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NLMA applauds new tobacco legislation

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St. John's, NL – The Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association commends Health Minister Jerome Kennedy and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for its commitment to reducing the exposure of children to second-hand smoke.

The new amendment to the *Smoke Free Environment Act*, which comes into effect today, bans smoking in cars when children under the age of 16 are present and bans designated smoking rooms in workplaces.

“The NLMA is pleased to see that government understands the extremely harmful impact that second-hand smoke can have on children,” says NLMA President and pediatrician Dr. Sandra Luscombe.

“Physicians of the province are deeply concerned about the long-term, significant consequences of smoking on the health of our patients. This legislation is a necessary measure in protecting the health of our children and in eliminating risks to our patients’ health by preventing exposure to second-hand smoke wherever possible.”

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