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Bill #	Sponsor(s)	Description	Status	For	Against	N/A
S121	Coderre, Irons, Iglizio, Roberts	This act would provide for an increase in the state tax imposed on cigarettes and other tobacco products for various purposes.	Referred to Senate Finance, 1/23/01		✓	
S160	Polisena, Damiani, Tassoni, Izzo	This act would establish fire safety standards for cigarettes	Referred to Senate HEW, 1/24/01		✓	
S283	Graziano	This act establishes a tobacco control program and increases the cigarette taxes. In addition, it authorizes the additional cigarette tax revenue to aid health care for adults.	Referred to Senate Finance, 2/28/01		✓	
S297	McDonald	This act creates a violation for underage persons in possession of tobacco products.	Referred to Senate Judiciary, 2/8/01			✓
S529	Connors, Goodwin, Coderre, Roberts, Roney, (Lt. Gov.)	This act would create the Tobacco Control and Tobacco Disease Prevention Act of 2001 to help combat the effects of tobacco on people's health.	Referred to Senate Finance, 2/13/01			✓
S566	Alves, Montalbano, Izzo, Polisena, Graziano	This act would define "direct line of sight" as it applies to the purchase of cigarettes from vending machines with locking mechanisms	Referred to Senate Judiciary, 2/14/01; Committee recommended referral to Senate HEW, 3/20/01; Senate voted to recommit to Senate HEW, 3/20/01			✓
S601	Caprio, Alves, Walaska	This act would authorize the state to use tobacco settlement funds to reduce the state debt.	Referred to Senate Finance, 2/14/01			✓
S616	Alves, Montalbano, Izzo, Polisena, Graziano	This act would require vending machine operators to be subject to provisions of the chapter on cigarette tax.	Referred to Senate Finance, 2/14/01; Committee recommended Referred to Senate HEW, 3/7/01; Senate voted to recommit to Senate HEW, 3/7/01			✓
S678	Blais	This act would amend the provisions of the general laws by increasing the tobacco tax to further fund the tobacco product manufacturer's settlement fund set forth in chapter 23-71.	Referred to Senate Finance, 2/14/01			✓
S Res 843	Graziano, Walsh, Roberts, Blais	Resolution requesting the Director of the Department of Human Services to conduct a feasibility study of adding smoking cessation therapy as a Medicaid benefit	Referred to Senate HEW, 3/8/01			✓

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H5021	Williamson	This act would require all funds received by the state from the tobacco settlement to be distributed equally to the cities and towns.	Referred to House Finance, 1/3/01			✓
H5114	Palumbo, Reilly	This act would prohibit the use of tobacco products by minors under the age of 18 years in public.	Referred to House Judiciary, 1/16/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/13/01; Continued, 3/13/01			✓
H5254	Barr	This act would make it unlawful for persons under 21 years old to possess tobacco in public and sets fines from \$100 to \$500	Referred to House Judiciary, 1/24/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/13/01; Continued, 3/13/01		✓	
H5256	Barr	This act would strengthen the penalties associated with the provisions of the general laws regulating and governing the use of tobacco by those persons under eighteen (18) years of age.	Referred to House Judiciary, 1/24/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/13/01; Continued, 3/13/01			✓
H5257	Barr	This act would strengthen the penalties associated with selling tobacco to minors.	Referred to House Judiciary, 1/24/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/13/01; Continued, 3/13/01			✓
H5279	Dennigan, Thompson, Almeida, Cicilline, Lewiss	This act would prohibit smoking tobacco products in restaurants, except those with bar and lounge areas that are enclosed from the dining areas and contain separate ventilation systems.	Referred to House HEW, 1/24/01; Committee recommended referral to House Finance, 2/13/01; House voted to recommit to House Finance, 2/28/01		✓	
H5280	Dennigan, Thompson, Almeida, Cicilline, Lewiss	This act would prohibit smoking tobacco products in any public place which allows persons under the age of 18.	Referred to House HEW, 1/24/01; Committee recommended referral to House Finance, 2/13/01; House voted to recommit to House Finance, 2/28/01			✓

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H5337	McNamara, Brien, Aiken	This act mandates that 20% of funds received by the state from the settlement of lawsuits against the tobacco industry would be used by the department of health for smoking related programs.	Referred to House Finance, 1/30/01			✓
H5351	McNamara, Brien, Iwuc	This act would prohibit the advertising of tobacco products within one mile of any school.	Referred to House HEW, 1/24/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01; Scheduled for consideration, 4/3/01			✓
H5384	Maher, Vieira, Coelho, Munsch, Sullivan	This act would set aside fifteen percent (15%) of the tobacco settlement funds for the school departments of the cities and towns to be based upon the percentage share of state income tax paid by the residents	Referred to House Finance, 1/31/01			✓
H5479	Menard, Ginaitt, Caprio, Cambio, Winfield, (Lt. Gov.)	This act would establish the Fire Safety Standards for Cigarettes Act.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01; Scheduled for consideration, 4/4/01		✓	
H5513	San Bento, Shanley	This act would apply to vending machine operators, the provisions regarding cigarette taxation, and the prohibition on the sale of cigarettes to minors.	Referred to House Finance, 2/6/01			✓
H5528	San Bento, Shanley	This act would require tobacco vending machines to be in direct line of vision to an authorized person who can unlock the machine.	Referred to House Finance, 2/6/01			✓
H5532	Pires, (Attorney General)	This act makes technical amendments to the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Funds Act.	Referred to House Finance, 2/6/01; Committee Recommends Passage, 3/13/01; House read and passed, 3/13/01; Referred to Senate Finance, 3/15/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/22/01; Placed on Senate calendar, 3/22/01; Committee recommends passage in concurrence, 3/22/01			✓

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H5554	Thompson, Gallison, Cambio, Fox	This act creates a plan for a healthy Rhode Island. It establishes a tobacco control program and increases the cigarette taxes. In addition, it authorizes the additional cigarette tax revenue to aid health care for adults.	Referred to Senate Finance, 2/6/01		✓	
H5586	Henseler, Ginaitt, Cambio, Cerra, Thompson, (Lt. Gov.)	This act would amend the definition of tobacco products prohibited for sale to minors to include "bidi cigarettes." This act would also prohibit the use of tobacco by all minors and the distribution of free tobacco products.	Referred to House Judiciary, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/13/01; Continued, 3/13/01		✓	
H5677	Moura, Lally, McCauley, Menard, Williams	This act would raise the rate of tax imposed on cigarettes and unstamped cigarettes from thirty-five and one-half (35.5) mills to sixty and one half (60.5) mills for each cigarette.	Referred to House Finance, 2/6/01		✓	
H5699	Reilly, Iwuc	This act requires the state police to establish a registry to monitor enforcement and compliance with the laws related to children and tobacco products.	Referred to House Finance, 2/6/01			✓
H5743	Costantino, Dennigan, Ginaitt, Fox, McCauley	This act would include tobacco related cessation programs as a covered service under health care policies providing coverage for substance abuse programs.	Referred, House Corp, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/21/01; Continued, 3/21/01			✓
H5822	Reilly, San Bento, Palangio	This act would impose fines against any person under eighteen (18) years of age who purchases cigarettes or any other tobacco product.	Referred to House Judiciary, 2/6/01			✓
H5867	Ginaitt, Rabideau, Andersen, Thompson, Gallison	This act would prohibit the distribution of tobacco products or coupons to any person.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01; Scheduled for consideration, 3/27/01		✓	
H5868	Ginaitt, Rabideau, Andersen, Thompson, Gallison	This act would prohibit minors up to age 18 to the use of tobacco.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01; Scheduled for consideration, 4/4/01			✓

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H5869	Ginaitt, Rabideau, Andersen, Thompson, Gallison	This act would prohibit retailers from displaying tobacco products for sale in their establishment.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/29/01; Scheduled for consideration, 4/4/01		✓	
H5876	Costantino, Fox, Schadone, Mumford, Tejada	This act would reflect the prior legislative transfer of the division of substance abuse from the department of health to the department of mental health, retardation and hospitals.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/29/01; Scheduled for consideration, 4/4/01			✓
H5881	Henseler, Ginaitt, Cambio, Cerra, Thompson, Almeida, (Lt. Gov.)	This act would create the Tobacco Control and Tobacco Disease Prevention Act of 2001 to help combat the effects of tobacco on people's health.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Committee recommended referral to House Finance, 3/14/01; House voted to recommit to House Finance, 3/20/01			✓
H5882	Ginaitt, Rabideau, Andersen, Thompson, Gallison	This act would prohibit the rule of bidi cigarettes to person under eighteen (18) years of age.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01		✓	
H5883	Ginaitt, Thompson, Gallison	This act would add health care facilities and assisted living facilities to prohibited areas for smoking	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/14/01; Continued, 3/20/01; Scheduled for consideration, 4/4/01			✓
H5894	Gallison, Ginaitt, Brien	This act would prohibit smoking in public eating facilities unless there is a separate smoking room.	Referred to House HEW, 2/6/01; Committee recommended referral to House Finance, 2/28/01; House voted to recommit to House Finance, 3/1/01		✓	

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H5952	Rabideau (Health Dept.)	This act would transfer the duties of the department of health pertaining to the sale of tobacco products to minors to the department of mental health, retardation and hospitals.	Referred to House Judiciary, 2/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/6/01; Scheduled for hearing, 3/13/01; Continued, 3/13/01; Scheduled for Consideration, 3/27/01			✓
H6102	Cambio	This act would create a tobacco control program within the department of health.	Referred to House Finance, 2/27/01			✓

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