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HOUSE BILL NO. 2631

Offered January 21, 1999

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-248.3, relating to the use of funds received by the Commonwealth as a participant in the Master Settlement Agreement with tobacco product manufacturers.

Patrons—Darner, Almand, Baskerville and Moran; Senators: Colgan, Gartlan, Howell and Ticer

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1 a section numbered 32.1-248.3, as follows:

§ 32.1-248.3. Condition on use of tobacco settlement agreement funds.

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any public or private entity utilizing any moneys received by the Commonwealth pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement shall be required, as a condition precedent to the release of such funds to such entity, to establish and maintain policies to support the reduction of tobacco use and reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. The Board shall (i) establish criteria for determining whether an entity's policies support the reduction of tobacco use and reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and (ii) monitor the distribution of such moneys to ensure that the recipients of such funds are in compliance with the provisions of this section.

B. As used in this section, "Master Settlement Agreement" means the settlement agreement dated November 23, 1998, between the Commonwealth and leading tobacco product manufacturers, including any amendment or successor thereto.

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