Comprehensive Smoking Education Act 1984

Provisions

Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to inform the public of the health hazards of cigarettes through research, demonstration, and educational activities.

Establishes an Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health to coordinate such Federal and private activities.

Requires the Secretary to report to Congress biennially (with the first report due by January 1, 1985).

Amends the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act to require cigarette packages and advertising to carry one of four specified warnings on a rotating quarterly basis. Requires outdoor billboard advertising to carry one of four specified warnings on a similar basis. Provides the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) with compliance enforcement responsibility.

States that: (1) the warning rotation plan shall be developed by the manufacturers or importers, and reviewed and approved (if in compliance with the provisions of this Act) by the FTC; and (2) such rotational plan shall not apply to retailers and distributors.

Requires manufacturers, packagers, or importers of cigarettes to annually provide the Secretary with a list of cigarette additives. States that such information shall be treated as confidential. Requires the Secretary to report to Congress regarding the health effects of such additives.

Makes such warning and reporting provisions effective one year after enactment of this Act.

States that nothing in this Act, other than the warning requirements, shall limit, expand, or otherwise affect the FTC's authority with respect to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the advertising of cigarettes.

Major Legislative Actions

9/22/1983   Introduced in House
9/10/1984    Passed/agreed to in House: Passed House (Amended) by Voice Vote.
9/26/1984    Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
9/26/1984    Cleared for White House.
10/2/1984    Presented to President.
10/12/1984   Signed by President.
10/12/1984   Became Public Law No: 98-474.