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Dear Librarian,

On December 21, 2018, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed a bill (S169-B/A330-B), amending Article 13-E of the Public Health Law (NYS Clean Indoor Air Act), adding a new subdivision to Section 1399-o, prohibiting smoking within 100 feet of the entrances, exits or outdoor areas of public or association libraries as defined in subdivision two of section 253 of the Education Law. The legislation was effective June 19, 2019, and a copy of the legislation is attached for your convenience.

This legislation does not restrict smoking in residences or real property boundary lines of such residential property located within 100 feet of the entrances, exits or outdoor areas of the libraries. Additionally, the legislation does not require any signs be posted pursuant to the amendment; however, affected libraries may wish to replace or supplement existing No Smoking signage to clearly illustrate that smoking is prohibited within one hundred feet of such areas. Enforcement of the new provisions should be handled on a complaint basis consistent with other provisions of the Clean Indoor Air Act.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marianne Burdick".

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