

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

H 3014 General Bill, By M.A. Pitts and Gilliard

Summary: Cigarette tax

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-620, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LICENSE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TAX ON CIGARETTES TO 1.85 CENTS A CIGARETTE, DEFINE "CIGARETTE", PROVIDE THAT NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS OF CIGARETTE LICENSE TAX REVENUES MUST BE APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION FOR THE ALLIED HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE AND NOT LESS THAN TEN MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE APPROPRIATED TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE CRITICAL NEEDS NURSING INITIATIVE FUND AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUE MUST BE APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY TO THE NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-110-35, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND (NESF) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS COVERING TUITION, FEES, AND BOOKS FOR INSTATE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TWO YEAR AND FOUR YEAR NURSING PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, ESTABLISH THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

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