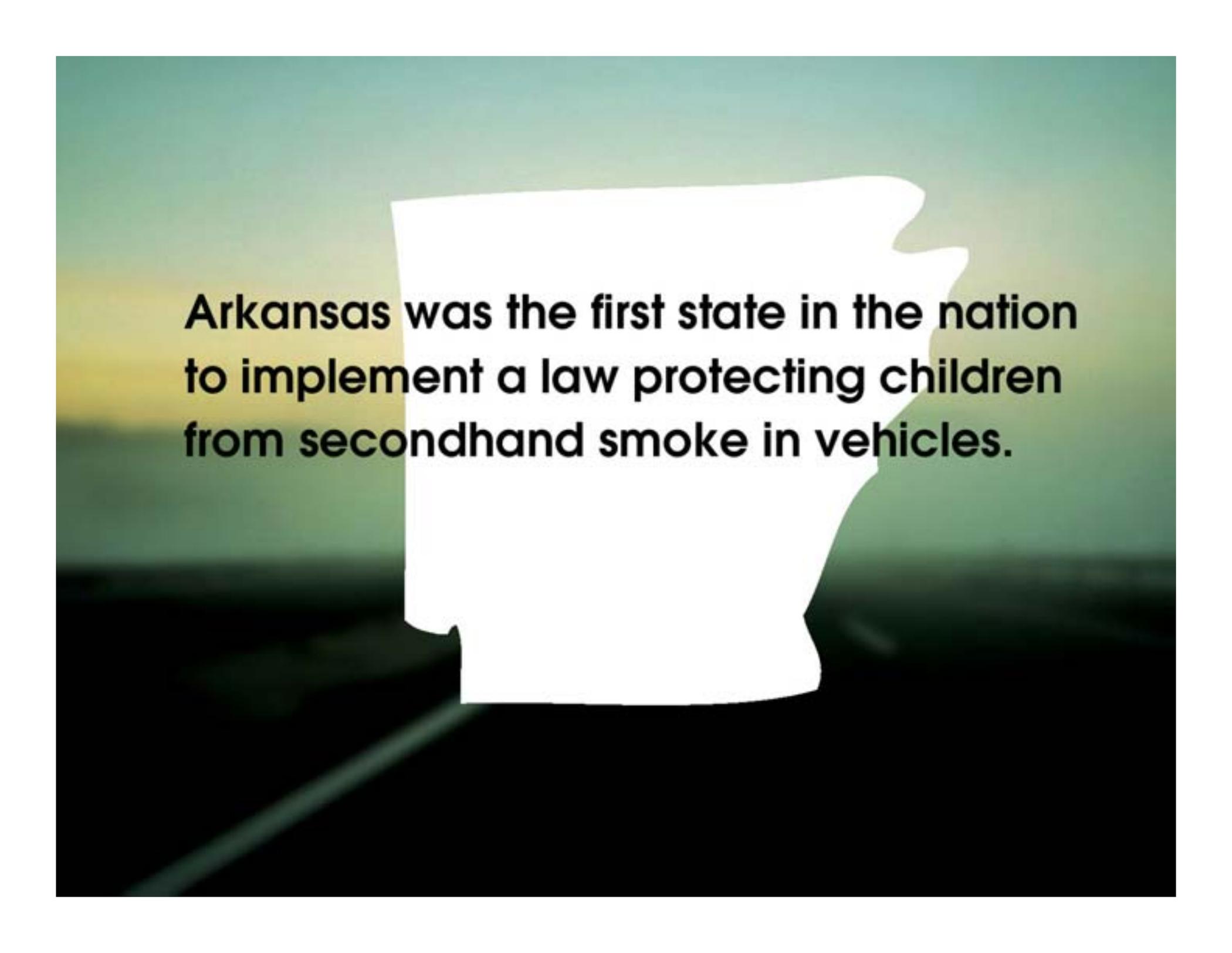


Smoke-free cars for healthy Arkansas kids.

Arkansas Protection from
Secondhand Smoke for
Children Act

Act 811 of 2011





Arkansas was the first state in the nation to implement a law protecting children from secondhand smoke in vehicles.

Others soon followed Arkansas' example:



**• California • Louisiana • Maine •
Rockland County in New York • Keyport, New Jersey
South Africa • Puerto Rico • Most provinces in Canada**

Their laws were similar but often stronger:

- **Protection for children under 12 to 18**
- **Penalties of up to \$2,000 per violation**



**Arkansas' law originally passed in
2006 as Act 13.**



Don't lock your child in a gas chamber.

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STAMP OUT SMOKING
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your
Tobacco
Settlement
Dollars at
Work

1-800-QUIT-NOW

Smoking in a car with a child under 6 years and 60 pounds is against the law.

**Act 13 of 2006 only protected
children under 6 and weighing
less than 60 pounds.**





The law was amended in 2011 to now include children under 14.



Violators are fined \$25.

First-time offenders can avoid a fine by proving enrollment in a program to quit smoking.





**There is no safe level of exposure
to secondhand smoke.**

**Cigarette smoke contains more than
7,000 chemicals and compounds.**



**Hundreds are toxic.
At least 69 cause cancer.**

Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at increased risk for:



- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Lower respiratory infections
- Other respiratory symptoms
- Middle ear disease
- More severe asthma
- Slowed lung growth

Children are especially vulnerable to health effects of secondhand smoke because of developing respiratory, immune and nervous systems.



IN ARKANSAS

**470 PEOPLE
DIE EACH YEAR
FROM SECONDHAND
SMOKE**

**Almost 60 percent of U.S.
children (ages 3-11) are exposed
to secondhand smoke.**



**Secondhand smoke in cars can
exceed that in homes and bars by
10-100 times.**





**Smoke can stay trapped in cars,
even with open windows.**



**In a car, one burning cigarette can
equal hazard levels in the vicinity of
forest fires.**



Arkansas students who rode in a car with someone smoking one or more cigarettes in the past seven days:

- Middle school – 55.8% (in 2000)
down to 36.6% (in 2010)
- High school – 64.4% (in 2000)
down to 48.2% (in 2010)





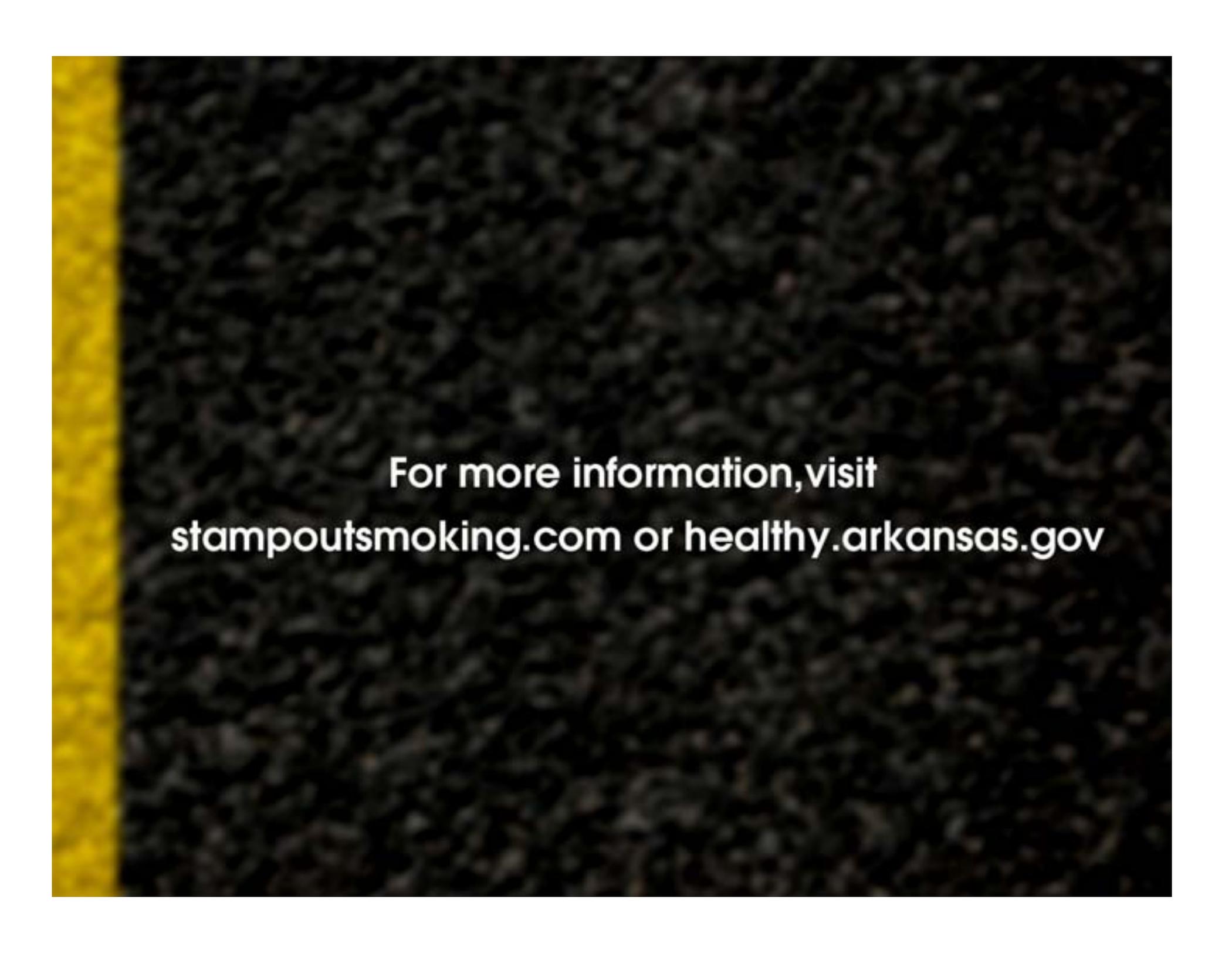
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adults would support a stronger law,
protecting all children under 18 from
secondhand smoke in a car.

What can you do?

- Don't smoke in the car
- Don't let kids ride in smoke-filled cars
- Educate others about the danger
- Educate others about the law
- Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW





**For more information, visit
stampoutsmoking.com or healthy.arkansas.gov**

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