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going to attempt to call their members and let them know. Nothing changes, it's the same law, they're under the same laws they were.

SENATOR SMITH: So smoking would be prohibited in the establishment, except in a separate room that would be designated as a lounge or bar?

SENATOR THOMPSON: I will check with the department. Currently, it's the common areas that can't have smoking. So where you put your shoes on, or where you pay, those areas need to be nonsmoking. The department contracted with someone this summer to go around and talk to the bowling centers, to make sure that they understood what the compliance was. Last year they testified against the bill at the hearing. But at the hearing the department representatives, who were sitting in the back of the room, said nothing changes for them. I put that in the record, and we followed up with a letter, which I will get and have it circulated on the floor. But nothing in this bill impacts current regulations that they are already under. Part of the reason that the bill has them listed and it was confusion from the first act, when it was written, gave examples. And they weren't in the list, and so now they'll be in the list, just to eliminate that level of confusion. But I'll have the letter distributed to the floor, soon as we find it.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. And I'm glad you clarified that for me. Senator Chambers raised the question of why roaches cannot be served in food, and I guess that brings to my mind the fact that regulation exists to restaurants or upon restaurants because there is a lot that goes into the food that the consumer cannot see, does not know that might be in there, and that's why a lot of regulation exists. However, I think that if the restaurateur or the establishment chooses to allow smoking and therefore exercising a prerogative that I believe they should have, that is okay, because the smoke is clear and present and people know it. And perhaps we need to have some disclosure at the door so that someone doesn't even waste any time going into