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**From:** Teddybear <byronmmiller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** November-11-14 2:52 PM  
**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel; Seniors Minister; Health and Wellness Minister; Stephanie MacNeil  
**Subject:** BILL 60 did not do enough to protect us

Bill 60 did not amend this section 5(1)(f) of the Act. Allowing residents/tenants to smoke in their individual apartments takes away the "smoke-free environment". This clause takes away the smoke-free environment. When a tenant opens their apt door the second-hand smoke migrates into the hallway and through the whole building. As well the second-hand smoke migrates into the apartments next to and above the smokers apts through cracks and tiny openings in the walls/floors/ceilings. Four apartments share a common vent duct for the range hood fans and bathroom fans. When a smoker turns on their fan the smoke is expelled from the fans into the other apartments. Same goes for tenants who smoke drugs. I have had to block my range hood fan off to prevent the tobacco and drug smoke from blowing back out and filling my apartment with smoke. this is a great health hazard.

The following clause in the Smoke Free Places Act: "Under the Act residents are prohibited from smoking in common area of the building, but are permitted to smoke inside residential units." - takes away the "smoke free" environment.

Please Amend this Act clause, remove this part and make it retroactive by removing any grandfather clause that may allow it to continue. A smoke-free environment is not possible when there are tenants in the building smoking tobacco and drugs.

Smoke free Places Act.

Section 5(1)(f) of the Act states, "No person shall smoke in any enclosed place that is or includes the common area of a commercial building or multi-unit residential building including, but not limited to, corridors, lobbies, stairwells, elevators, escalators, eating areas, washrooms and restrooms."

Under the Act residents are prohibited from smoking in common area of the building, but are permitted to smoke inside residential units.

This is the notice posted by the Cobequid Housing Authority in regards to smoking in the building(s):

Cobequid Housing Authority

9 Church Street Truro. Nova Scotia B2N 3Z5

Office (902) 893-7235 Fax (902) 897-1149

Dear Tenants;

The continued good health of our many senior residents is of great concern to us and given the potential for, and the seriousness of the health problems that second-hand smoke can create, we have a "smoke free" environment for seniors living within Cobequid Housing.

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1997, all common areas of senior's buildings have been posted as smoke free. Hallways, stairwells., elevators., laundry rooms, lounge areas, entrances, etc., will be "no smoking" and will have signs which clearly indicate this. Residents will still be able to smoke within their own individual apartments as long as they keep their door closed.

Due to fire regulations apartment doors are equipped with door closures according to the National Building and National Fire Code. These apartment doors are to remain closed at all times for ones personal safety.

This change may require some adjustment on your part; however, we hope that you will understand the reason for this initiative and will willingly cooperate. For the greater good of all of the residents of your building we encourage you to honour the new smoke free spaces.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Cobequid Housing Authority

Thank you, Sincerely,

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