

March 24, 2005

S 931. RAISE CIGARETTE TAX FOR MEDICAID. TO RAISE THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES AND TO PHASE OUT THE COUNTY SHARE OF MEDICAID COSTS. As title indicates. Amends GS 105-113.5 to increase tax from 5 cents to 75 cents per pack effective July 1, 2005. Requires that effective July 1, 2005, State pay 100% of county share of Medicaid costs in counties designated as enterprise tier one, two, and three counties in 2005 fiscal year; that effective July 1, 2006, State pay 100% of county share of Medicaid costs for all counties "designated as enterprise tier counties" in 2006 fiscal year; and that effective July 1, 2007, State pay 100% of county share of Medicaid costs for all counties. Makes conforming changes.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

Ref. to Finance

GS 105, 108A