

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

H 3471 General Bill, By Chalk

Summary: Cigarette tax

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-21-625 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON CIGARETTES EQUAL TO 2.25 CENTS ON EACH CIGARETTE, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF "CIGARETTE", TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUND FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PROVIDE ITS SOURCES OF REVENUE INCLUDING THE REVENUES OF THE TAX IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USES OF FUND REVENUES, TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAINTAINS A QUALIFYING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT, TO REQUIRE THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUES OF THIS ADDITIONAL TAX FIRST BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND AND THEREAFTER TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE TO OFFSET REVENUES LOST AS A RESULT OF THE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT TAX CREDIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3755 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT UP TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAINTAINS A QUALIFYING HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

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