

SmokeLess States: SFA Detailed Coding Scheme:

(Notes revised with coding 3/22/06)

We have developed coding categories to help define the smoke-free air detailed coding scheme. Each category is presented below and defined with some further level of detail. These categories will be used to code the 'introduced' and 'final' versions of SFA legislation.

1.) Legislative Action – there will be 3 coding categories and determines: if the bill is a SFA bill and has legislative action (coded YES); if the bill is a SFA bill, but has no legislative action - i.e. provides background information for the purpose of the legislation, outlines its importance; discusses reasons for enacting SFA legislation, specifies/funds research related to smoke-free air without providing direct legislation (i.e. research on the effects of passive smoking), updates or provides definitions for the proposed SFA legislation (defines type of tobacco covered such as cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, bidis, etc.), therefore it will not be coded further (coded NO – MISC); or if the bill is not really an SFA bill and will not be coded further (coded NO – NOT SFA).

1 = 'YES'

2 = 'NO - MISC'

3 = 'NO – NOT SFA'

2.) Objective or Purpose of the SFA bill – this category will indicate and include an objective of the bill or stated purpose of the legislative action. Coding for this category can include whether the bill will:

1 = Create a new SFA law (providing legislative action)

2 = Strengthen an existing SFA law (amend existing law)

3 = Weaken an existing SFA law (amend existing law)

4 = Enact or strengthen SFA preemption – is this an objective or purpose of the bill, if the SFA law prohibits towns or local areas from enacting stronger legislation than existing state SFA laws.

5 = Repeal or weaken SFA preemption

6 = Modify or amend an existing law (strengthen or weaken SFA not specified)

7 = Unclear, further research needed

8 = Not applicable – (SFA bill not coded – either MISC or not SFA)

9 = To modify house/senate resolution

3A.) SFA Location – includes where smoking is allowed; where smoking is prohibited; where smoking is preempted; where preemption has been repealed (location may also address the scope of the coverage in terms of restrictions or a ban in all or part of a location). Examples of locations to be considered for coding include:

Code 1 = YES for each location and 8 = NO, NOT APPLICABLE

- a. Restaurants
- b. Bars (stand-alone bars and taverns)
- c. Private worksites
- d. Public worksites (government worksites)
- e. Places of employment, not specified
- f. Public schools
- g. Private schools
- h. Schools, not specified
- i. Colleges, Universities (including campuses and dormitories)
- j. Recreational facilities
- k. Cultural facilities
- l. Shopping malls, retail stores (including supermarkets)
- m. Health facilities
- n. Public transit (including school buses)
- o. Childcare centers
- p. Hotels
- q. Elevators
- r. Correctional facilities
- s. Other (code open-ended)
- t. Public places, not specified
- u. No locations specified (Certain bills may also provide a type of blanket indoor air protection coverage or may specify all indoor areas, without detailing specific locations).

3B.) Strength of protection – this category includes the strength of the SFA legislation for each location coded above – therefore there should be a strength of location coded to match for each SFA location coded. Note: coding for strength of legislation can also vary by detail among certain locations (please see coding schemes below).

BE SURE TO CODE PROTECTION CORRESPONDING TO EACH SFA LOCATION

The following locations follow the standard coding scheme outlined below: public worksites, private worksites, places of employment not specified, restaurants, bars, shopping malls, health facilities, public transit, hotels, colleges/universities, elevators, correctional facilities, other, public places not specified

NOTE: the coding scheme below should also be used for recreational facilities, cultural facilities, public schools, private schools, and child care facilities. When comparing these coding locations to the original state database coding – the additional coding categories should be collapsed to fit into these categories (i.e. public schools, private schools, and childcare centers should combine codes 3, 4, and 5 with bans to code ‘3’ below. Recreational and Cultural facilities should combine codes 1, 2, 3, and 4 with designated smoking areas to code ‘1’ below and

then code '2' (which was missing from their coding scheme in the state database will also be added to incorporate coding for separately ventilated areas).

- 0 = Not specified
- 1 = Designated smoking area – restrict smoking to designated areas or require separate ventilation with exemptions for locations of a certain size (e.g. restaurants with a seating capacity of less than 50)
- 2 = Separately ventilated areas – restrict smoking to separately ventilated areas or a ban with exemptions for certain locations where only a restriction applies
- 3 = A complete ban – ban at all times
- 4 = Delayed implementation of SFA provision
- 8 = Not applicable
- 9 = Strength of protection varies by location (just use when applicable and coding 'other' location)

4.) Enforcement rules or guidelines – this category includes whether there is any specification for enforcement or implementation of the law, which could include: who will enforce the law; how the law is to be enforced; provisions for resources related to enforcement, such as staff and/or money directed for enforcement (code 'YES' if the SFA law mentions one or more of these enforcement provisions or any other enforcement provision). [**Coded: YES/NO**]

- 1 = YES – if there is any specification for enforcement or implementation of the law (as described above)
- 2 = NO – if there is no specification for enforcement or implementation of the law (as described above)
- 8 = Not applicable – (SFA bill not coded – either MISC or not SFA)

5.) Penalties for violation – this category includes whether there is any penalty or fine for violation of the SFA law specified, which could include: type of penalty (i.e. fine, license suspension or revocation); amount of penalty; duration of penalty, etc. (code 'YES' if the SFA law mentions one or more of these penalty provisions or any other enforcement provision). [**Coded: YES/NO**]

- 1 = YES – if there is any penalty or fine for violation of the SFA law specified
- 2 = NO – if there is no penalty or fine for violation of the SFA law specified
- 8 = Not applicable – (SFA bill not coded – either MISC or not SFA)

(NOTE: Bills may not specify enforcement, but specify a penalty)