

MEDICAL SOCIETY
of the
STATE OF NEW YORK

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

In Assembly Health Committee

A.389-A (GALEF)

On Senate Calendar

S.592-A (CARLUCCI)

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the "tobacco-free pharmacies act"

This measure would enact the "Tobacco-Free Pharmacies Act", which would prohibit the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. **The Medical Society of the State of New York supports this measure.**

Smoking is one of the leading causes of preventable causes of death. There are no safe substances in any tobacco products, from acetone and tar to nicotine and carbon monoxide. The substances inhaled not only affect the lungs, but the entire body. They can affect your entire body. In the United States, the mortality rate for smokers is three times that of people who never smoked.

The Medical Society of the State of New York adopted has had policy that "supports the prohibition of the sale of any tobacco or vaporized nicotine products where healthcare is delivered or where prescriptions are filled." This measure includes all pharmacies where drugs and medical components are possessed for the purpose of preparing, compounding, preserving or dispensing of drugs, medicines and therapeutic devices on the basis of a prescription. It will apply to all pharmacies and stores that operate a pharmacy within.

The Medical Society of New York State supports the efforts of New York City and Rockland County as localities that have prohibited pharmacies from selling tobacco or other tobacco products, New York City law became effective on January 1, 2019.

For all the reasons above, the Medical Society of the State of New York supports this measure and urges that it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Division of Governmental Affairs

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