is at least three feet  
21    away from the outdoor area of such food service establishment not designated  
22    for smoking.  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 nated for smoking, and (c) is clearly designated with written signage as  
2 a smoking area; [and]

3 7. Enclosed rooms in food service establishments, bars, catering  
4 halls, convention halls, hotel and motel conference rooms, and other  
5 such similar facilities during the time such enclosed areas or rooms are  
6 being used exclusively for functions where the public is invited for the  
7 primary purpose of promoting and sampling tobacco products OR ELECTRONIC  
8 CIGARETTES, and the service of food and drink is incidental to such  
9 purpose, provided that the sponsor or organizer gives notice in any  
10 promotional material or advertisements that smoking will not be  
11 restricted, and prominently posts notice at the entrance of the facility  
12 and has provided notice of such function to the appropriate enforcement  
13 officer, as defined in subdivision one of section thirteen hundred nine-  
14 ty-nine-t of this article, at least two weeks prior to such function.  
15 The enforcement officer shall keep a record of all tobacco sampling  
16 events, and such record shall be made available for public inspection.  
17 No such facility shall permit smoking under this subdivision for more  
18 than two days in any calendar year[.]; AND

19 8. RETAIL ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE STORES, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT SUCH  
20 STORES MAY ONLY PERMIT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES.

21 S 3. Subdivision 13 of section 1399-aa of the public health law, as  
22 amended by chapter 542 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 13. "Electronic cigarette" or "e-cigarette" means an electronic device  
25 that delivers vapor which is inhaled by an individual user, and shall  
26 include any refill, cartridge and any other component of such a device.  
27 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY PRODUCT APPROVED AS A DRUG OR  
28 MEDICAL DEVICE BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).

29 S 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
30 1399-dd-1 to read as follows:

31 S 1399-DD-1. REGISTRATION OF VENDORS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES. ANY  
32 PERSON SELLING OR OFFERING FOR SALE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES THAT IS NOT  
33 OTHERWISE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE TO SELL  
34 TOBACCO PRODUCTS AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE TWENTY OF THE TAX LAW AND THE  
35 REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO, SHALL REGISTER WITH THE DEPART-  
36 MENT. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
37 A REGISTRY AND TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

38 S 5. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
39 have become a law; provided, however, that section four of this act  
40 shall take effect the first day of the month commencing after the one  
41 hundred eightieth day after this act shall have become a law; provided,  
42 however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
43 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
44 section four of this act on its effective date are authorized and  
45 directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.