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S 1451. ENFORCE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. TO ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS BY NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURERS. GS 66-291(a) requires tobacco products manufacturers selling cigarettes in NC either to be a participating manufacturer in the Master Settlement Agreement (between states and tobacco products manufacturers) or to place specified amounts in an escrow fund. Act amends GS 105-113.4C to add that no person may pay the tobacco excise tax on, sell, possess for sale, or possess for resale to person in NC any cigarettes unless the manufacturer that makes or sells the cigarettes is in compliance with GS 66-291(a). Amends GS 14-401.18 to make it a Class A1 misdemeanor and an unfair trade practice to sell or hold for sale (other than for export to a foreign country) a package of cigarettes that violates any federal law or regulation.

Intro. by Dalton.

To be referred 6-18	GS 14, 105
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