

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**21-6112. Unlawful acts; penalties; retaliatory discharge prohibited.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls the use of any public place, or other area where smoking is prohibited, to fail to comply with all or any of the provisions of K.S.A. 21-6109 through 21-6116, and amendments thereto.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls the use of any public place, or other area where smoking is prohibited, to allow smoking to occur where prohibited by law. Any such person shall be deemed to allow smoking to occur under this subsection if such person: (1) Has knowledge that smoking is occurring; and (2) recklessly permits smoking under the totality of the circumstances.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, with no requirement of a culpable mental state, to smoke in any area where smoking is prohibited by the provisions of K.S.A. 21-6110, and amendments thereto.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of K.S.A. 21-6109 through 21-6116, and amendments thereto, shall be guilty of a cigarette or tobacco infraction punishable by a fine:

(1) Not exceeding \$100 for the first violation;

(2) not exceeding \$200 for a second violation within a one year period after the first violation; or

(3) not exceeding \$500 for a third or subsequent violation within a one year period after the first violation.

For purposes of this subsection, the number of violations within a year shall be measured by the date the smoking violations occur.

(e) Each individual allowed to smoke by a person who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls the use of any public place, or other area where smoking is prohibited, in violation of subsection (b) shall be considered a separate violation for purposes of determining the number of violations under subsection (d).

(f) No employer shall discharge, refuse to hire or take any other adverse action against an employee, applicant for employment or customer with the intent to retaliate against that employee, applicant or customer for reporting or attempting to prosecute a violation of any of the provisions of K.S.A. 21-6109 through 21-6116, and amendments thereto.

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