

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB374

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Ruff

3. **Committee** Agriculture, Conservation, & Natural Resources

4. **Title** Tobacco product manufacturers.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

SB374 provides that the Office of the Attorney General may recover costs, expenses and attorney's fees associated with filing suit against a tobacco product manufacturer for failing to follow the escrow requirements under the master settlement plan. These costs are in addition to the budgeted tobacco enforcement activities of the agency.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates** are not available. See Item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No, see Item 8

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill allows the agency to collect expenses associated with filing suit. Any revenues collected can be appropriated administratively to pay the expenses. Since the activity is new, the agency cannot estimate the amount of the revenues and expenditures.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Courts; Office of the Attorney General

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** This bill is the same as HB907.

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