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H 516. INCREASE REVENUES WITHOUT RAISING TAXES. Filed 3/9/09. *TO INCREASE RECURRING REVENUES TO THE GENERAL FUND OF APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR WITHOUT RAISING TAXES BY REDIRECTING ANNUAL PAYMENTS DESIGNATED FOR THE GOLDEN L.E.A.F., INC., FROM THE MASTER SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND.*

The state of North Carolina entered into a consent decree and final judgment in the court action entitled *State of North Carolina v. Phillip Morris Incorporated, et al.*, 98 CVS 14377 (*NC v. Phillip Morris*) that provided for the creation of a nonprofit corporation for the receipt and distribution of 50% of the funds allocated to the state in the consent decree and judgment. Section 2(b) of SL 1999-2 provides for the vesting of the right, title, and interest of each annual 50% installment in the nonprofit corporation *except when otherwise provided by the General Assembly before the installment payment is received in North Carolina's State Specific Account*. Pursuant to the authorization of SL 1999-2 Section 2(b), directs that the 50% of the annual installment payment to the North Carolina State Specific Account that would otherwise be transferred and assigned to the The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., for the 2008–09 and 2009–10 fiscal years, and all other subsequent fiscal years, instead be transferred to the General Fund.

Directs the state Attorney General to take all necessary actions to notify the court in *NC v. Phillip Morris* and the administrators of the State Specific Account established under the Master Settlement Agreement of the General Assembly's action in redirecting these payments.

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