Tobacco Control Legislation Passed in 2015 - by State

**ALABAMA**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,508,016 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.


Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 25 cents to 67.5 cents per pack. Dedicates additional revenue to the state Medicaid program.


**ALASKA**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $8,809,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.


**ARIZONA**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $15,480,800 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

FY2016 General Appropriations (S.B. 1469) enacted 3/12/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Tax/Other: Prohibits the holding, storage or transport of untaxed other tobacco products except under specified conditions. Makes technical changes to other tobacco-related statutes.


**ARKANSAS**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $16,663,375 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Changes percentages of Master Settlement Agreement dollars going to specific programs, reduces percentage of dollars going to tobacco prevention and cessation programs each year.

S.B. 391 enacted 4/1/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Smokefree Air: Clarifies restrictions around smoking in long-term care facilities.


Smokefree Air/E-Cigarettes: Prohibits the use of e-cigarettes on campuses of state-supported institutions of higher education.

H.B. 1722 enacted 3/31/15 and effective 7/22/15.

Tobacco Product Taxes: Amends and clarifies tobacco tax laws and ensures excise taxes apply to all tobacco products.

S.B. 684 enacted and effective 4/6/15.

E-cigarettes/Youth Access Laws & Licensing: Adds e-cigarettes defined as vapor products, alternative nicotine products, and e-liquid products to existing tobacco regulations with respect to requirements to obtain a license, prohibition of sales to persons under age 18 and youth access laws. Requires child-resistant packaging for e-cigarettes and allows for good manufacturing practice requirements for certain
e-cigarettes by rule.
S.B. 978 enacted 4/7/15 and effective 5/1/15.

E-cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Makes it OK for persons under age 18 to possess e-cigarettes if under the supervision of law enforcement for compliance efforts with youth access laws.
S.B. 123, sect. 6 enacted 4/6/15 and effective 7/22/15.

Smoking in Vehicles with Kids: Adds penalties for violation of the law prohibiting smoking in vehicles when kids under age 14 are present in the vehicle.
S.B. 462, sect. 10 enacted 4/8/15 and effective 7/22/15.

CALIFORNIA
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $61,098,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
FY2016 Annual Budget (A.B. 93) enacted 6/24/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Youth Access/E-Cigarettes: Prohibits the sale of non-nicotine products in a vapor state to persons under age 18.
A.B. 216 enacted 10/11/15 and effective 1/1/16.

Tobacco Use/Baseball Stadiums: Prohibits the use or possession of smokeless tobacco as defined on the playing fields of baseball stadiums in the state.
A.B. 768 enacted 10/11/15 and effective 12/1/16.

COLORADO
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $22,405,655 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Allows the state Department of Revenue to use tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) dollars from the Tobacco Settlement Defense Account for specified purposes. Amends percentage of MSA dollars going to the Children's Basic Health Plan Trust in future fiscal years.
S.B. 188 enacted and effective 4/16/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Repeals requirements that the State Board of Health and the Department of Public Health and Environment monitor and annually report on the operation and effectiveness of tobacco settlement programs.
S.B. 189 enacted and effective 4/16/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Broadens the focus of a program that receives tobacco MSA dollars.
S.B. 247 enacted and effective 5/8/15.

Tobacco Sales: Allows credits to be made to distributors if they pay the tax on tobacco products but then end up selling the product to consumers outside the state. Authority expires in 2018.
H.B. 15-1301 enacted and effective 6/10/15.

CONNECTICUT
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,188,335 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4-28f (2014) as affected by H.B. 7061 sect. 90, enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.
Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 25 cents to $3.65 per pack on October 1, 2015 and by an additional 25 cents to $3.90 per pack on July 1, 2016.
H.B. 7061, sects. 176 to 180 enacted 6/30/2015 and parts effective 10/1/15 and 7/1/16.

Smokefree Air/E-Cigarettes: Prohibits indoor use of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products (e-cigarettes) in most public places in Connecticut. Includes some exemptions from the restrictions on use, including retail establishments that sell and allow customers to use e-cigarettes onsite. The restrictions on e-cigarette use were not applied to private workplaces.
H.B. 6283 enacted 7/6/15 and effective 10/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Changes the way tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payments are allocated in FY2016, FY2017 and future years. Eliminates specific allocations of MSA dollars to Tobacco and Health Trust Fund in FY2016 and FY2017.
H.B. 7061 sect. 90, enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Licensing/E-Cigarettes: Requires sellers and manufacturers of electronic cigarettes to obtain certificates from the Commissioner for Consumer Protection to operate in the state. Outlines requirements to obtain certificates and requires a $75 initial application fee and a $400 annual fee to obtain and renew them.
H.B. 7061 sects. 108-110, enacted 6/30/15 and effective 1/1/16.

Electronic Cigarettes: Requires the joint standing committee of the legislature dealing with public health matters to hold a hearing no later than 30 days after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's rule deeming authority over tobacco products becomes final to discuss possible amendments to state statutes concerning products covered by the rule, including electronic cigarettes.
H.B. 7061 sect. 111, enacted and effective 6/30/15.

DELAWARE
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $6,398,100 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 225) enacted and effective 7/1/15.

Smokefree Air/E-cigarettes: Prohibits the use of electronic smoking devices in all public places where smoking is prohibited. Allows for use of electronic smoking devices in vapor establishments as defined.
H.B. 5 enacted 7/7/15 and effective 10/5/15.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,360,045 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
FY2016 Budget Request Act (B21-157) passed by the City Council 6/10/15, signed by mayor 7/2/15, passed U.S. Congressional Review Period 9/29/15 and effective 10/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Defines vapor products (e-cigarettes) and then adds them to the definition of "other tobacco product" for tobacco tax purposes, applying the other tobacco product tax to vapor products.
B21-158, title VII, Subtitle E passed the city council 6/30/15, signed by mayor 8/11/15, passed U.S. Congressional Review period 10/22/15 and effective for taxable periods on or after 10/1/15.

FLORIDA
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $67,683,940 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
**GEORGIA**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,750,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 76) enacted 5/11/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Product Licensing: Removes requirement for manufacturers and importers of tobacco products to file a bond with the state.

H.B. 312 enacted and effective 5/6/15.

**HAWAII**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $6,760,005 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in 2015/2016.

Allocation for calendar year 2015 from Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund & portion of other Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) funds allocated pursuant to HAW. REV. STAT. § 328L-2.

Minimum Age: Increases the minimum age to sell or purchase tobacco products to 21 years of age. Prohibits the possession or consumption of tobacco products by a person under 21 years of age.

Includes electronic smoking devices.

S.B. 1030 enacted 6/19/15 and effective 1/1/16.

Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco or electronic smoking devices within the state park system except exclusive use areas may be designated by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

H.B. 525 enacted 6/19/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Smokefree Air/E-Cigarettes: Prohibits the use of electronic smoking devices in all public places and workplaces where smoking is already prohibited.

H.B. 940 enacted 4/23/15 and effective 1/1/16.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Changes the way tobacco Master Settlement Agreement dollars are allocated, including increasing the percentage allocation for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund but eliminating the allocation to the Department of Health for chronic disease prevention programs.

S.B. 101 enacted 6/12/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Changes the way cigarette tax revenue is distributed by establishing maximum dollar amounts for several funds that receive such cigarette tax revenues.

S.B. 1297 enacted (became law without the governor's signature) 7/14/15 and effective retroactive to 7/1/15.

**IDAHO**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $5,162,900 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives in FY2016.


Smokefree Air: Revises the penalty for certain smoking violations in public places and publicly owned buildings.

H.B. 121 enacted 3/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.
Youth Access Laws: Revises penalties for persons under age 18 selling or distributing tobacco products or electronic cigarettes.  
H.B. 159 enacted 3/26/15 and effective 7/1/15.

ILLINOIS

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $3,100,100 in state funding for the Illinois tobacco quitline in FY2016.  
FY2016 Partial Appropriations (S.B. 2039) enacted and effective 12/7/15.

Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking completely in day care centers, day care homes or group day care homes regardless of whether children are present.  
H.B. 3531 enacted and effective 8/11/15.

Tobacco Licensing: Makes several small changes to laws that require cigarette and tobacco retailers and distributors to obtain licenses.  
H.B. 2513 enacted 7/30/15 and effective 1/1/16.

INDIANA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $5,900,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.  

E-Cigarettes/Regulation of E-Liquid Manufacturers: Requires e-liquid manufacturers to obtain a permit before bottling or selling e-liquids, and lays out a number of conditions and requirements to obtain said permit and that they must follow as manufacturer, including requiring the product to have a special designation if it has nicotine and requiring child-resistant caps that meet certain federal specifications.  
H.B. 1432 enacted 5/5/15 and effective 7/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Licensing, Manufacturing & Child-Resistant Containers: Prohibits retail sale of electronic cigarettes without a tobacco sales certificate. Amends previously passed 2015 legislation regulating e-liquid manufacturers. Requires nicotine liquid containers to be contained in child-resistant packaging as defined.  
S.B. 463 enacted 5/7/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Smokefree Air: Amends several exemptions in state law limiting smoking, including removing the grandfather provision for certain cigar businesses and the requirement that private clubs voted on whether to allow smoking in their establishments.  
S.B. 463 sect. 7, enacted 5/7/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Settlement: Amends definitions and provisions in several parts of state law related to implementation and enforcement of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.  
S.B. 463 sect. 11 & 12, enacted 5/7/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Amends the definition of "cost to the retailer" for cigarette tax purposes. Increases the cost of doing business by the retailer to 12 percent from 10 percent previously.  
H.B. 1001, sect. 251, enacted 5/7/15 and effective 7/1/15.

IOWA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $5,528,361 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.  
FY2016 Appropriations for Health and Human Services (S.F. 505) enacted and effective 7/2/15.
KANSAS

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $946,671 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016 Annual Budget (S.B. 112) enacted 6/16/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 50 cents to $1.29 per pack. Establishes a tax on electronic cigarettes of 20 cents per milliliter of consumable material, and applies the state sales tax to electronic cigarettes and their consumable material. H.B. 2109 sects. 12 & 29 enacted 6/16/15 and parts effective 7/1/15 (cigarette tax increase) & 7/1/16 (e-cigarette tax).

Smokefree Air: Adds an exemption to the state smokefree law for portions of medical or clinical research facilities for clinical research activities. H.B. 2124, sect. 1 enacted 6/2/15 and effective 6/16/15.

Tobacco Settlement: Makes amendments to laws that implement and enforce the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. H.B. 2124, sects. 2-8 enacted 6/2/15 and effective 6/16/15.

KENTUCKY


Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Appropriates additional money in the FY2015 budget from an earlier settlement of a Master Settlement Agreement payment dispute with certain tobacco companies. Includes funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. H.B. 510 enacted and effective 4/6/15.


LOUISIANA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $7,000,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 1) enacted 6/19/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 50 cents to 86 cents per pack. Establishes a tax of 5 cents per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution on electronic cigarettes and vapor products. H.B. 119 enacted 6/19/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Amends the law setting a minimum price for cigarettes, including further defining how the minimum wholesale and retail prices are computed. H.B. 477 enacted 7/1/15 and effective 8/1/15.

Tobacco Sales: Enacts provisions related to how wholesalers/manufacturers of tobacco products sell tobacco products to retail dealers, and prescribes penalties if retail dealers default on payment. H.B. 467 enacted 6/29/15 and effective 8/1/15.
Tobacco Cessation Programs: Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to establish a link to the website of the Smoking Cessation Trust and coordinate with the Trust on promotion of smoking cessation efforts. H.B. 158 enacted and effective 6/5/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Extends an excise tax exemption for cigars or pipe tobacco products sampled during the Convention of the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association through 2025. H.B. 249 enacted 6/19/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Control Programs: Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to post information about the Smoking Cessation Trust on its website and authorizes coordination between the Department and the Trust as specified. H.B. 158 enacted and effective 6/5/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Exempts cigars or pipe tobacco products sampled during the Convention of the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association from excise taxes. H.B. 249 enacted 6/19/15 and effective 7/1/15.

**MAINE**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $8,052,545 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Budget (H.P. 702/L.D. 1019) enacted (by veto override) 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15 (FY2016) & 7/1/16 (FY2017).

E-Cigarettes/Child Resistant Packaging: Prohibits selling, furnishing or giving away a nicotine liquid container as defined if the container is not child-resistant packaging as defined. Uses child-resistant standards established by federal government regulation. H.B. 290/L.D. 423 enacted (by veto override) 6/30/15 and effective 1/1/16.

Smokefree Air/E-Cigarettes: Provides for a definition of electronic nicotine delivery device and adds them to the definition of smoking prohibiting e-cigarette use in all enclosed areas of public places and outdoor eating areas under specified conditions. E-cigarette use in areas of workplaces that the public is not invited or allowed to enter are not included in this legislation. H.B. 769/L.D. 1108 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) 7/4/15 and effective 10/14/15.

Use of MSA Dollars/Tobacco Control Programs: Authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to study allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine and how they align with the state’s current public health care and preventive health priorities and goals. It can also recommend changes to future allocations and processes for the Fund. H.B. 624/L.D. 905 enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) and effective 7/12/15.

**MARYLAND**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $8,740,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 70) enacted (became law without the governor’s signature) 4/13/15 and effective 7/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Clarifies that the prohibition against selling, distributing or offering for sale an electronic device to persons under age 18 that can be used to deliver nicotine includes any component for the device or product used to refill the device. Changes the punishment from a criminal
violation to a civil penalty.  
H.B. 489 enacted 5/12/15 and effective 10/1/15.

Smokefree Air: Requires the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to adopt regulations on or before June 30, 2016 prohibiting the use of tobacco products on its property.  
H.B. 585 enacted 5/12/15 and effective 10/1/15.

MASSACHUSETTS

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $3,868,096 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.  
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 3650) enacted and effective 7/17/15.

Youth Access/Tobacco Sales: Authorizes the suspension of the license to sell lottery tickets for up to 60 days if tobacco licensees knowingly sell tobacco products to persons under age 18.  
H.B. 3650, sect. 29 enacted and effective 7/17/15.

Tobacco Smuggling: Creates a multi-agency illegal tobacco task force to coordinate efforts to combat contraband tobacco distribution, and lays out the powers and duties of said task force.  
H.B. 3650, sect. 71 enacted and effective 7/17/15.

MICHIGAN

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,628,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.  

S.B. 269 enacted and effective 1/10/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Changes a specific aspect of how appeals work for assessments, decisions or orders related to tobacco taxes.  
S.B. 100 enacted 6/16/15 and effective 3/18/16.

MINNESOTA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $21,461,036 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.  
FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Health and Human Services Budget (S.F. 1458) enacted 5/22/15 and effective 7/1/15 (FY2016) & 7/1/16 (FY2017); and FY2016 ClearWay Minnesota Operating Budget.

MISSISSIPPI

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $10,900,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.  
FY2016 Department of Health Appropriations (H.B. 1555) enacted 4/20/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers the entire remaining balance of the Health Care Trust Fund into the Health Care Expendable Fund in fiscal year 2015. Makes clarifying changes about where monies appropriated from the Tobacco Control Program Fund and Health Care Expendable Fund lapse to at the end of a fiscal year.  
H.B. 434 sections 13 & 14, enacted and effective 4/22/15.
Tobacco Use Surcharge: Prohibits the state and school employees’ health insurance management board from imposing a premium surcharge or other premium differential based on the use or nonuse of tobacco products.

MISSOURI

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $107,380 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives in FY2016.
FY2016 Department of Health and Senior Services Budget (H.B. 10) enacted 5/8/15 and effective 7/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Child Resistant Packaging: Requires nicotine liquid containers as defined to meet federal child-resistant effectiveness standards.

Youth Access: Creates the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control Fund and allows the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control to use the fund to administer laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to persons under age 18.
S.B. 373 enacted 7/14/15 and effective 8/13/15.

MONTANA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $6,444,708 in state funding to tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Prohibits the sale to and purchase/possession by persons under age 18 of alternative nicotine products and vapor products, the definitions of which include most e-cigarettes. Applies most existing youth access laws that apply to tobacco products to these products as well.
S.B. 66 enacted 4/28/15 and effective 1/1/16.

Tobacco Distribution: On election day, prohibits candidates for office, family members of candidates, or workers or volunteers for candidate’s campaigns from distributing tobacco within a polling place or building in which an election is being held or within 100 feet of the entrance.

NEBRASKA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $2,570,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

Smokefree Air: Clarifies exemption around tobacco retail outlets and changes exemption for cigar bars to cigar shops in the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act. Continues preemption of county resolution and city ordinances relating to smoking in cigar shops. Adds language downplaying the harmful effects of cigars and requires employees of tobacco retail outlets and cigar shops saying they understand they will be exposed to secondhand smoke.
**NEVADA**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,000,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives in FY2016. FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Budget (A.B. 490) enacted 6/9/15 and effective 7/1/15 (FY2016) & 7/1/16 (FY2017).

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by $1.00 to $1.80 per pack. Dedicates additional revenue to the state general fund. S.B. 483 enacted 6/9/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Cigarette Rolling Machines/Licensing: Expands the definition of a manufacturer to include persons manufacturing cigarettes for commercial purposes using cigarette rolling machines. Prohibits a manufacturer from operating a cigarette rolling machine without a license from the Department of Taxation. Authorizes the seizure and destruction of cigarette rolling machines from unlicensed manufacturers. A.B. 83 enacted and effective 6/9/15.

Other Tobacco Product Taxes: Specifically exempts e-cigarettes from taxation by excluding "alternative nicotine products" and vapor products" from the definition of "other tobacco product." S.B. 79 enacted 6/9/15 and effective 7/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Prohibits a person from selling, distributing or offering to sell e-cigarettes defined as vapor products and alternative nicotine products to any person under 18. Applies many state youth access and tobacco sales laws to e-cigarettes. S.B. 225 enacted 6/4/15 and effective 10/1/15.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $125,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Budget (H.B. 1) enacted (by veto override) 9/16/15 and effective 9/16/15 (FY2016) & 7/1/16 (FY2017).

Tobacco Taxes: Permits the sharing of information between the Department of Revenue Administration and the Liquor Commission's Division of Enforcement for purposes of enforcement of the tobacco tax. H.B. 187 enacted 6/26/15 and effective 8/28/15.

Youth Access: Adds a drivers license or identification card from the District of Columbia or a United States territory to the documents accepted for proof of age to purchase alcohol or tobacco. S.B. 73 enacted and effective 6/26/15.

Tobacco Sales: Prohibits the use of EBT cards at various types of tobacco retail stores and marijuana dispensaries. H.B. 219 enacted 7/20/15 and effective 9/18/15.

**NEW JERSEY**

NEW MEXICO

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $5,931,300 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 2) enacted 4/9/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers remaining 50 percent of Master Settlement Agreement dollars received in FY2016 from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund.
S.B. 270 enacted 4/3/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Transfers funds from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Fund to the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund as specified to fully fund appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund in FY2016.
H.B. 2 sect. 11, enacted 4/9/15 and effective 7/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Child Resistant Packaging: Requires the use of child-resistant packaging for liquid nicotine used in e-cigarettes.

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Prohibits sales of e-cigarettes and nicotine liquid containers, including online Internet sales, to persons under age 18 and applies many state youth access laws to these products. Requires nicotine liquid containers to be sold in child resistant packaging.

NEW YORK

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $39,300,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

Smokefree Air: Prohibits smoking within 100 feet within the entrances, exits or outdoor areas of after-school programs on the days and during the times they are operational.
S.B. 993 enacted 8/13/15 and effective 9/12/15.

NORTH CAROLINA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $1,200,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.
FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Budget (H.B. 97) enacted 9/18/15 and effective 9/18/15 (FY2016) and 7/1/16 (FY2017).

E-Cigarettes/Child Resistant Packaging: Requires e-cigarette e-liquid containers to be sold in child-resistant packaging as defined. Also requires nicotine-containing e-liquid containers to be labeled as containing nicotine.
S.B. 286 enacted 7/8/15 and effective 12/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Dedicates $10 million each year in tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) dollars to the Golden LEAF (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc. H.B. 97, sect. 6.24.(a) enacted and effective 9/8/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Authorizes the Department of Revenue to enter into an agreement with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in regards to the tax on tobacco products as specified.
H.B. 912, sect. 2 enacted and effective 9/30/15.
Tobacco Settlement: Makes changes to laws that implement and enforce the MSA, including amending the definition of units sold and putting additional requirements on MSA non-participating manufacturers. H.B. 97, sections 6.24.(b) to 6.24.(h), enacted and effective 9/30/15.

NORTH DAKOTA


E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Prohibits the sale of electronic smoking devices and alternative nicotine products to persons under age 18 and applies other state youth access laws to these products. Prohibits self-service displays of all tobacco products, electronic smoking devices and alternative nicotine products. Requires liquid nicotine containers to be sold in child-resistant packaging as defined. H.B. 1186 enacted 4/8/15 and effective 8/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Allows for the appropriation of certain tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds to the state Attorney General to enforce and settle disputes about the agreement. S.B. 2003 sect. 12, enacted 5/12/15 and effective 8/1/15.

OHIO

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $12,085,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016-FY2017 Biennial Budget (H.B. 64) enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15 (FY2016) & 7/1/16 (FY2017).

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 35 cents to $1.60 per pack. H.B. 64 enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.

OKLAHOMA


Smokefree Air: Prohibits the use of tobacco products on or in educational facilities, including early childhood education and public and private K-12 schools. Also, prohibits the use of tobacco products in school vehicles or at school events or activities. H.B. 1685 enacted 5/6/15 and effective 8/20/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Declares unsolicited proposals or other documents to obtain funding to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund to be not confidential and subject to state open records and meetings laws. H.B. 2185 enacted 4/20/15 and effective 11/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Relates to cigarette tax stamps. Removes requirement and procedures related to exchange of certain stamps and authority for sale of certain stamps, but requires rules giving credits to
wholesalers under similar circumstances. S.B. 248 enacted 5/12/15 and effective 11/1/15.

OREGON

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $9,843,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016-FY2017 Department of Human Services Biennial Budget (H.B. 5026) enacted and effective 7/27/15 (FY2016) 7/1/16 (FY2017) and H.B. 5039 enacted and effective 8/12/15.

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws/Child Resistant Packaging: Prohibits the sale of and purchase/possession by persons under age 18 of inhalant delivery systems as defined. Applies state youth access to tobacco products laws to inhalant delivery systems. Prohibits the sale of inhalant delivery systems that are not labeled, packaged in child-resistant packaging or packaged in a manner that is attractive to persons under age 18 pursuant to rules adopted by the Oregon Health Authority. H.B. 2546 enacted and effective 5/26/15 (with varying dates for when certain rules need to be finalized by).

E-Cigarettes/Smokefree Air: Prohibits the aerosolizing or vaporizing of inhalants in all public places and places of employment where smoking of tobacco is already prohibited, and in vehicles when persons under age 18 are present in the vehicle. H.B. 2546 enacted 5/26/15 and parts effective 5/26/15 and 1/1/16.

Smokefree Air: Amends some requirements for smoke shops to be exempted from Oregon's smokefree workplace law, including allowing on-premises consumption of food and nonalcoholic beverages at certified smoke shops. H.B. 2969 enacted and effective 5/12/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Removes provisions for expiration of cigarette tax stamps following tax increases. Limits distributor purchases of stamps in months immediately prior to tax increases to a certain percent of the average over several months prior to the increase. H.B. 2489 enacted 4/28/15 and effective 10/5/15.


PENNSYLVANIA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $13,722,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016 Allocation made by Governor Wolf in December 2015 in absence of state fiscal code bill.

Tobacco Settlement: Makes a change to the definition of units sold in the statute implementing the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). H.B. 1735 enacted 12/28/15 and effective 60 days after the Office of Attorney General obtains consent of participating manufacturers under the MSA.

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RHODE ISLAND

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $397,908 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. 
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 5900) enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 25 cents to $3.75 per pack. 
H.B. 5900, sect. 10 & 11 enacted 6/30/15 and effective 8/1/15.

Smokefree Air: Changes the definition of smoking bar to require owners to demonstrate on a quarterly basis for one year and annually thereafter that the revenue generated from serving tobacco products exceeds the total combined revenue generated from the sale of food and beverages. 
H.B. 5224/S.B. 303 enacted and effective 7/15/15.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $5,000,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. 
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 3701) enacted 6/29/15 (some line-item vetoes overridden 7/7/15) and effective 7/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Specifies how any tobacco Master Settlement Agreement dollars available in FY2016 will be allocated. Also, allows an unexpended MSA funds from FY2015 to be carried forward by state agencies and spent for the same purpose. 
H.B. 4701, sect. 117.36 & 118.12 enacted 6/29/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Use/State Employee Health Plans: In FY2016, the state Budget and Control Board is authorized to impose a surcharge on enrollee rates based on tobacco use. The surcharge cannot exceed $40 per month for a subscriber or $60 per month for a subscriber and dependents. 
H.B. 3701, sect. 108.3 enacted 6/29/15 and effective 7/1/15.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $4,500,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. 
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 1208, sect. 9) enacted 3/19/15 and effective 7/1/15.

TENNESSEE

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $5,000,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. 
FY2016 Annual Budget (H.B. 1374) enacted 5/18/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Minimum Price Laws: Redefines the cost of doing business by a retailer in the state's minimum price law increasing the percentage of the basic cost of cigarettes to the retailer from 8 percent to 15 percent over several years. 

E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws/Child-Resistant Packaging: Defines vapor products, the definition of which includes most electronic cigarettes, and prohibits their sale to and purchase/possession by persons under age 18. Applies most state youth access laws that apply to tobacco products to vapor products. Implements child-resistant safety standards for liquid nicotine containers as defined. 
S.B. 411 enacted 5/4/15 and section 13 (child-resistant containers) effective 1/1/16; all other sections effective 7/1/15.
Tobacco Prevention Programs: Requires the state Department of Health to include peer-reviewed and science-based educational materials on harm reduction as part of their tobacco prevention programs. S.B. 411 enacted 5/4/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Product Sales: Prohibits recipients of public assistance benefits from using an electronic benefits transfer card at a retailer that derives its largest category of sales from the sale of tobacco products. S.B. 786 enacted 5/8/15 and effective 7/1/15.

**TEXAS**


E-Cigarettes/Youth Access Laws: Prohibits sales of e-cigarettes as defined to persons under age 18 and adds e-cigarettes to all youth access and tobacco product sales restriction laws. S.B. 97 enacted 5/28/15 and effective 10/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Child Resistant Packaging: Prohibits the sale of liquid nicotine containers unless they meet federal child-resistant effectiveness standards or the cartridge is prefilled and sealed by the manufacturer and not intended to be opened by the consumer. S.B. 97, sect. 13 enacted 5/28/15 and effective 10/1/15.

E-Cigarettes/Smokefree Laws: Requires school districts to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes on school district property and at school-sponsored events. Restricts e-cigarette use in all places where smoking is restricted under the state Penal Code. S.B. 97, sect. 38 & 39, enacted 5/28/15 and effective 10/1/15.

Tobacco Surcharge/State Health Plan: Applies a $30 monthly tobacco user fee for FY2016 and FY2017 to anyone who does not certify during the enrollment period that they do not use tobacco. H.B. 1 enacted 6/20/15 and effective 9/1/15.

**UTAH**

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $7,094,700 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016. FY2016 Social Services Budget (S.B. 7) enacted 2/25/15 and effective 7/1/15.


E-Cigarette Regulation/Licensing: Requires a license in order to sell or distribute an electronic cigarette product. Requires establishment by regulation of product quality and labeling standards for electronic cigarette products. Prohibits advertising of electronic cigarette product as a tobacco cessation device or if no license has been obtained. H.B. 415 enacted 3/24/15 and effective 5/11/15.
VERMONT

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Appropriated $3,698,251 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

Tobacco Taxes: Increases the cigarette tax by 33 cents to $3.08 per pack. Increases taxes on almost all other tobacco products except cigars.
S.B. 139, sects. 49 & 50 enacted 6/5/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Unspent money in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund at the end of FY2015 will not be transferred to the Tobacco Trust Fund as specified under current state law. Investment earnings from the Tobacco Trust Fund and any money necessary to ensure the balance in the Settlement Fund will not be negative at the end of FY2016 will also be transferred to the Settlement Fund.

Tobacco Taxes/Licensing: Makes a number of changes to laws that license tobacco wholesalers/retailers and that deal with collection and payment of tobacco taxes.
H.B. 489, sects. 73-86 enacted and effective 6/11/15.

VIRGINIA

Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $8,327,905 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

E-Cigarettes/Child-Resistant Packaging: Requires containers of liquid nicotine sold in Virginia to satisfy child-resistant packaging standards as specified. The law becomes null and void on the effective date of any federal legislation or regulations on the same topic.

Smuggling: Lowers the felony threshold for possession with intent to distribute tax-paid cigarettes. Creates a crime and civil penalties for using certain forged documents to purchase more than 5,000 cigarettes.

Use of MSA Dollars: Makes changes to the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission which oversees disbursement of funds for Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund that previously received Master Settlement Agreement dollars. Also changes requirements for disbursement of economic development grants or awards.

Tobacco Taxes: Allows the sharing of tax information relating to sellers and purchasers of cigarettes or other tobacco products with governmental entities.
S.B. 1010 enacted 3/17/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Taxes/Licensing: Makes persons/entities unable to be an "authorized holder," someone who sells, distributes or transports tobacco products, if they commit certain offenses such as evasion of tobacco taxes. Requires Attorney General to create a list of persons/entities that can't be authorized holders.

WASHINGTON
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $675,500 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives in FY2016.

Use of Tobacco Settlement Dollars: Makes several changes to the way tobacco Master Settlement Agreement dollars are distributed.
S.B. 6052, sect. 956 enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.

Tobacco Product Surcharge/State Employees: Requires the Public Employee Benefits Board to collect a $25 per month surcharge payment in addition to health insurance premiums from state employees that use tobacco products. The surcharge is no less than $50 per month if the member covers a spouse or domestic partner on the plan.
S.B. 6052, sect. 734 enacted 6/30/15 and effective 7/1/15.

WEST VIRGINIA

WISCONSIN
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $5,300,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

WYOMING
Tobacco Control Program Funding: Allocated $4,600,000 in state funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs in FY2016.

E-Cigarettes/Child Resistant Packaging: Prohibits the sale of liquid nicotine used in e-cigarettes in the state if it is not sold in child-resistant packaging as defined.

Tobacco Prevention Programs/Harm Reduction: Requires the state Department of Health tobacco control program to include peer reviewed science based educational materials on tobacco harm reduction and the comparative risks of various tobacco products.

Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes: Changes responsibility for enforcement for many parts of the fire safety standards for cigarettes law to the state Department of Revenue.
H.B. 113 enacted and effective 2/25/15.