

From Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes

Clean Air in Restaurants Act

Effective November 1, 2010

63-1-1515. Clean Air in Restaurants Act - Restaurant rebate program.

- A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Clean Air in Restaurants Act”.
- B. The Legislature hereby finds:
 - 1. Numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution;
 - 2. Reliable studies have shown that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers. At special risk are elderly people, children, people with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease; and
 - 3. Health hazards induced by breathing secondhand smoke include lung cancer, respiratory infection, decreased exercise tolerance, decreased respiratory function, bronchoconstriction, and bronchospasm.
- C.
 - 1. The State Department of Health is hereby authorized to implement a rebate program for the purpose of reimbursing persons or entities that own restaurants located in this state for expenses incurred prior to November 1, 2010, in complying with the requirements imposed by subsection J of Section 1247 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The rebate shall be equal to fifty percent (50%) of the original expenditure, minus depreciation costs, and shall only be disbursed if the restaurant converts to a completely smoke-free environment no later than January 1, 2013.
 - 2. The Department shall be required to utilize the proceeds generated by the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Revolving Fund in funding the rebate program and shall promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of the program.