

April 3, 2003

**S 915. RAISE CIGARETTE TAX FOR MEDICAID. TO RAISE THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES AND TO PHASE OUT THE COUNTY SHARE OF MEDICAID COSTS.** Amends GS 105-113.5 to increase the tax on cigarettes from 2 1/2 mills to 3 cents per cigarette. Provides that effective July 1, 2003, the state must pay 100% of the nonfederal share of nonadministrative costs under the Medical Assistance Program for all counties designated in 2003 as enterprise tier one or two. Effective July 1, 2004, it must pay the same for all counties designated in 2003 as enterprise one, two, or three. Effective July 1, 2005, it must pay the same for all counties. Effective July 1, 2003, except as otherwise provided.

**Intro. by Clodfelter.**

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