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Sponsor(s): Representatives Conway and Boldt; by request of Attorney General

Brief Title: Informing purchasers of cigarettes of adverse health consequences and whether the cigarettes were manufactured for consumption within the United States.

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Provides that no stamp may be affixed to, or made upon, any container or package of cigarettes if: (1) The container or package does not comply with all the requirements of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 1331 et seq.) for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is to be sold within the United States.

(2) the container or package has been imported into the United States after January 1, 2000, in violation of 26 U.S.C. Sec. 5754;

(3) the container or package, including a container of individually stamped containers or packages, is labeled "For Export Only," "U.S. Tax Exempt," "For Use Outside U.S.," or similar wording indicating that the manufacturer did not intend that the product be sold in the United States; or

(4) the container or package has been altered by masking or deleting the wording described in this act.

Declares that, in addition to the penalty and forfeiture provisions otherwise provided for in chapter 82.24 RCW, a violation of this act is a deceptive act or practice under the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.