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## Wisconsin's new smoking ban includes Lambeau Field

Stadium Board also talks college football, World Cup soccer

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Wisconsin's new public smoking ban would prohibit people from lighting up anywhere in Lambeau Field, according to Green Bay/Brown County Professional Football Stadium District Director Pat Webb.

"Our first blush is that we would be covered by the law," Webb told the district board today.

Smoking is permitted in designated areas of the stadium concourse, but Webb said Packers officials admit it isn't strictly enforced. Smoking is not permitted in the stadium bowl.

The state law, which Gov. Jim Doyle signed May 18, includes "any stadium, pavilion, gymnasium, swimming pool, skating rink, bowling center, or other building where spectator sporting events are held," according to final version of the bill.

The law goes into effect on July 5, 2010.

## College football at Lambeau?

Also during Wednesday's meeting, former Ashwaubenon High School football coach Ken Golomski, a stadium board member, said he has talked with officials at Michigan Tech University and Winona State University about playing a game at Lambeau Field.

"They're both very enthusiastic," Golomski said. "I think it's doable and there would be a curiosity factor for people who have never been able to go to a game here."

Golomski said the talks are still preliminary, but a game would have to be played prior to the Packers' regular-season opener.

Webb said a meeting would be arranged with the college officials.

## How about World Cup soccer?

Webb also told board members he is responding to an International Federation of Association Football questionnaire about possible use of Lambeau Field for a preliminary World Cup soccer match.

However, Webb said the stadium field isn't large enough for a FIFA-sanctioned game.

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