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Massachusetts Senate approved 25 cent cigarette tax hike for health care programs. The senate vote was 30 to 6, comfortably more than a two thirds needed to beat back the governor's veto.

There are additional amendments added to the bill. The bill will have to be voted by the house and then forwarded to the governor. Most likely vote will take place some time next week.