

Amendment to HB 1477-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study the impact of taxes on tobacco use and their role in
4 tobacco and nicotine cessation programs.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the impact of taxes on
9 tobacco use and their role in tobacco and nicotine cessation programs.

10 2 Membership and Compensation.

11 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

12 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, with at least one each from the
13 majority and minority parties, 2 of whom shall be members of the ways and means committee, one of
14 whom shall be a member of the health, human services, and elderly affairs committee, and one of
15 whom shall be a member of the commerce and consumer affairs committee, appointed by the speaker
16 of the house of representatives.

17 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

18 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
19 the duties of the committee.

20 III. The committee may seek input and advice from experts as the committee deems relevant
21 to its study, including state and national level anti-smoking organizations, vaping and tobacco
22 retailers, the New Hampshire Retail Association, the New Hampshire Hospital Association, the
23 department of justice, and the department of revenue administration.

24 3 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
25 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
26 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
27 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

28 4 Duties. The committee shall study:

29 I. The tax rate for tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, for the delivery of nicotine, as
30 compared to our regional competitors and the nation as a whole.

31 II. The role of taxes on tobacco and nicotine as a prevention and cessation tool for tobacco
32 and nicotine use.

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1 III. The effectiveness of New Hampshire's prevention and cessation programs.

2 IV. The purposes and performance of the tobacco settlement fund.

3 V. Coverage and access to services to help residents quit tobacco through cessation
4 programs.

5 VI. The income losses to New Hampshire businesses due to online tobacco and nicotine sales
6 to New Hampshire residents, and any potential for recovery of tobacco tax revenues for such sales to
7 New Hampshire residents.

8 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
9 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
10 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

11 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the impact of taxes on tobacco use and their role in tobacco and nicotine cessation programs.