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May 5, 2009

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Amends GS 105-113.80 to increase the excise tax on (1) beer to \$0.57432 per gallon (was, \$0.53177), (2) unfortified wine to \$0.2268 per liter (was, \$0.21), (3) fortified wine to \$0.2592 per liter (was, \$0.24), and (4) liquor sold in ABC stores to 27% (was, 25%). Establishes new GS 143C-9-2A to create the Risk Behavior Fund within the Office of State Management and Budget. Requires that the funds be used exclusively for programs and state-sponsored media campaigns designed to prevent underage drinking. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to report annually beginning July 1, 2010, to the General Assembly on expenditures from the fund and statistical trends related to underage drinking in the state. Amends GS 105-82 to direct that a percentage of the excise taxes collected from the sale of malt beverages, wine, and liquor be allocated to the newly established Risk Behavior Fund. Makes conforming changes. Effective July 1, 2009.

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