

**Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2015 –
Third Reading approved**

The President: The Third Reading, Mr Coleman.

Mr Coleman: Thank you.

Madam President, Hon. Members, I am pleased to be able to move the Third Reading of the Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2015 for the Department of Health and Social Care, and I thank Members for their contributions during the previous stages of the Bill. Most especially I would like to thank Mr Henderson for seconding all the stages and doing all the hard work.

As has been stated previously, the main aim of the Bill is to extend the provisions of part 1 of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2006 – the 2006 Act – by extending the bans on tobacco advertising, severely restricting the display of tobacco products and by banning the sale of tobacco products from vending machines.

This is fully in line with the Isle of Man Tobacco Strategy, and the Department of Health and Social Care is keen to reduce the burden of ill-health caused by tobacco use and is committed to providing a public health incentive to existing consumers to reduce their consumption. The Department also wants to do everything possible to shield people, and particularly young people, from the influence of tobacco product advertisements and displays and easy access to cigarettes.

Additional controls have already been established in the United Kingdom, and two public consultations have shown that the majority of people support similar controls for the Isle of Man.

The Department has also identified a need to do more to protect people from second-hand smoke, so – as Members are aware – in conjunction with the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, and with the support of the Council of Ministers, amendments have also been included in the Bill to provide for fixed penalties to be imposed for smoking-related offences.

Madam President, during the previous readings of the Bill the Members of Council were supportive of the proposals included in this Bill, and we have just been through the clauses in great detail, so I do not intend to carry on any longer.

Madam President, I beg to move:

That the Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2015 be read for the third time.

The President: The Hon. Member, Mr Henderson.

Mr Henderson: Gura mie eu, Eaghtyrane.

I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The President: The motion is that the Bill be read a third time and do pass. Those in favour, please say aye; against no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

The motion therefore carries.