

The stated idea behind Wisconsin's workplace smoking ban was pretty straightforward: Improve the health of workers. Apparently going pretty well. A new study finds bartenders suffering a lot less from smoking ailments since the ban went into effect in the summer. Judi Zabel in the La Crosse county health department saw that one coming. She says the same thing happened after the cities of Appleton and Madison went smoke free in bars.

The bartenders in the study reported a 36% decrease in smoking related symptoms like wheezing and shortness of breath.