

*Failed in Senate by a
unanimous voice vote*

9-16-10

SGA Bill 03-10-F

A Bill to establish a Smoker Rights Act;

Whereas: There has been a push by some to make MTSU a smoke-free campus, including “Smoke-Free MT,” a student organization with the sole purpose of banning smoking on campus;

Whereas: Austin Peay State University has already become a smoke-free campus; and

Whereas: Lest the SGA take a stand, the same may very soon happen at MTSU; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 73RD CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: There shall be created a new Article XI of the SGA constitution titled the “Smoker Rights Act”; a new section therein shall be created, which shall read as follows:

“**Section 1:** The SGA recognizes the right of individuals to have free choice over the health and well-being of their own bodies. Therefore, the senate shall pass no legislation to encourage the banning or prohibition of smoking or tobacco products on the campus of MTSU. Further, the SGA opposes any attempt by the Tennessee Board of Regents or MTSU administration to ban tobacco products. Any legislation passed in violation of this section shall be null, void and unenforceable.”

Section 2: The question on the ballot at the next general election of the SGA shall read as follows: “Do you support amending the SGA constitution, relative to prohibiting the SGA from encouraging a ban on tobacco products.” Voters shall have the option of voting “Yes” or “No”.

Sponsored By: Senator Burks

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs