

1 [Urging the California State Legislature to approve legislative bill number AB 178: California  
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4 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to approve AB 178: California**  
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8 WHEREAS, Fire-safe cigarettes lower the risk of discarded cigarettes igniting  
9 accidental fires; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Each year approximately 1,000 die from cigarette related fires and another  
15 4,000 are injured; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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