

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a home rule unit of government, as defined in Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit, the City of Chicago may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is committed to protecting the health and safety of individuals residing in, working in, and visiting the City; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease, death, and disability in the United States, increasing the risk of cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, Type 2 diabetes, harmful reproductive health effects, and other serious health conditions; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes and other tobacco products, including cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and smoking tobacco, present significant health risks to individuals residing in, working in, and visiting the City; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5175 and Senate Bill 3630 would amend taxation regulations on certain types of tobacco products to discourage the use of new tobacco products that have entered the market in recent years; and

WHEREAS, to promote the health and safety of City residents and visitors, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to support taxation on new forms of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the City Council urges the General Assembly and the Governor to enact House Bill 5175 and Senate Bill 3630, thereby enabling the taxation of additional tobacco products and helping to reduce tobacco use rates within the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, strongly urge the General Assembly and the Governor to enact House Bill 5175 and Senate Bill 3630, allowing for taxation of tobacco products by certain Illinois municipalities and, in doing so, improving health outcomes for residents and visitors of the City.