

641- Chapter 153, “Smokefree Air” was reviewed in 2023 as a part of the Governor’s Executive Order 10 Red Tape Review. This executive order directed all state agencies to complete a top-down review of all existing Administrative Rules.

The goals of the review are to:

- Increase public input in the rulemaking process
- Eliminate unnecessary rules
- Adhere to rulemaking granted by legislature
- Reduce page count and word counts
- Reduce restrictive language and to;
- Avoid verbatim repetition of statutory language.

No substantive changes were made to the rules in Chapter 153. One change you may notice is the change in website that must be posted on signage. Previously, signs directed consumers to www.iowasmokefreeair.gov which was an externally built and maintained website. According to Iowa Code, the signage must direct consumers to the “Department’s website”. For that reason, in addition to the overall HHS/DHS alignment that occurred, HHS has been directed to retire the old external website, and to direct consumers to the Department’s website (hhs.iowa.gov/smokefreeair).