



# Smoke-free Environments (Prohibiting Smoking in Motor Vehicles Carrying Children) Amendment Act 2020

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**Part 2**

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

**1 Title**

This Act is the Smoke-free Environments (Prohibiting Smoking in Motor Vehicles Carrying Children) Amendment Act 2020.

**2 Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day that is 18 months after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

**3 Principal Act**

This Act amends the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990 (the **principal Act**).

**Part 1**

**Amendments to principal Act**

**4 Section 2 amended (Interpretation)**

In section 2(1), replace the definition of **enforcement officer** with:

**enforcement officer** means—

- (a) a person for the time being appointed under section 14 to enforce Parts 1 and 2, or provisions of Parts 1 and 2; or
- (b) for the purposes of Part 1A, a constable

**5 Section 3A amended (Purposes of this Act)**

In section 3A(2), replace “4 and 21, of Parts 1 and 2” with “4, 20B, and 21, of Parts 1, 1A, and 2”.

**6 Section 5 amended (Smoking in workplaces prohibited)**

After section 5(2), insert:

- (3) Nothing in this section permits smoking in a vehicle carrying child occupants (*see* section 20D).

**7 Section 5A amended (Employer may permit smoking in vehicle with consent of users)**

In section 5A, insert as subsection (2):

- (2) Nothing in this section permits smoking in a vehicle carrying child occupants (*see* section 20D).

**8 Section 9 amended (Smoking restricted in passenger service vehicles)**

After section 9(4), insert:

- (5) Nothing in this section permits smoking in a vehicle carrying child occupants (*see* section 20D).

**9 New Part 1A inserted**

After section 20A, insert:

**Part 1A  
Smoke-free motor vehicles carrying child occupants**

**20B Purpose of this Part**

The purpose of this Part is to limit children's exposure to second-hand smoke by prohibiting smoking when they are in motor vehicles.

**20C Interpretation for this Part**

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**child occupant** means a person under the age of 18 years who is in a motor vehicle

**motor vehicle** has the meaning given to it in section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998

**road** has the meaning given to it in section 2(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998.

**20D Smoking prohibited in motor vehicle carrying child occupant**

- (1) A person must not smoke in a motor vehicle, whether moving or stationary, that is on a road and has a child occupant.
- (2) However, a person may smoke in a motor vehicle if—
- (a) the person is the only occupant of the motor vehicle who is under the age of 18 years; or
  - (b) the motor vehicle is—
    - (i) manufactured for use as an occasional or permanent dwelling; and
    - (ii) stationary on a road and in use as a dwelling.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an infringement offence and is liable to—
- (a) an infringement fee of \$50; or
  - (b) a fine imposed by a court not exceeding \$100.

- (4) Sections 38B to 39 apply to the infringement offence in subsection (3) as if—
- (a) the infringement offence were an infringement offence defined in section 38A; and
  - (b) the infringement fee in subsection (3)(a) were an infringement fee specified in section 38A for the infringement offence (although the fee is a set fee and not a maximum fee as contemplated by section 38A); and
  - (c) a constable were the enforcement officer referred to in those sections.

**20E Constable's powers**

- (1) A constable who sees a person smoking in a motor vehicle that is on a road and that appears to have a child occupant may do 1 or more of the following, if the constable is in uniform, or wearing a distinctive cap, hat, or helmet, with a badge of authority affixed to it:
- (a) signal or request the driver of the motor vehicle to stop the vehicle as soon as practicable;
  - (b) require the driver to remain stopped for as long as is reasonably necessary for the constable to make the inquiries and complete the exercise of powers under this section;
  - (c) require the person who is smoking to stop smoking in the motor vehicle;
  - (d) require any person who is smoking or appears to be aged under 18 years to provide the person's—
    - (i) full name; and
    - (ii) full address; and
    - (iii) date of birth; and
    - (iv) occupation; and
    - (v) telephone number.
- (2) A constable who sees a person smoking in a motor vehicle that is on a road and that appears to have a child occupant may do 1 or more of the following, if the constable is in another vehicle following the motor vehicle:
- (a) by displaying flashing blue, or blue and red, lights or sounding a siren, require the driver of the other vehicle to stop;
  - (b) require the driver to remain stopped for as long as is reasonably necessary for the constable to make the inquiries and complete the exercise of powers under this section;
  - (c) require the person who is smoking to stop smoking in the motor vehicle;
  - (d) require any person who is smoking or appears to be aged under 18 years to provide the person's—
    - (i) full name; and
    - (ii) full address; and

- (iii) date of birth; and
  - (iv) occupation; and
  - (v) telephone number.
- (3) Despite subsection (1), a constable must not take either of the actions referred to in subsection (1)(c) and (d) if the motor vehicle is—
- (a) manufactured for use as an occasional or permanent dwelling; and
  - (b) stationary on a road and in use as a dwelling.

*Offences*

**20F Offences in respect of constables**

A person commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, if the person—

- (a) intentionally obstructs, hinders, or resists a constable exercising or attempting to exercise powers under section 20E; or
- (b) intentionally fails to comply with a requirement under section 20E; or
- (c) when required under section 20E(1)(d) or (2)(d) to give information, gives information the person knows to be false or misleading.

**10 Section 38B amended (Commission of infringement offences)**

In section 38B, insert as subsections (2) and (3):

- (2) Proceedings commenced in the way described in subsection (1)(a) do not require the leave of a District Court Judge or Registrar under section 21(1)(a) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.
- (3) *See* section 21 of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957 for the procedure that applies if an infringement notice is issued.

**Part 2**

**Amendment to Summary Proceedings Act 1957**

**11 Summary Proceedings Act 1957 amended**

- (1) This section amends the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.
- (2) In section 2(1), definition of **infringement notice**, after paragraph (je), insert:
  - (jf) section 20D or 38C of the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990; or

### **Legislative history**

17 June 2019	Introduction (Bill 153–1)
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16 December 2019	Reported from Health Committee
13 February 2020	Second reading
11 March 2020	Committee of the whole House (Bill 153–2)
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28 May 2020	Royal assent

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Health.