

# **Key Ohio Tobacco Policy Issues: History and Next Steps**

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### Ohio judge rules to uphold cities' rights over tobacco control

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By SUSAN T. HESSEL Of the Tribune Staff

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That requires a 20 percent increase in energy use, she said.

Indoor air laws have worked in Minnesota and the city of Madison, both of which passed them in 1975.

She personally polled the owners of 20 restaurants in Madison, many of whom had opposed the original ordinance. The owners said the legislation had created minor inconveniences, according to Ms. Redmond, but built

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TO: George Minshew

FROM: Bill Trisler

RE: Pro-Active Pre-Emptive Meeting in Ohio

A meeting to discuss the possibility and viability of introducing pre-emptive and/or pro-active legislation in the Ohio General Assembly during 1990 was held in Columbus, Ohio on September 11, 1989. Those in attendance were the following:

Scott Fisher, PM
Neil Clark, PM Lobbyist
Harry Lehman, RJR Lobbyist
Doug Trail, RJR Lobbyist
Jack Advent, OATCD
Pete O'Grady, TI Lobbyist
Bill Trisler, TI
Bob Pruett, TI

#### BANS ON SMOKING RULED ILLEGAL



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Smoking bans in a dozen Ohio communities -- including Licking, Meigs and Muskingum counties -- were snuffed out yesterday by the Ohio Supreme Court, which said local health boards lack authority to restrict smoking in public places.

#### **Decriminalizing Commercial Tobacco**

#### Addressing Systemic Racism in the Enforcement of Commercial Tobacco Control

This joint statement from a consortium of public health organizations sets forth aspirational principles to help local and state health departments, decisionmakers, advocates, and other stakeholders advance equitable enforcement<sup>i</sup> practices related to the purchase, possession, sale, and distribution of all tobacco products.<sup>ii</sup> These principles can also help address tobacco addiction and reduce tobacco-related harms while maintaining and improving the efficacy of enforcement of commercial tobacco laws and policies.



## Ohio Senate overrides veto, prohibiting local regulation of tobacco

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"By the enactment of this section, it is the intent of the general assembly to preempt political subdivisions from the regulation of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products."

#### Ohio Home Rule: Ohio Constitution, Article 18, Sec. 3

"[M]unicipalities shall have authority ... to adopt and enforce within their limits such local police, sanitary and other similar regulations, as are not in conflict with general laws."



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