

SHS Ordinance Tracking System and Website for Dynamic Report Generation

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Need for the Ordinance Tracking System

- To ascertain the status and contents of SHS ordinances in Texas
- Track changes in TX ordinances over time



Methods

- Procedures

- All municipalities in the East Texas Pilot Study of 2000 - 2002 by TDSHS - Texas Tobacco Prevention Initiative
- All municipalities >5000
- Municipalities of less than 5,000 residents with identified SHS ordinances
- Representation of each county by at least one municipality



Analysis

- Coding completed by two raters for each ordinance and consensus achieved
 - Attorney - Health Law Specialization
 - Health educator
- Inter-rater reliability monitored
- Guidelines intended to be for research and evaluation, not to be a legal opinion



Rating System

- Based on the CDC system for rating state-level laws¹
- Modifications to enhance scoring standardization , objectivity, and defensibility
- Additional descriptive information was gathered to reflect evolving interests (e.g. bars)

- ¹Fishman, J. A., Allison, H., Knowles, S. B., Fishburn, B. A., Woollery, T. A., Marx, W. T. et al. (1999). State laws on tobacco control - United States, 1998. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, 48.



Focal Settings

- Municipal worksites*
- Private sector worksites*
- Restaurants*
- Bars - in restaurants*
- Bars - not in restaurants*
- Child daycare - commercial
- Child daycare - home based

*Included in website



Level of Restrictiveness

- 5 = *100% Smoke Free*. No smoking allowed (100% smoke-free);
- 4 = *Moderate*. Either no smoking allowed or designated smoking areas with separate ventilation required;
- 3 = *Mixed*. Either no smoking allowed OR designated smoking areas with separate ventilation, but coverage is partial due to exceptions, ambiguities, or legal issues;
- 2 = *Limited*. Require or allow designated smoking areas;
- 1 = *No coverage*



Bar Exemption Status*

- 5 Bars are not subject to ordinance exemptions
- 4 Exempt if $> 70\%$ of sales from alcohol
- 3 Exempt if $> 50\%$ by $< 70\%$ of sales from alcohol
- 2 Exempt if $< 50\%$ of sales from alcohol
- 1 Bars are completely exempt from ordinance restrictions
- 0 Bars are not included in ordinance

*Based on % of gross annual sales of alcoholic beverages



Website Organization

Individual Municipalities

- Summary profile of a municipality
 - Restrictiveness ratings by focal settings
 - Level of exemption for bars
 - Setting details
 - Enforcement and penalties
- Text of municipality SHS ordinance
- Short report (for municipalities that have supplied documents not meeting criteria for a full report)



Website Organization

Summary Across Municipalities

- Summary profile (by scope of choice: state, one or more Public Health Regions or Counties)
- Bar & restaurant summary
- Municipalities ranked by restrictiveness
- List of municipalities within a specified scope.



Website Addresses and Contact Information

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tobacco/>

<http://txshsord.coe.uh.edu/>

<http://uh.edu/hnets/>

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