

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on State Affairs

Assembly Bill 211

Relating to: exempting tobacco bars from the public smoking ban.

By Representatives Gustafson, Ortiz-Velez, Callahan, Gundrum, Armstrong, Zimmerman, Melotik, Brill, Krug, Kitchens, Goeben, Knodl, Tittl, Donovan, Penterman, Wichgers, Pronschinske, Mursau, Murphy, Green, Tucker, B. Jacobson, Behnke, Dallman, Neylon, Wittke, Sinicki, Piwowarczyk, Rodriguez, Miresse and Kirsch; cosponsored by Senators Tomczyk, Feyen, Nass, Testin and Cabral-Guevara.

April 23, 2025

Referred to Committee on State Affairs

June 17, 2025

Public Hearing Held

Present: (9) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Wittke, Spiros, Sinicki, Kirsch and Roe.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Piwowarczyk.

Appearances For

- Rep. Nate Gustafson - Assembly District 55
- Sen. Cory Tomczyk - Senate District 29
- Rep. Sylvia Ortiz Valez - Assembly District 8
- Randy Bus - Lake Air
- Chad Karl
- James Thompson
- Elton Gofoe - Brothers Helping Brothers
- Delorean Walls
- Michael Decorah - St Croix Chippewa

Appearances Against

- Sara Sahli - American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- Sophie Kramer - American College of Physicians

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jerry Ponco - Americans For Prosperity WI
- Cody Coden - Cigar Rights of America
- Tom Moore - Cigar Association of America

- Stamena Mesec - Swisher

Registrations Against

- Connie Schulze - UW Health and Medicine and Public Health
- Nathan Butzlaff - Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians
- Nicole Hudzinski
- Molly Collins - American Lung Association
- Jim Steinke - American Heart Association
- Mark Grapentine - WI Medical Society
- Tony Langenonl - WI Public Health Association
- Ben O'Connell - Emplify Health
- Theresa Meinen - WI Society Respiratory Care

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

June 25, 2025

Executive Session Held

Present: (8) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Wittke, Spiros, Sinicki and Roe.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (2) Representatives Piwowarczyk and Kirsch.

Moved by Representative Wittke, seconded by Representative Spiros that **Assembly Bill 211** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Wittke, Spiros and Sinicki.

Noes: (1) Representative Roe.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 1

Emmett Smith
Committee Clerk