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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to banning smoking in hotel and motel rooms

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

Section 1. Paragraphs c, q and r of subdivision 1 of section 1399-o of the public health law, as amended by chapter 389 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

c. food service establishments, except as provided in subdivision [six] FIVE of section thirteen hundred ninety-nine-q of this article;

q. zoos; [and]

r. bingo facilities; AND

S. HOTELS OR MOTELS INCLUDING ROOMS RENTED TO ONE OR MORE GUESTS.

S 2. Section 1399-q of the public health law, as amended by chapter 13 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

S 1399-q. Smoking restrictions inapplicable. This article shall not apply to:

1. Private homes, private residences and private automobiles;

2. [A hotel or motel room rented to one or more guests;

3.] Retail tobacco businesses;

[4.]3. Membership associations; provided, however, that smoking shall only be allowed in membership associations in which all of the duties with respect to the operation of such association, including, but not limited to, the preparation of food and beverages, the service of food and beverages, reception and secretarial work, and the security services of the membership association are performed by members of such membership association who do not receive compensation of any kind from the membership association or any other entity for the performance of such duties;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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[5.]4. Cigar bars that, in the calendar year ending December thirty-first, two thousand two, generated ten percent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, not including any sales from vending machines, and is registered with the appropriate enforcement officer, as defined in subdivision one of section thirteen hundred ninety-nine-t of this article. Such registration shall remain in effect for one year and shall be renewable only if: (a) in the preceding calendar year, the cigar bar generated ten percent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, and (b) the cigar bar has not expanded its size or changed its location from its size or location since December thirty-first, two thousand two;

[6.]5. Outdoor dining areas of food service establishments with no roof or other ceiling enclosure; provided, however, that smoking may be permitted in a contiguous area designated for smoking so long as such area: (a) constitutes no more than twenty-five percent of the outdoor seating capacity of such food service establishment, (b) is at least three feet away from the outdoor area of such food service establishment not designated for smoking, and (c) is clearly designated with written signage as a smoking area; and

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

S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.