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Dear Business Leader:

The 2019 session saw the Nevada State Legislature pass and Governor Steve Sisolak sign into law Senate Bill 263, which provides for the comprehensive regulation of vapor products by reclassifying them and their components, as tobacco products consistent with federal law. As a result, on January 1, 2020, the use of all electronic vapor products, including electronic cigarettes, will no longer be allowed in most public places under the revised Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act (NCIAA).

Because your business may be impacted by the changes to the NCIAA, the Southern Nevada Health District along with its partner the Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition, and its member agencies, wants to ensure you are aware of the new law and has access to available information and resources.

Beginning January 1, 2020, all establishments that are currently subject to the NCIAA and the prohibitions on smoking will also be required to prohibit the use of electronic vaping products. The only indoor public places where vaping will be allowed are:

- Areas of casinos where minors are prohibited
- Stand-alone bars, taverns, and saloons where minors are prohibited or that don't offer food service
- Retail tobacco stores
- Strip clubs or brothels
- Convention floors not open to the general public at tobacco-related trade shows

Additionally, the revised law reclassifies vapor products (and alternative nicotine products) as tobacco products, and a vape shop is considered a retail tobacco store under state law provided the sale of tobacco products and accessories is primary to the vape shop. Under this provision, vaping will be allowed in these establishments (NRS 202.2483(10)(k).

If your establishment is exempt from the NCIAA, and you would like to implement a voluntary policy to prohibit the use of electronic vaping products, the Southern Nevada Health District can assist you. Contact the Tobacco Control Program at tobaccoprogram@snhd.org or (702) 759-1270 for more information.

Employees and customers who are seeking help quitting tobacco products, including ecigarettes, can contact the Nevada Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or 1-855-DÉJELO-YA (1-855-335-3569) from a Nevada area code. Free, downloadable "No Smoking" and "No Vaping" signs are available on the Health District's "No Smoking" Signs webpage.

For additional information or questions about compliance with the NCIAA, contact the Health District's Environmental Health Division at (702) 759-0588.

Sincerely,

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