



## **A Message from Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection**

**To Owners and Managers of Restaurants, Lounge and Beverage Rooms,  
Private Clubs, Cabarets, Bingos**

**Changes to the *Smoke-Free Places Act* you should be aware of**

### **Overview**

Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection is sending this package as you have been identified as an employer, manager or owner of a workplace that is or may be affected by changes coming into effect where smoking is permitted. Bill 225, Amendments to the *Smoke-free Places Act* received Royal Assent on December 8, 2005. It is government's intent that this legislation will be proclaimed and take effect on and after December 1, 2006.

Taking a moment to read through to the changes to the *Smoke Free Places Act* will ensure the workplace you are responsible for is in compliance.

**If you are already completely smoke-free, where you do not allow at anytime smoking on the premises, do not have a designated smoking room and do not allow smoking in any outdoor licensed outdoor area and patio -congratulations you are in compliance with the changes!**

The Act is also enclosed for your review.

### **Smoke free during all Hours**

The changes coming into effect on December 1, 2006 state that managers shall not permit smoking in indoor workplaces and public places during all hours. Section 6(8)(9) is being repealed along with Section 6(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7).

### **Designated Smoking Rooms (DSRs) no longer allowed**

On December 1, 2006 DSRs will no longer be permitted under the *Smoke-free Places Act*. This change means that existing DSRs in all workplaces as well as bars, restaurants, cabarets, private clubs, bingos, casino complexes and any other place licensed to serve alcoholic beverages are to be discontinued on December 1, 2006. Managers of indoor

workplaces and public places are to ensure smoking does not occur in these areas formerly used as DSRs.

### **Outdoor areas licensed to serve alcohol and food are to be smoke free**

The changes coming into effect on December 1, 2006 require outdoor areas of all restaurants, lounges, beverage rooms and cabarets to be smoke free if that area is used for the serving or consumption of food or beverages.

### **Private functions and clubs are to be smoke free**

An enclosed place, outdoor area or drinking place while being used exclusively for a private function is to be smoke free. Managers of private clubs shall not permit smoking.

### **Other things you need to know and remember**

The *Smoke-free Places Act* currently does not permit the following:

- Smoking is not permitted within four metres of an intake for a building ventilation system, an open window of a place employment or an entrance to a place of employment.
- Ashtrays are not permitted anywhere and anytime where smoking is prohibited.

### **Need Help?**

If you have questions about these changes and how they will affect you call Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection at 1.800.565.3611