

RESOLUTION 401

SUBJECT: All Terrain Vehicle Operation and Design Safety

INTRODUCED BY: Retired Physician Section

1 **WHEREAS**, LSMS policy 15.99 *Protection of Life* regarding the safe operation and/or
2 design of all terrain vehicles was sunsetted in 2003; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, increasing gas prices have created more motorcycle traffic on the highways;
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7 **WHEREAS**, serious accidents and death occur in the operation of all terrain vehicles,
8 including but not limited to, motorcycles mopeds, motorbikes, bikes, dirt bikes, and two or four-
9 wheeled motorized vehicles with open cockpit; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Louisiana has been inconsistent in requiring protective head gear or helmets
12 for riders and passengers of motor cycles; therefore be it

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14 **RESOLVED**, that the LSMS condemn the threat to life and limb posed by the hazardous
15 and reckless operation of said vehicles; and be it further

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17 **RESOLVED**, that the LSMS encourage the safe operation and/or design of all terrain and
18 off road vehicles including but not limited to, motorcycles mopeds, motorbikes, bikes, dirt bikes,
19 and two or four-wheeled motorized vehicles with open cockpit; and be it further

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21 **RESOLVED**, that the LSMS encourage/support legislation that requires the use of
22 helmets when operating such vehicles.

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SUBJECT: Smoking in Health Care Provider Offices and/or Institutional
Campuses

INTRODUCED BY: Council on Public Health

1 **WHEREAS**, Smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke are major causes of disease
2 and death and the State of Louisiana has statutes prohibiting smoking inside public buildings, and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Many health care institutions have already successfully prohibited smoking
5 on their property, and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Smoking and other tobacco use is highly addictive and difficult to stop,
8 therefore be it

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10 **RESOLVED**, When instituting a full non-smoking policy, healthcare providers and
11 institutions should offer assistance to their employees in stopping tobacco use.

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13 *Related LSMS Policies*

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15 **20.91 HIV Patients and Smoking:** Smoking be restricted in all HIV ambulatory treatment
16 centers and clinics, and clinics treating HIV infected persons offer counseling and
17 referral services to HIV patients utilizing existing community smoking cessation clinics.
18 (R20-90, reaffirmed R101-2000, reaffirmed R101-06)

19 **490.96 No Smoking in Health Facilities:** There should be no cigarette machines in any health
20 facility in Louisiana and encourages no smoking signs to be installed in all health
21 facilities and physicians' offices of the state. (R20-89, amended R101-99, reaffirmed
22 R101-06)

23 **490.95 No Smoking in Public Places:** The LSMS opposes smoking in public places or public
24 meetings except in designated smoking areas. In addition, the LSMS believes a public
25 place means the following enclosed indoor areas used by the general public: restaurants,
26 retail stores, public means of transportation, passenger elevators, health care institutions,
27 educational facilities, libraries, courtrooms, grocery stores, school buses, museums,
28 theaters, auditoriums, arenas, and recreational facilities, except in cases in which an
29 entire room or hall is used for a private social function and seating arrangements are
30 under the control of the sponsor of the function and not of the proprietor or person in
31 charge of the place. Smoking areas should not be designated in places prohibited by the
32 fire marshal or by other law, ordinance or regulation and smoking be restricted in all
33 Louisiana hospital and state office buildings, including the state Capitol. (R64-89,
34 reaffirmed 1999 and R25-1984, reaffirmed R101-03)

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36 **490.89 Distribution of Free Cigarette Samples on Public Property:** The distribution of free
37 samples of cigarettes or other tobacco or smoking products on public property should be
38 prohibited. (R6-91, reaffirmed R101-01, reaffirmed R102-06)

- 1 **495.99 Smoking at LSMS Meetings:** Smoking is prohibited at all LSMS meetings. (R25-1984,
2 reaffirmed R101-03)
- 3 **495.98 Smoke-Free Work Environment:** Employers should be required to provide a work
4 environment reasonably free of recognizable hazards and to protect employees from
5 avoidable perils, specifically with respect to smoking and the work environment. (R42-
6 88; reaffirmed R62-89, R101-99, reaffirmed R101-06)
- 7 **495.97 Smoking Policy for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools:** The LSMS supports
8 the prohibition of the use of tobacco products by students in public elementary and
9 secondary schools. Public school officials should allow smoking by teachers and staff in
10 designated smoking areas only. The LSMS urges the Louisiana State Department of
11 Education to adopt a statewide curriculum which would include instruction in the health
12 hazards inherent in smoking as well as the use of smokeless tobacco. (R39-88,
13 reaffirmed 1998, reaffirmed R101-06)
- 14 **495.96 Smoking in the Workplace:** Employers, including the State of Louisiana, should be
15 required to provide a smoke-free workplace. (R4-91, amended and reaffirmed R101-01,
16 reaffirmed R102-06)
- 17 **495.95 Smoking in Public Places and Public Meetings:** Persons in charge of a public place or
18 public meeting should be allowed to designate smoking areas, which areas shall not
19 exceed 25 percent of the public space. Public place means the following enclosed,
20 indoor areas used by the general public: restaurants, retail stores, public means of mass
21 transportation, passenger elevators, health care institutions, educational facilities,
22 libraries, courtrooms, grocery stores, school buses, museums, theaters, auditoriums,
23 arenas, and recreational facilities, except in cases in which an entire room or hall is used
24 for a private social function and seating arrangements are under the control of the
25 sponsor of the function and not of the person in charge of the place. (R5-91, reaffirmed
26 R101-03)
- 27 **495.94 Sale of Tobacco Products on all Charity Hospital Properties:** The Department of
28 Health and Hospitals should prohibit the sale of tobacco products on all Louisiana
29 Charity acute care general hospital properties. The LSMS urges each Charity Hospital
30 Administrator and Medical Director and local Louisiana Health Care Authority Board to
31 adopt new agreements with the Randolph Sheppard Vending Program to prohibit the
32 sale of tobacco products on hospital property. (R26-91, reaffirmed R101-01, reaffirmed
33 R102-06)
- 34 **495.93 Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors:** The sale of tobacco products to minors should be
35 prohibited by state law as outlined by the Model Control Act promulgated by the United
36 States Department of Health and Human Services in May, 1990. (R70-91, reaffirmed
37 R101-01, reaffirmed R102-06)