

IN RESPONSE TO
HOUSE BILL 19-1076

CONCERNING UPDATES TO THE "COLORADO CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT", AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REMOVING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND ADDING PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES.



As submitted, H.B. 1076 appears to be specifically designed to close vapor stores, while leaving hundreds of tobacco bars, cigar and hookah lounges intact across Colorado. The bill conveys to the reader that vapor products are more harmful than combustible tobacco, **which is absolutely not the case.**

We would like to start by stating that the definition “electronic smoking devices” is misleading and should be reconsidered in the text of this bill (and any future bills). Electronic smoking devices simply do not exist. The terminology was created by the American Non-Smokers Rights Foundation to mislead people into believing vapor products are as harmful as smoking.

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, (ENDS as defined by FDA), do not create smoke, they create an aerosol either by heating, or vibrating a liquid. Naming them smoking devices and associating them with smoking, rather than following naming conventions and product guidelines defined by FDA, or terminology that has been in the lexicon for over a decade, diminishes the purpose of the devices, and harms the vapor industry, the goals of the vapor industry, and public health.

RMSFA has noticed many generalizations, and inaccuracies which could lead legislators to believe that vapor products are as much a public health concern as smoking, or other environmental hazards. We have read through the bill and offer the following small subset of data for you to consider.

For the majority of the comments in this article, RMSFA is assuming that data was taken from the American Non-Smokers Rights Foundation (no-smoke.org), who have a one-sided list of studies and information, much of it however is outdated, conjecture or simply inaccurate.

The data in this reply is in no way an exhaustive list and RMSFA can supply additional information if requested for clarification.

Rocky Mountain Smoke-Free Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of industry professionals and tobacco harm reduction advocates and specialists. We are focused on fair regulation of vapor products, and fair access to smoke-free products for adult consumers.