

RESOLUTION NO. 452

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO RECOMMEND POTENTIAL POLICY INITIATIVES RELATED TO TOBACCO RETAILERS COVERING TOBACCO DISPLAYS OR BANNING SUCH DISPLAYS

Introduced: 11/10/14

By Mr. Nichols, Ms. McLean Lane, Health Committee and Mr. Clenahan:

WHEREAS, Tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States of America according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) causing more than 480,000 deaths annually, and

WHEREAS, Tobacco control initiatives work to reduce and eliminate tobacco use in our society and local governments have often led in enacting meaningful tobacco control laws which have reduced tobacco use and support efforts to enact statewide tobacco control laws, and

WHEREAS, While there are many tobacco control initiatives related to the regulation and restriction of tobacco advertising and tobacco product displays, this legislature as the policymaking body needs clear guidance from public health experts before taking steps to enact legislation that directly affects tobacco product advertising and tobacco product displays in retail stores, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Board of Health has the expertise and experience to adequately study and examine various tobacco control proposals, especially those that limit and restrict in-store product displays and make recommendations to this Honorable Body, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Health is hereby requested to study the following areas, including but not limited to: policy initiatives which would restrict and/or ban tobacco product displays in pharmacies and/or other retail locations; existing and proposed laws in other areas of the State and country; potential ramifications of implementing product display and advertising restriction laws; potential implications of a successful display bans/restrictions on other tobacco control proposals; the potential impact of the law on residents of Albany County in terms of public health and in terms of potential costs resulting from legal challenges; public support for proposed restrictions on tobacco displays and related tobacco control proposals; any other subject as determined necessary by the Board of Health, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Health is requested to provide to the Legislature's Health Committee a report of its finding and recommendation no later than June, 1 2015, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials including a copy to all members of the Board of Health and to the Albany County Health Commissioner.

Referred to Health Committee. 11/10/14

Adopted by unanimous vote. 12/8/14