

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H 4888 General Bill, By Rice, Agnew, E.H. Pitts, Ballentine, Clark, Bannister and Davenport

Summary: Cigarette tax increase

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-21-635 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF 1.5 CENTS PER CIGARETTE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS TAX MUST BE INCREASED .25 CENT PER CIGARETTE ANNUALLY FOR TWO YEARS BEGINNING ONE YEAR AFTER THIS TAX TAKES EFFECT; TO ESTABLISH THE YOUTH SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION FUND INTO WHICH MUST BE DEPOSITED FOUR PERCENT OF THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THIS TAX TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FOR YOUTH SMOKING PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE PERCENT OF THE REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THIS TAX MUST BE CREDITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR RESEARCH AND PROMOTION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES WITH FOOD GROWN IN THIS STATE; AND TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH AND PREVENTION FUND AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE REMAINING REVENUE GENERATED BY THIS TAX MUST BE CREDITED TO THIS FUND AND APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CRITICAL PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE HEALTH NEEDS OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS, INCLUDING USING SUCH FUNDS FOR MEDICAID MATCHING FUNDS.

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