

smoke-free **ILLINOIS** **SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS**

(Language from the Smoke-Free Illinois Act, P.A. 95-0017 is *italicized* below.

Language from currently proposed Rule (as of 12 06 07) primarily Section 975.50, is in regular font)

Section 20. Posting of signs: removal of ashtrays.

- (a) *"No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it, shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this Act by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control of that place.*
- (b) To meet the requirements of subsection (a), a proprietor of a public place or place of employment shall post signs that:
- 1) For buildings are no smaller than 5 inches by 7 inches, or for vehicles are no smaller than 2 inches by 3 inches; and,
 - 2) Contain the international "no smoking" symbol or the words "No Smoking"; the telephone number designated by the Department for registering complaints; the Department's website for obtaining the complaint form; and letters, numbers and symbols of sufficient size to be clearly legible to an individual of normal vision from a distance of 5 feet.
- (c) Enforcement agencies may add to "No Smoking" signs that are in compliance with subsection (b)(1)(2) of this part the local telephone number that can be used to report complaints.
- (d) *Each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by the shall have posted at every entrance, a conspicuous sign, in compliance with subsection (b), clearly stating that smoking is prohibited. (Section 20(b) of the Act)*
- (e) *All ashtrays shall be removed from any area where smoking is prohibited by the Act by the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of the area. (Section 20(b) of the Act) A proprietor may store ashtrays and other receptacles used for disposing of smoking materials in a location within an area where smoking is prohibited, if the location has no public access and the location is used primarily for storage purposes.*

FROM "DEFINITIONS" Section of the Rule sent to *Joint Committee on Administrative Rules:*
"Clearly and conspicuously" means that signage is designed so that letters, numbers and symbols are of sufficient size to be clearly legible and visible to an individual of normal vision from a distance of 5 feet. **(Lines 69-71 of Rule.)**

"Entrance" means any doorway in a building or facility that is used by an individual for ingress from the outdoors or egress to the outdoors." **(Lines 139-140 of Rule.)**

NOTE: If the proprietor decides to ban smoking in any outdoor areas of his facility, then the said proprietor/owner/manager, etc. *"...shall conspicuously post signs prohibiting smoking in the manner described in Section 975.40 of this Part (Section 30 of the Act.)* In addition, proprietor/owners may be held to be in violation of the Smoke-Free Illinois Act if there is "The lack of a sign that is required under the Act and this Part or the presence of a sign that does not meet the requirements of the Act and this Part."