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HOUSE BILL NO. 249

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the excise tax on cigarettes; and
7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. INTENT. (a) It is the intent of the legislature that the
10 excise tax on cigarettes levied by this Act be used principally to fund
11 health care and health education programs.

12 (b) The health care programs shall consist of those health programs
13 traditionally funded by the state including nursing, family health, commu-
14 nity health grant, and mental health grant programs.

15 (c) The health education programs shall include promoting the imple-
16 mentation of school health education programs for all grades to enhance
17 wellness, good nutrition, and physical and mental fitness and to encourage
18 the avoidance of unnecessary health risks, including smoking and use of
19 alcohol and other drugs.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 43.50.190(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) There is levied an excise tax of five [ONE] and one-half
22 mills on each cigarette imported or acquired in this state.

23 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect October 1, 1985.