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## SMOKING BAN WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL HEALTH OF NEW BRUNSWICKERS

FREDERICTON, 30 June 2004 — The Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) congratulates Government and members of the opposition for passing Bill 75, the *Smoke-Free Places Act*, which bans smoking in all public places.

“The research is clear that second-hand smoke negatively affects the health of individuals. Bill 75 protects the worker in the workplace and provides smoke-free public spaces,” said Beth Sparks, NANB president.

“It is low-cost, healthy public policy aimed squarely at population health. There is no doubt that the *Smoke-Free Places Act* will reduce illnesses related to tobacco use including lung disease, heart disease and various forms of cancer,” Ms. Sparks added.

Over the past year, NANB, in partnership with the NB Anti-Tobacco Coalition, has spearheaded two initiatives to encourage patients to quit smoking or reduce tobacco consumption as a means of improving their health outcomes.

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick is a professional, regulatory body representing 8600 registered nurses and nurse practitioners. NANB is responsible for advancing and maintaining the standards of nursing in the province, and for governing and regulating those offering nursing care.

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