

# ACT No. 489

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER, KNOX, AND TAYLOR

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:300.4(A), relative to the prohibition for smoking in motor vehicles; to provide for the unlawfulness of smoking in a motor vehicle with a child twelve and under present in the vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:300.4(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§300.4. Smoking in motor vehicles prohibited; penalties

A. It shall be unlawful for the operator or any passenger in a motor vehicle to smoke cigarettes, pipes, cigars, or any vaping devices in a motor vehicle, passenger van, or pick-up truck, when a child who is ~~required to be restrained in a rear-facing child safety seat, a forward-facing child safety seat, a booster seat, or a motor vehicle's safety belt, as required in R.S. 32:295;~~ younger than thirteen is also present in such vehicle, regardless of whether windows of the motor vehicle are down. For purposes of this Section, the term "smoke" shall mean ~~inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying~~ to inhale, to exhale, to burn, or to carry any activated aerosol or vapor or any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, weed, plant, or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form.

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