

June 11, 2002

**H 1606. RAISE ALCOHOL/CIGARETTE REV. TO SAVE SERVICES. TO RAISE THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES FROM FIVE CENTS TO THIRTY CENTS A PACK; TO RESTORE THE PREVIOUS RATE OF EXCISE TAX ON LIQUOR; AND TO RAISE BEER AND WINE TAXES.**

Amends GS 105-113.5 to raise the tax on cigarettes from 2.5 mills per cigarette to 1.5 cents per cigarette, effective July 1, 2002. Amends GS 105-113.80(c) to raise the excise tax on liquor sold in ABC stores from 25% to 28%, effective Oct. 1, 2002. Adds new 105-113.80A to enact a surtax on beer of 53 cents per gallon, on unfortified wine of 21 cents per liter, and on fortified wine of 24 cents per liter, effective August 1, 2002. Provides that none of the proceeds from these additional beer and wine taxes are to be turned over to the Dep't of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to GS 105-113.81A or to local governments pursuant to GS 105-113.82. Permits Dep't of Revenue to expend up to \$75,000 of proceeds of additional beer and wine taxes to pay for implementing such taxes.

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Ref. to Finance	GS 105
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