

Public smoking bill ok'd

By Greg Wees

If you board an elevator in Oldfather Hall while puffing away on your favorite brand and a fellow rider asks you to douse that cigaret, do it. It may save you \$10 to \$100.

The Legislature passed a bill last week, sponsored by State Sen. Shirley Marsh, that snuffs out smoking in public "hospital rooms, elevators, indoor theaters, libraries, art museums, concert halls and buses." Designated smoking areas, where the ban would not apply, may be set aside.

Fines for violating the new law range from \$10 to \$100.

Gov. J.J. Exon already has said he would sign the bill when it reaches his desk sometime this week. It will take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns.

One of the purposes of the bill, Marsh said, is to make rules uniform throughout the state. They now vary from city to city.

Another reason for the ban is to protect nonsmokers, she said.

"I'm not trying to tell people they can't smoke," she said, "but they should not smoke in public if it infringes on the rights of nonsmokers."

A *Reader's Digest* article and a legislative aide's study convinced her that smoking is harmful and should be banned where possible, she said.

While the bill was under consideration, state Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff proposed two amendments.

The first would have fined any senator caught smoking in the legislative chamber \$10 per violation.

The second would have increased the fine for violation to \$100 to \$500.

The first amendment was withdrawn and the second was defeated. One senator accused Carpenter of trying to kill the bill by adding such stringent amendments.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	50. Swimming birds	5. Harem room	26. Hobble (dial.)
1. Greek letter	55. Resin	6. Make lace	27. Supplements
4. Roster	56. Winglike	7. College town	28. Oplate
8. Benjamin —; painter	57. Land measure	8. Thin, crisp biscuits	29. Baked clay pottery
12. Fabulous bird	58. Greenland Eskimo	9. Personality	30. English clergyman-author
13. Seaport of Holland	59. Longings	10. Indian unit of weight	31. Miss Merrill
14. Baseball fielder	60. Beams	11. Spread grass	35. Sullies
15. Rio de —	61. Oriental coin	17. Soak flax	38. Animal fats
16. Irish seaport	DOWN	18. Cozy room	40. Tennis term
18. Himalayan animal	1. Riding whip	22. Street sign	42. Poet's word
20. Bishopric	2. Book of hours	23. Purposive	45. At a distance
21. Formerly (archaic)	3. Image	25. Nimbus	47. Ancient Greek country
24. Vestige	4. Compensations		48. A beverage
28. Diminished			49. Read metrically
32. Become morose			50. Route
33. Operated			51. English rural festival
34. Firm			52. Treat hives
36. Menu delicacy			53. Wood sorrel
37. Importance			54. Contorted
39. Apples			
41. Silly ones			
43. — au lait			
44. Social gathering			
46. Details			

Average time of solution: 27 min.

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MAME LEE LEVI
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SEMESTER TRET
SPA IRA
ESTOPS AERATE
CLOP HUN GREY
HONE ETC ENTE
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Answer to last puzzle

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