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### Looking Back at the 2005 Tobacco Timeline

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#### Facts and Stats

##### “A” Average for OCTOBER

According to Idaho Code 39-5701 the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each business that sells tobacco to ensure that it does not sell tobacco to minors. In October 2005:

- ❖ 612 Vendors were inspected.\*
- ❖ 47 Vendors sold to the inspecting minor.
- ❖ The compliance rate for the month of October 2005 was 8.75%

\*Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

#### What in the World's Happened?

Gene Borio, author of “Tobacco Timeline,” summarizes the cascading events from ancient history to the present that led up to our current-day use of tobacco. Here's some landmark tobacco information for the current year:

**2005-01-01:** NE: Lincoln ban on smoking in bars goes into effect. Voters approved the ban in November.

**2005-01-01:** BULGARIA: Smoking ban goes into effect. Smoking is banned in hospitals, schools, museums, day care centers and theaters. Offices must have smoking lounges.

**2005-01-10:** ITALY: Strict smoking ban goes into effect. It bans smoking in indoor spaces, including bars, unless they have a separate and separately ventilated room.

**2005-02-05:** First Philip Morris lawsuit payment

**2005-02-07:** CUBA: Smoking ban goes into effect. It is forbidden to smoke in public places, air-conditioned or closed rooms, offices, meeting halls, theaters, cinemas and video halls. There are also restrictions on smoking on public transportation and in hospitals. Teen smoking measures are also put into effect, most notably a restriction on sales of tobacco to under-16-year-olds.

**2005-02-27:** WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control goes into effect in the 57 countries that have ratified the treaty. 111 nations have signed it but not ratified it.

**2005-03-01:** RHODE ISLAND ban on smoking in most indoor workplaces goes into effect

**2005-03-21:** CA: Supreme Court Refuses to hear Henley appeal. Henley's \$9 million award against Philip Morris stands. With interest, Philip Morris will pay over \$16 million to Patricia Henley, the second payout for Philip Morris, and the largest. It is also the first punitive damages ever paid to an individual smoker.

**2005-03-31:** SMOKEFREE

LEGISLATION: MN: Minneapolis, Bloomington and Hennepin County total smoking bans go into effect. Ramsey County restaurant smoking ban also goes into effect; it exempts establishments with over 50% liquor sales.

#### It's Time to Renew Tobacco Permits!

Tobacco permits are *free*, and can be renewed Online at:

[www.tobaccopermits.com/Idaho](http://www.tobaccopermits.com/Idaho)

Don't forget that permits must be renewed annually, and that your 2005 permits will expire on December 31st.

You can also get first-time permits Online, and renew permits for one or more businesses at a time. The transactions are easy, fast, and convenient for users.

#### Prevent the Sale Website

[www.preventthesale.com/idaho](http://www.preventthesale.com/idaho)

- Learn about the law
- Take the tobacco quiz
- See what the ID's look like
- Play the Game "Would You Sell to This Person?"

## Looking Back at 2005 Continued....

### 2005-03-26: SMOKEFREE LEGISLATION-

**BANGLADESH:** The Control of Use of Tobacco Products Act goes into effect, banning smoking in public places, but not restaurants and bars. It also prohibits media advertising and tobacco sponsorships.

### 2005-04-05: SMOKEFREE LEGISLATION-

**MALTA:** Smoking ban goes into effect, banning smoking in all indoor public areas. It allows for exceptions for specially-ventilated smoking rooms.

### 2005-04-05: SMOKEFREE LEGISLATION-WY:

Laramie smoking ban goes into effect, banning smoking in virtually all public areas and workplaces, including bars, restaurants, offices, private clubs and sports arenas.

### 2005-04-21: LAWSUITS-Riverside, CA: Jury clears

Philip Morris USA in Coolidge lung cancer suit. Bruce Coolidge, 51, began his suit in 2001. The trial lasted 10 weeks. In 2 hours of deliberations, the jury found Coolidge had not proven his lung cancer was caused by smoking.

### 2005-04-21: RJR wins Broin-related lawsuit. A jury

found that exposure to secondhand smoke in airplane cabins did not cause the chronic sinusitis of Lorraine Swaty, a flight attendant for US Airways.

### 2005-05-31: LITIGATION-SCOTLAND: Lord

Nimmo Smith rules for Imperial Tobacco in McTear case.

### 2005-05-31: World No Tobacco Day. Focus: Health

Professionals, *"Health professionals are on the frontline. They need the skills to help people stop smoking, and they need to lead by example, and quit tobacco use themselves."*



### Say What?

"People are responding to an environment that consists of other people responding to their environment, which consists of people responding to an environment of people's responses. These situations, in which people's behavior or people's choices depend on the behavior or the choices of other people, are the ones that usually don't permit any simple summation."

— *Thomas C. Schelling, Nobel Prize winner for Economics, in "Micromotives and Macrobehavior."*

"Game Theorists Win Nobel for Economics," *The Washington Post*, Monday, October 10, 2005.



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