

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Covington & Burling

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### Alabama

- S 532 was introduced and referred to the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Cmte on 4/11...would authorize the Alabama 21st Century Authority to sell and issue up to \$97,000,000 in bonds, in addition to all other bonds previously issued by the Authority, payable solely out of tobacco revenues in the Alabama 21st Century Fund.

### Arizona

- H 2392 passed the Senate and was returned to the House on 4/11...as engrossed by the Senate, would relate to workers' compensation granted to firefighters, presuming occupational disease (deemed to arise out of employment). Does not apply to cancers of the respiratory tract if the firefighter has smoked tobacco products.

### Arkansas

- H 1643 was sent to the Governor on 4/12...would reduce the commission paid to stamp deputies from 4.4% to 3.8% of the total aggregate cigarette tax collected. Increases the percentage of tax revenues collected for deposit into the state treasury as special revenue from 10% to 29% (earmarks revenue, 50% to the aging and adult services fund account for meals-on-wheels, and 50% to the department of human services grant fund account for a prescription drug for the elderly waiver program). Provides a stipulation that would transfer funds to the breast cancer control fund and the breast cancer research fund.
- S 773 passed the House and was returned to the Senate on 4/12...would establish the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, consisting of moneys received pursuant to the tobacco settlement cash holding fund. Also establishes the Arkansas tobacco settlement commission fund, the prevention and cessation program account, the targeted state needs program account, the Arkansas biosciences institute program account, and the Medicaid expansion program account, funded from the tobacco settlement program fund.
- S 904 was sent to the Governor on 4/12...would create the Arkansas Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force; prescribes its functions and duties.

### Idaho

- S 1182 was signed by the Governor on 4/9...appropriates \$4,700,000 in revenue from cigarette/tobacco and lottery income taxes for public schools.
- S 1273 was signed by the Governor on 4/9...appropriates \$71,400 to the department of mental health services for the prevention of minors' access to tobacco. Expresses the legislative intent that \$100,000 of the moneys appropriated for substance abuse prevention be used to purchase radio and television advertising targeted to adolescents concerning alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

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**Maine**

- L 1172 died pursuant to legislative rule in the Senate on 4/12...would have clarified that smoking is not prohibited in a shop as long as at least 3/5 of the shop's revenue is derived from the sales of tobacco and tobacco-related products, even if alcohol or food is sold or served on the premises; also would have increased the square footage limitation to 2,500 square feet.
- L 1451 died pursuant to legislative rule in the Senate on 4/12...would have removed the levy of the sales tax on all food, including prepared food, candy and confections, and on nonalcoholic beverages, medicines and vitamins. (Did not include tobacco products.)

**North Dakota**

- S 2116 was sent to the Governor on 4/11...would establish a penalty fee for violation of minors sales/purchase/possession provisions.

**Pennsylvania**

- S 797 was introduced and referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Cmte on 4/12...would prohibit the sale of bidis (beedies); defines bidis as a product containing tobacco that is wrapped in temburni leaf (*diospyrosmelanoxylon*) or tendu leaf (*diospyros exculpra*), or any other product that is offered to, or purchased by, consumers as bidis or beedies. Provides penalties.

**South Carolina**

- S 575 was introduced and referred to the Senate Judiciary Cmte on 4/11...would make it unlawful for a minor to purchase or possess cigarettes, tobacco, or tobacco products. Provides penalties; authorizes the court to suspend or restrict the minor's drivers license for a period not to exceed 90 days, and gives the magistrates courts and municipal courts concurrent jurisdiction for minors under 17 in violation of this act.

**Tennessee**

- S 84 was signed by the Governor on 4/11...repeals the June 30, 2001 sunset date for the Tennessee tobacco farmers certifying board, and extends it to June 30, 2007.
- S 1891 was substituted for H 1918 and sent to the Governor on 4/12...would authorize the commissioner of revenue to issue a request to any tobacco distributor or wholesaler for information regarding cigarette units sold; requires the licensee to comply within 30 days of receipt of the request; provides that the commissioner may suspend or revoke a license, or impose a civil penalty or other sanctions, for failure to comply.

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**West Virginia**

- H 2717 passed the Senate and was returned to the House on 4/11...would authorize the alcohol beverage control commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to cigarettes produced for export and imported cigarettes, as well as a rule relating to prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in vending machines.

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