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Late Friday, VERMONT Senate attached 4-cent cigarette tax increase to H900...vote was 17-13. Conference cmte members are considering tax measure, which also hikes gas tax and rooms & meals tax...adds sales tax to wine.

FLORIDA House Finance & Taxation Cmte is considering new draft indigent care bill...would hike cigarette tax by 10 cents...raise OTP rate from 25 to 45 percent...include cigars under OTP tax. Proposed cmte bill would also raise tax on obligations and promissory notes...raise utilities tax and expand to cover cable television service. House Health Care Cmte is reviewing subcmte substitute for H1799 this afternoon ...as revised, bill would require at least 50-percent nonsmoking in workplaces, restaurants...would not require provision of smoking areas.

ILLINOIS House Executive Cmte takes up carryover smoking restriction measure, H1823, at hearing Wednesday...also on agenda, H3116, to prohibit outdoor advertising for alcoholic beverages or tobacco products.

NEW YORK Assembly Labor Cmte OK'd employment discrimination bill today...A10727 would provide protection against discrimination based on any legal, off-duty activity.

RHODE ISLAND House Finance Cmte holds hearing today on indoor air quality measure...H8871 would require standards to be set within two years...effective in workplaces two years later. Bill to add airports and other transportation terminals to public smoking law, H9172, awaits House floor action.

ALASKA Senate Finance Cmte resumes consideration of tobacco retail licensing bill on Thursday...H141 would use license suspension as penalty for sale to persons under age 19.

RICHMOND VA City Council passed resolution Monday to eliminate proposed 20-cent cigarette tax from budget plan... will take formal action on budget 5/2.

NEW YORK CITY Council's Health Cmte and Youth Services Cmte have set joint public hearing for 5/3...will take testimony on vending restriction measure, three ordinances to ban sampling of cigarettes and other tobacco products...also resolution urging manufacturers to halt distribution of sample tobacco products or other promotional items through use of toll-free phone numbers.

LENEXA KS City Council gave final passage to broad smoking ordinance on 4/19...vote was 6-2. Public smoking limits take effect 5/19...workplace restrictions required 8/19.

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