January 31, 2005 **H 15. CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.** *TO INCREASE THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR VITAL STATE SERVICES SUCH AS PUBLIC HEALTH.* Amends GS 105-113.5 to increase excise tax on cigarettes from five cents to \$1.20 per pack. Effective July 1, 2005. **Intro. by Miller.** Ref. to Finance GS 105