

Wisconsin Public Health Association

2014 RESOLUTION (provisional until 2015 business meeting)

Statewide Ban of E-Cigarettes in Public Places

WHEREAS, The March 6, 2014 JAMA Pediatrics reported that adolescents who use electronic cigarettes have an increased likelihood of smoking conventional cigarettes, and

WHEREAS, Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported an analysis of 40,000 middle and high school students found that “youths who reported ever using an e-cigarette had six times greater odds of smoking traditional cigarettes than those who had never tried the device,” and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute “also revealed that cigarette smokers who had used e-cigarettes were more likely to report planning to quit smoking in the next year, but less likely to do so,” and

WHEREAS, The US Food and Drug Administration has yet to regulate e-cigarettes the way it does cigarettes or tobacco, leaving states and cities to regulate their use, and

WHEREAS, Our state legislature has considered this past legislative session to not restrict the use of these devices in public places, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Wisconsin Public Health Association urges that e-cigarettes should be subjected to the same age of purchase and environmental regulations as cigarettes.

Fiscal Note:

Similar to existing budget line items that may related to cigarettes.

This resolution was approved at the WPHA Annual Business Meeting on May 13, 2014. This resolution was first submitted at the annual business meeting (without 30 days notice to the members); thus, the resolution is in effect for one year and can be reviewed at the 2015 business meeting for full adoption.

References:

- 3/6/14 JAMA Pediatrics E-Cigarette Use by Adolescents Associated With Higher Odds of Smoking
<http://media.jamanetwork.com/news-item/e-cigarette-use-by-adolescents-associated-with-higher-odds-of-smoking/>
- 3/10/14 National Cancer Institute UCSF study says E-cigarettes are possible gateway to nicotine addiction for US teens
<http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/cancerresearchnews/2014/UCSFecigarettesNicotineAddictionTeens>