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[Urging the California State Legislature to approve legislative bill number AB 178: California Cigarette Fire Safety Act, which requires that all cigarettes sold in California be fire-safe starting in 2006.]

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to approve AB 178: California Cigarette Fire Safety Act, which requires that all cigarettes sold in California be fire-safe starting in 2006.

WHEREAS, Fire-safe cigarettes lower the risk of discarded cigarettes igniting accidental fires; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, 31,200 cigarette-induced fires occurred, responsible for 830 civilian lives lost, 1,770 persons injures and \$386 million in direct property damage; and,

WHEREAS, Two out of five victims of cigarette-induced fires are not the smokers themselves but persons who live in the same building; and,

WHEREAS, Each year approximately 1,000 die from cigarette related fires and another 4,000 are injured; and,

WHEREAS, Accidental cigarette related fires cause an estimated \$4 billion in damage yearly; and,

WHEREAS, The goal of the AB 178 is to save lives and property destroyed by accidental cigarette-related fires; and,

WHEREAS, AB 178 would prohibit the sale, manufacture or distribution of cigarettes in the state that are not fire-safe goal of the California State Legislature Bill is to save lives and property destroyed by accidental cigarette-related fires; and,

WHEREAS, AB 178 would fine any manufacturer who falsely certifies that their cigarettes have met the standard; and,

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions such as the State of New York have successfully introduced and implemented similar legislation with success; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the California State Legislature to pass AB 178, requiring that all cigarettes sold in California be fire-safe by 2006.



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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Act, which requires	he California State Legislat that all cigarettes sold in C	ture to approve AB 178: California Cigarette Fire Safety California be fire-safe starting in 2006.
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F	File No. 050235	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 15, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
-		Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Date: February 25, 2005

Mayor Gavin Newsom

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved