

FdL's workplace smoking ban begins; Will Wisconsin follow?

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Two Fond du Lac legislators say a statewide smoking ban would prevent the "patchwork" that is occurring in Wisconsin as more and more communities go smoke-free.

State Sen. Randy Hopper and state Rep. John Townsend, both Republicans, say they would sup-

port a statewide ban.

Fond du Lac's citywide workplace smoking ban went into effect at 6 a.m. today.

"I think in this legislative session, there is a good probability that there will be at least an introduction to a statewide ban," Townsend said. "It's become evident ... if we do not have one, we are going to end up with a

patchwork situation."

Townsend said a statewide ban would put all communities on a "level playing field."

Hopper is out of the area on a family vacation that was planned before his election to office in November.

"He (Hopper) supports a statewide ban with a three-year phase-in for

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Servers Nelly Robles, left, and Kristy Waedekin smoke at the bar Sunday during a break at the Coliseum Sports Bar and Grill, 91 S. Main St. Sunday was the last day to smoke in Fond du Lac businesses, a workplace smoking ban went into effect at 6 a.m. today.