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...IN REVIEW...IN REVIEW...IN REVIEW...

✓ MARYLAND budget bill, including provisions of H707, awaits conference cmte action...House rejected Senate's amendment to increase cigarette excise by 5 cents. On reconsideration Monday, Senate passed restrictions on tobacco vending...OK'd S625 by vote of 26-18...would allow machines where not open to minors.

MONTANA Senate Taxation Cmte chopped away at cigarette tax increase in S353...reduced hike from 25 cents to 3 cents per pack ...also removed provision requiring referendum. Cmte sent bill, which also would double tax rate on OTP, to Senate floor by 6-4 vote. Bill to repeal NEVADA cigarette tax sunset, S357, will be heard 4/4 in Senate Taxation Cmte...under 1989 legislation, excise is to be reduced from 35 to 20 cents per pack 7/1.

NEW HAMPSHIRE House Ways & Means Cmte continues to discuss tax changes in H800...bill includes reduction in cigarette excise from 25 to 21 cents. Also pending before Cmte is H353, to impose proportional excise on OTP...Cmte plans to have all tax bills reported by this Thursday for House floor action next week.

FLORIDA bill to impose 25-percent levy on cigars is being heard today in House Public Schools Cmte...H237 would earmark revenues to child health care. Also today, Senate Finance Cmte is hearing S450, to disallow tobacco and alcoholic advertising expenses as deductions on state corporate income tax.

NORTH DAKOTA legislature gave final passage to bill prohibiting discrimination based on off-the-job smoking...Senate OK'd House amendments (unrelated to tobacco) in S2498 yesterday...bill goes to Governor Sinner.

ARKANSAS House voted yesterday on motion to override Governor Clinton's veto of H1441, employment discrimination ban...tally was 50-34, but 51 votes needed to overrule Governor.

NEBRASKA Judiciary Cmte reported vending bill to floor last week ...total ban in L130 was amended to allow machines in areas not open to general public...will allow more stringent local restrictions.

COLORADO Senate amended, then passed vending restrictions in H1088 last week...bill awaits House concurrence vote...Senate's amendments reduced fine for violation. TEXAS Senate Health Cmte takes up vending restrictions, S469, and advertising limits, S470, at hearing this afternoon. OKLAHOMA measure to impose fines up to \$1000 for sale to minors, H1617, was not reconsidered on Senate floor after rejection last week...bill is dead.

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OREGON Senate Human Resources Cmte holds hearing 4/1 on three sales restrictions bills...S738 would prohibit vending machines where accessible to minors...S739 would require licensing of tobacco sellers through Health Division...S837 would ban machines within 200 yards of schools. On 4/3, House Human Resources Cmte tackles minors bills, H3177 and H3178. ALASKA House Judiciary Cmte is to review H84 today...bill would ban all sale of tobacco through vending machines...would require "addiction" warnings at point of sale.

TENNESSEE Senate Education Cmte reported S458 last week...bill would prohibit smoking at state colleges and universities...last year, state passed law requiring designated smoking areas for employees in university offices.

VIRGINIA Governor Wilder signed two industry-supported bills yesterday...H1164 raises minimum age for sale/purchase of tobacco products from 16 to 18...H1980 exempts open-frame elevators from state smoking ban...measures take effect 7/1.

DELAWARE House Human Resources Cmte reviews raising minimum age from 17 to 18 in H67 on Wednesday...House Substance Abuse Cmte looks at similar bill, H132, same day...H132 also provides for suspension of tobacco retailer's license as penalty.

BELLFLOWER CA City Council voted last night against revising smoking ban ordinance adopted in January...had previously discussed allowing smoking areas to be provided in restaurants.

DOVER DE City Council gave first reading OK yesterday to workplace, restaurant, public smoking ordinance...second reading set for 4/8. KURE BEACH NC Council has placed smoking ordinance on November referendum ballot...nearby CAROLINA BEACH voters will also consider smoking restrictions.

EAST LANSING MI has delayed hearing on proposed vending, sampling, licensing ordinance to 4/16.

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