

## Legislative Update

The smokefree air bill, HB1018, that exempts casinos, bars, fraternal clubs and allows for smoking rooms in nursing homes, passed out of the House of Representatives on January 31 with a bi-partisan vote of 68-31 and moves to the Senate. The bill has been assigned to the Public Policy Committee which is chaired by Senator Ron Alting (R-Lafayette). Senator Alting is a co-sponsor of the smokefree air bill. Additional sponsors include: Senator Bev Gard (R-Greenfield), Senator Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis), and Senator Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville).

While the bill contains some exemptions that we do not agree with, we are pleased the bill continues moving forward so it can be strengthened in the

Senate. The Indiana Campaign for Smoke-free Air will work diligently with legislators to take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen the bill as it moves through the process.



**Senator Ron Alting (R-Lafayette) is the Chair of the Public Policy Committee.**

The ICSA will continue grassroots strategies throughout the next few weeks but will need help from advocates. Throughout the next few weeks, there will be several calls to action and we encourage all Indiana advocates to take advantage of the opportunities to communicate support for comprehensive smokefree air to their legislators and in particular the public policy committee members.

### List of Public Policy Committee Members:

- Senator Ron Alting (Chair, Co-sponsor)
- Senator Vaneta Becker
- Senator Mike Delph
- Senator Randy Head
- Senator Jim Merritt
- Senator Joe Zakas
- Senator Tim Lanane
- Senator Greg Taylor (Co-sponsor)
- Senator Jim Arnold
- Senator Brent Waltz