

April 13, 2009

**H 1487. PROHIBIT SELF-SERVICE DISPLAYS FOR TOBACCO.** Filed 4/9/09. *TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN SELF-SERVICE DISPLAYS.*

Amends GS 14-313 to prohibit tobacco products from being distributed in self-service displays (defined as a display that contains a tobacco product and is located in an area openly accessible to the ultimate consumer, and from which the consumer can readily access tobacco products without the assistance of the owner, licensee, or employee) unless the display is (1) located in a tobacco specialty store (a retail business that derives at least 75% of its revenue from tobacco products and cigarette wrapping papers) and does not contain cigarettes or smokeless tobacco or (2) is a vending machine permitted under subsection (b1) of the statute. Requires that all prohibited self-service displays be removed by December 1, 2009. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to distribute tobacco products through a prohibited self-service display. Also adds definitions for *cigarette* and *smokeless tobacco*.

**Intro. by Harrell.**

GS 14