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Governor Bill Richardson Signs Smoking Ban

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today signed the Dee Johnson Indoor Air Act (HB 283) into law today, banning smoking in bars, restaurants and workplaces.

“The advantages of a law like this – dramatically reducing exposure to second-hand smoke – far outweigh any potential administrative problems,” Governor Richardson said at a bill-signing ceremony today. “The exposure to second-hand smoke – and cancer and lung and heart disease -- is a risk that we should no longer take.”

Governor Richardson also signed the following bills into law during today’s news conference:

BOLO TIE

House Bill 115, sponsored by Rep. Tripp.

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL LIABILITY

House Bill 507, sponsored by Rep. Keith Gardner

K-3 PLUS PILOT PROJECT

House Bill 198, sponsored by Rep. Mimi Stewart

HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISIONS

Senate Bill 248, sponsored by Senator Cynthia Nava

DISABLED VETERANS ACCESS TO PARKS & MUSEUMS

House Bill 210, sponsored by Rep. Nathan Cote

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES

House Bill 56, sponsored by Rep. Andy Nunez

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

House Bill 428, sponsored by Rep. Danice Picraux

COLORECTAL SCREENING

House Bill 510, sponsored by Rep. Andrew Barreras

BREAST PUMP USE IN WORKPLACES

House Bill 613, sponsored by Rep. Danice Picraux

CONSERVATION

Senate Bill 461, sponsored by Sen. John Ryan