

## **DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF TURKMENISTAN**

### **ABOUT SMOKING BAN**

Paying tribute to the principles of Turkmen nation that were tried and tested during thousands of years, acknowledging centuries-old commitment of Turkmen people to healthy life style, recognizing the need to form the basis of health care in holy “Rukhname” to implement the state policy of the President of Turkmenistan Saparmurat Turkmentbashy in health care field, extending in “golden” century the good old traditions of our ancestry who lived healthy lives without vice, entering the XXI century and new millennium with dignity, and also confirming the aspiration of independent and neutral Turkmenistan for participating in raising public awareness about harmful impact of smoking on human health jointly with other countries of the world community, have resolved as follows:

In Turkmenistan to prohibit smoking in ministries, departments, at enterprises, in settings and organizations regardless their types of ownership and administrative affiliation, in military units and bodies of troops, in all educational settings and infant schools, in theatres and cinemas, all types of public transport, in parks and public gardens and other public places.

Persons who violated the present Decree are liable to administrative sanction in form of penalty in the amount of minimum wage.

The President of  
Turkmenistan

Saparmurat  
Turkmentbashy

Ashkhabad city

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