

"Massachusetts House Passes Tax on Tobacco"  
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On Wednesday, Massachusetts' House of Representatives overrode Gov. William Weld's veto of a health care bill that included a 25-cent-per-pack cigarette tax, as well as a 15% tax on cigars and tobacco. The tax is expected to bring in \$100 million in annual revenues to cover the cost of health care for 160,000 children who are not insured and provide prescription drug subsidies for the aged. The measure now travels to the state Senate, where it is expected to pass. Under the bill, the taxes would take effect Oct. 1. Related Story: USA Today (07/25) P. 10A

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