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**Sent:** Mar 19, 2025 11:40:50.000000000 UTC  
**Subject:** RE: FW: reporter query/MA generational smoking bans  
**To:** mark@phai.org <mark@phai.org>

Ah, then they've already been assigned. Step 1. Thanks!

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**From:** Mark Gottlieb <[mark@phaionline.org](mailto:mark@phaionline.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 10:31 PM  
**To:** Buzby, Maureen <[mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org](mailto:mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org)>  
**Cc:** mark@phaionline.org; Cheryl Sbarra <[sbarra@mahb.org](mailto:sbarra@mahb.org)>  
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Thanks Maureen!

The 2 bills have been assigned to the Joint Committee on Public Health, which will hold a hearing at some point.

--Mark Gottlieb, PHAI Please excuse mobile text errors

On Tue, Mar 18, 2025 at 7:32 PM Buzby, Maureen  
<[mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org](mailto:mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org)> wrote:

Sounds good to me.

As far as his question about the bill in the state legislature you could tell him 7,000 bills were filed (or about that number I think) and like the other bills, NFG will follow the usual legislative process. Has to be assigned to a committee – probably Public Health. Takes time. Blah, blah, blah. 😊

Thank you!!!

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**From:** Mark Gottlieb <[mark@phaionline.org](mailto:mark@phaionline.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 7:16 PM  
**To:** Buzby, Maureen <[mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org](mailto:mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: reporter query/MA generational smoking bans

I am happy to tell Jason that Somerville, MA, with a population of around 80,000, is holding a public hearing on NFG and other policies to include in its amended tobacco regulations this Thursday. There are other communities which have expressed some interest but have not yet held a public hearing. So far, no board of health or legislative body in Massachusetts has voted to reject NFG.

Sound good?

-Mark

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On Tue, Mar 18, 2025 at 7:03 PM Buzby, Maureen  
<[mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org](mailto:mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org)> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,  
Thanks for sharing. I just checked out “The Examination”. Not that I need to do any more reading but I think I need to follow them. : )  
I hope Mark wants to respond to this media request. I have to ask MTCP for permission to speak to the press and then wait for approval from Rachel Cohen.  
Mark?  
Thanks!  
Maureen

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**From:** Cheryl Sbarra <[sbarra@mahb.org](mailto:sbarra@mahb.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025 6:10 PM  
**To:** Buzby, Maureen <[mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org](mailto:mbuzby@cityofmelrose.org)>; Mark Gottlieb <[mark@phai.org](mailto:mark@phai.org)>  
**Cc:** [cpavlos@mapublichealth.org](mailto:cpavlos@mapublichealth.org)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: reporter query/MA generational smoking bans

Hello Maureen and Mark,

This request came into MPHA and Carlene forwarded it to me. I think you two are the best people to follow up on it, so I am forwarding it to you.

Thanks,

Cheryl

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From: **Carlene Pavlos** <[cpavlos@mapublichealth.org](mailto:cpavlos@mapublichealth.org)>

Date: Tue, Mar 18, 2025 at 4:29 PM

Subject: FW: reporter query/MA generational smoking bans

To: Cheryl Sbarra <[Sbarra@mahb.org](mailto:Sbarra@mahb.org)>

Hi Cheryl,

I was thinking of sending this reporter to Tobacco Free Mass, but wanted to check with you on your thoughts first...

Carlene



Carlene Pavlos  
Executive Director

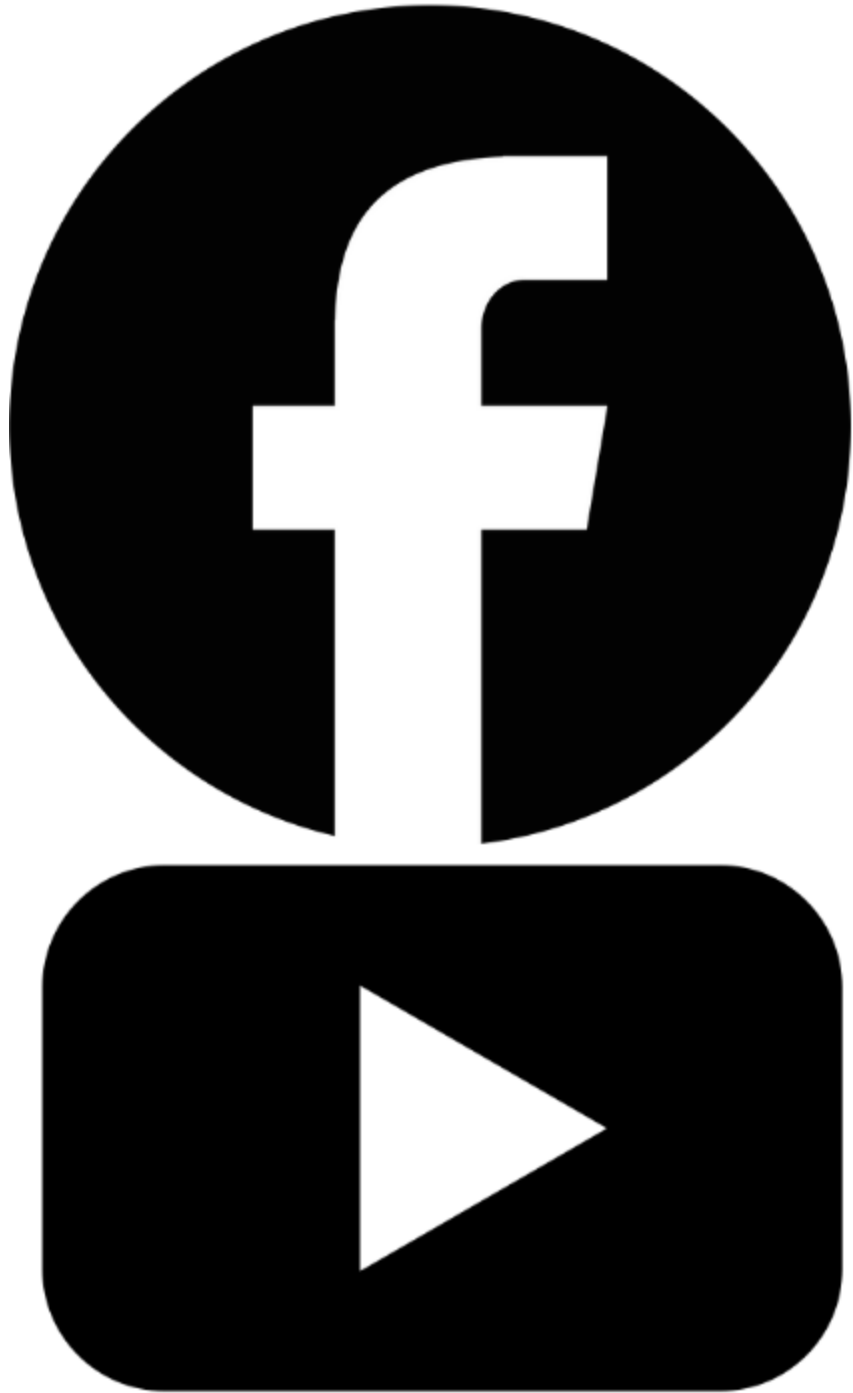
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**Subject:** reporter query/MA generational smoking bans

Hi Oamara/Carlene,

I'm a tobacco reporter at a nonprofit news site called [The Examination](#). I was just tracking the number of municipalities in Massachusetts that have passed generational smoking bans. I understand that there are now 14. Are you aware of any other towns that are considering such bans this spring or whether the bill in the legislature on the same issue has generated any movement?

Thanks again,

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**Jason McLure**

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