

No smoking in dining rooms, dining cars or sections of railway coaches not set apart for smokers, becomes a law of the state on July 1.

The bill making such provision, known as H. B. 51, was passed by the senate Saturday afternoon, 29 to 15, with a penalty clause so amended as to fix the fines at from \$5 to \$25, instead of \$10 to \$50 as originally proposed.

By the terms of this bill it is made unlawful to smoke tobacco in any form in public dining rooms, cafes, restaurants or eating places, or in railway coaches or street cars except in the sections reserved for smokers. It makes not only the smoker himself liable to prosecution, but the owner of an eating place, or the conductor of a train, permitting such violation, is made liable to prosecution.

When the amendment was proposed to make it "unlawful for any person to smoke, or chew, or use tobacco" in any form, Senator Baker insisted that the "or chew" provision might prevent a person from chewing food, and the amendment was stricken out.