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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1578-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 687, is amended to read:

2. Prohibition. Except as provided in ~~subsection~~subsection 3 and 4, ~~no student or school employee is allowed to use tobacco~~ use in the buildings or on the grounds of any elementary or secondary school ~~while school is in session~~ is prohibited.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1578-B, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1993, c. 342, §4 and affected by §9, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1578-B, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1993, c. 342, §4 and affected by §9, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Transition. When a school board and school employees have established a designated smoking area through collective bargaining in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, former Title 22, section 1578-B, subsection 4 and section 1580-A, subsection 3, use of tobacco may continue in that designated area until the effective date of the next contract negotiated after the effective date of this Act.’

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. It removes the section of the bill that proposed restricting brand-specific food or beverage advertising on school grounds. It prohibits the use of tobacco on school grounds by members of the public and eliminates the right to establish designated smoking areas for school employees. It allows designated smoking areas negotiated through collective bargaining to remain until the next negotiated contract.