

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21189

Over the past ten years, the Legislature has enacted legislation governing tobacco and cigarette use, particularly as it relates to our youth. The introduction and increasing use of cigarette rolling machines, which are designed to be used commercially at retail outlets, has the potential to circumvent these laws and undercut Idaho's Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry. This legislation is intended to ensure that persons who offer these machines for use in a commercial context comply with present Idaho laws governing the manufacturing, marketing, and sale of cigarettes. The legislation will also ensure that the use of such cigarette rolling machines will not circumvent these laws and undercut the purposes for which they were enacted. The legislation accomplishes this by requiring operators of such machines to certify to the Attorney General compliance with applicable tobacco-related laws.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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