

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SESSION LAW 2003-292  
HOUSE BILL 1016**

**AN ACT TO ADD PARTICULAR UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AS NONSMOKING  
AREAS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-597(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) All of the following areas may be designated as nonsmoking in buildings owned, leased, or occupied by State government:

- (1) Any library open to the public.
- (2) Any museum open to the public.
- (3) Any area established as a nonsmoking area, so long as at least twenty percent (20%) of the interior space of equal quality to that of the nonsmoking area shall be designated as a smoking area, unless physically impracticable. If physically impracticable, the person in charge of the facility shall provide an adequate smoking area within the facility as near as feasible to twenty percent (20%) of the interior space.
- (4) Any indoor space in a State-controlled building such as an auditorium, arena, or coliseum, or an appurtenant building thereof; except that a designated area for smoking shall be established in lobby areas.
- (5) Any educational buildings primarily involved in health care instruction.
- (6) University of North Carolina health services facilities, wellness centers, enclosed physical education facilities, enclosed student recreational centers, laboratories, or residence halls, provided that each constituent institution shall make a reasonable effort to provide residential smoking rooms in residence halls in proportion to student demand for those rooms."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2003.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 4:36 p.m. this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003