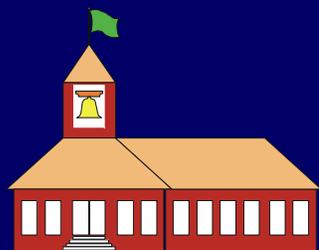


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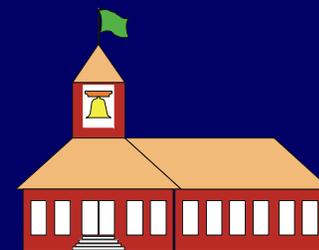
Texas Tobacco Laws



Senate Bill 1

1995 Texas Legislature

Tobacco-Free Schools



Sec. 38.006. TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Trustees of a school district shall:

- (1) Prohibit smoking or using tobacco products at a school-related or school-sanctioned activity on or off school property;
- (2) Prohibit students from possessing tobacco products at a school-related or school-sanctioned activity on or off school property; and
- (3) Ensure that school personnel enforce the policies on school property.

Senate Bill 55

1997 Texas Legislature

Texas Tobacco Law

Purpose:

- (1) Reduce youth access to tobacco products in Texas.
- (2) Educate the public regarding the dangers of tobacco use.



Texas Tobacco Law and Minors

Provisions:



It is illegal for minors to possess, consume, or purchase tobacco products.

Texas Tobacco Law and Minors

Penalties for violation:

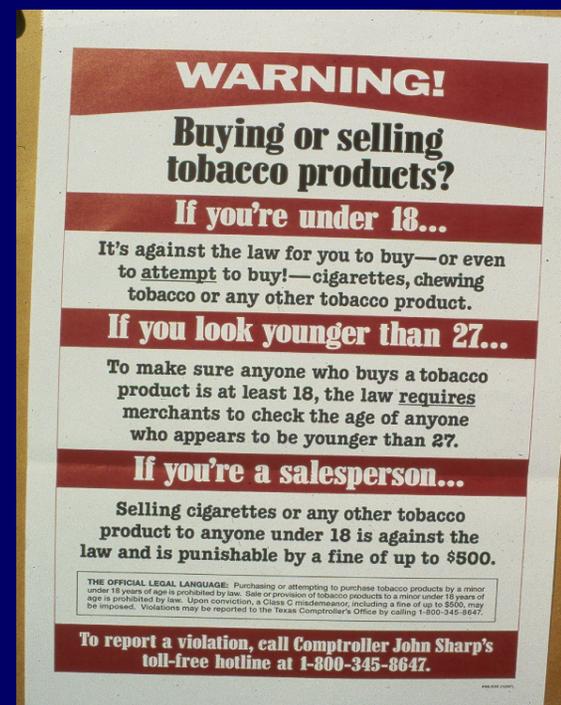
- **Must attend a state-approved tobacco awareness class**
- **Perform tobacco-related community service**
- **Pay a fine not to exceed \$250**
- **Suspension of driver's license**



Texas Tobacco Law and Retailers

Required to:

Post the state-
approved
tobacco
warning sign



Texas Tobacco Law and Retailers

Required to:



Train their
employee(s)
regarding tobacco
laws

Texas Tobacco Law and Retailers

Required to comply with:



No outdoor advertising within 1000 feet of a church or school

Texas Tobacco Law and Retailers



1000 feet is more than **three** football fields

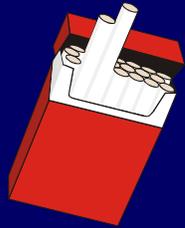
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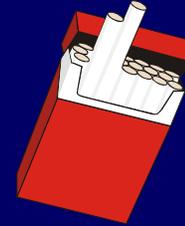


Prohibit self-service sales to the public

Texas Tobacco Law and Retailers



Other requirements :



- Vending machines are restricted to establishments not accessible to minors under 18 years of age.
- Giveaways of free samples and coupons to anyone under 18 is prohibited.
- Sales of cigarettes of less than 20 per package are prohibited.

Texas Tobacco Law and Retailers

Penalties for violations within a 12-month period:

First offense: Up to \$500

Second offense: Up to \$750

Third offense: Up to \$1,000 or 3-day permit suspension

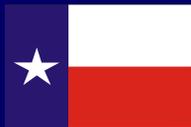
Four or more offenses: permit revocation (retailers can reapply after 6 months)

Texas Tobacco Law and Store Clerks Requirements :

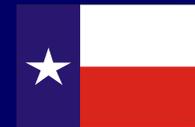
- May not sell, give, or cause to be sold a tobacco product to a minor. (Class C misdemeanor)
- Must verify photo identification for those appearing to be under 27 years of age.



What Can You Do?



Report violations to :



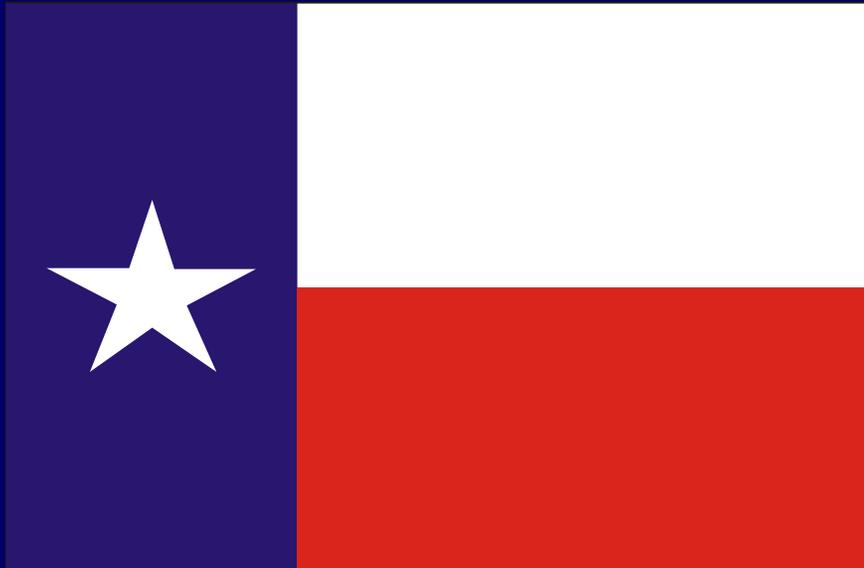
Texas Tobacco Prevention Hotline

1-800-345-8647

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Texas Tobacco Settlement



Background

Inter-Agency Tobacco Task Force:

- ◆ Met April – October 1998
- ◆ Worked with local, state and national experts
- ◆ Developed comprehensive plan based on best practices

Plan Framework

(Inter-Agency Tobacco Task Force)

- ◆ Community and Local Coalition Building (including school-based youth/parent programs)
- ◆ Public Awareness Campaign
- ◆ Cessation and Addiction Treatment Programs
- ◆ Surveillance, Evaluation, and Research
- ◆ Enforcement
- ◆ Efforts Targeting “Special Populations”
- ◆ Statewide Coordination

House Bill 1676

- Texas Department of State Health Services to implement programs to reduce the use of tobacco products.
- Funds to be used for tobacco use cessation, public awareness programs, enforcement of tobacco laws, and programs for communities traditionally targeted by tobacco industry.
- \$10 million appropriated per year.

Rationale for Proposed Regional Approach

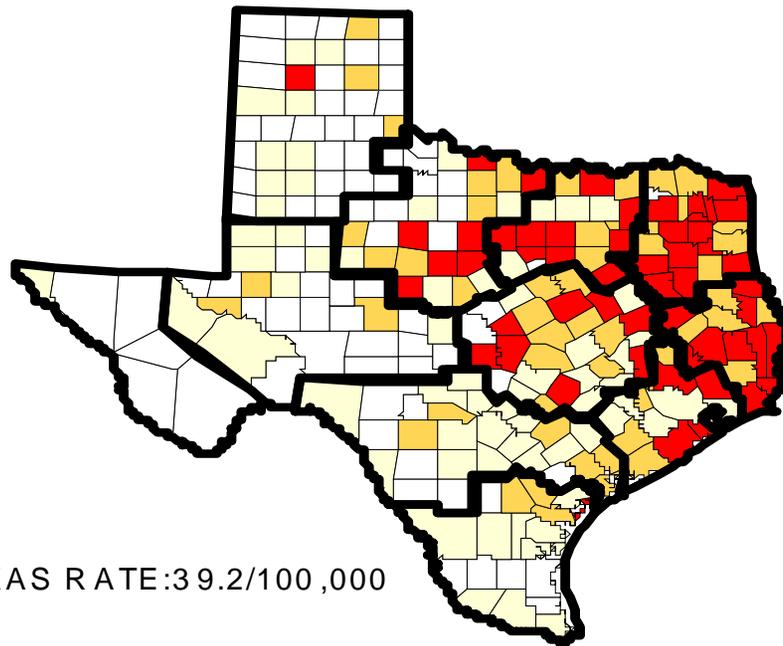
- ◆ Best practices suggest that successful programs must include multiple strategies and be sustained over time
- ◆ Proposed approach, given the available resources, is a concentrated regional effort
- ◆ Focused resources will be most able to attain results
- ◆ Need to demonstrate results

Considerations for Site Selection

- ◆ Burden of tobacco-related disease
(e.g., lung cancer, CVD)
- ◆ Disparities among special/diverse populations
- ◆ Tobacco use among youth and adults
- ◆ Community readiness

LUNG CANCER

5-YEAR AVERAGE AGE ADJUSTED MORTALITY RATES



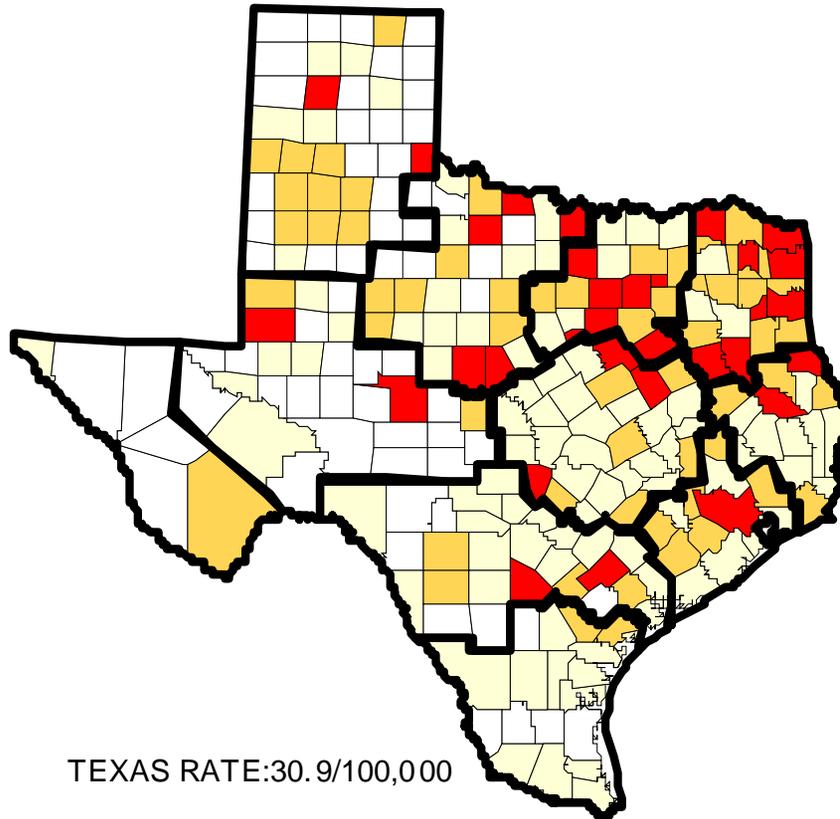
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- Excluded, number of deaths < 25 cases



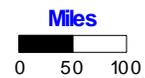
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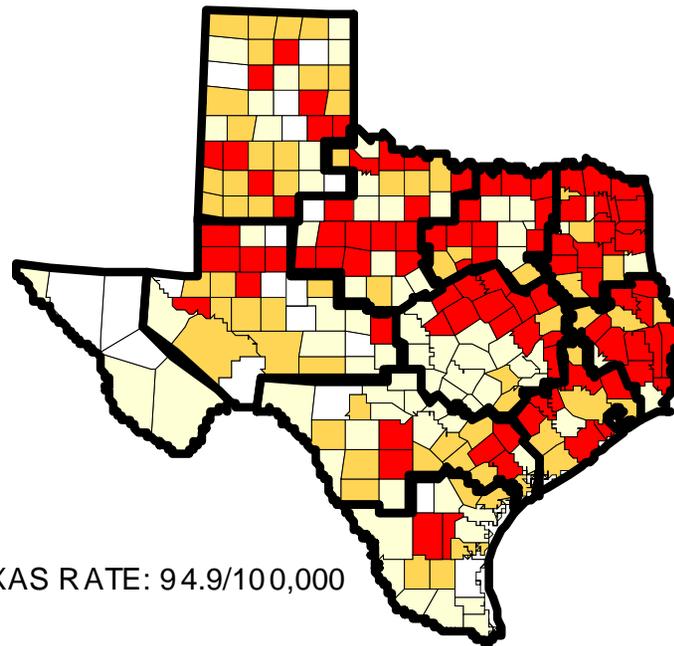
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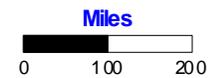
ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

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Process: Focus on Inclusion

- ◆ Input from legislators
- ◆ Input from expanded tobacco task force
- ◆ Input from affected communities to shape final implementation plan
- ◆ Partnerships with community health advocates and local leaders
- ◆ RFP/mini-grant/contract process

Short-Term Objectives

- ◆ Increased understanding of how to reduce tobacco use among youth, adults, and diverse/special population groups
- ◆ Increased community involvement in tobacco prevention activities

Long-Term Goals

- ◆ Reduce youth tobacco use
- ◆ Motivate youth and adults to cease using tobacco products
- ◆ Protect the public from involuntary exposure to environmental tobacco smoke or secondhand smoke
- ◆ Reduce disparities in tobacco use among diverse/special population groups