



Amended

RESOLUTION # 11-6/12

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 6-17

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 25
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 4
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 6
Against: 1
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 43

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: SUPPORT OF POLICY OF TAX EQUITY ON OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, other tobacco products very similar to cigarettes, such as little cigars and cigarillos, present the same health risk as cigarettes, yet are taxed at a significantly lower rate, which makes them cheaper and more accessible to children; and,

WHEREAS, such products are offered with candy flavoring and bright colors, making them extremely appealing to a younger, non-smoking audience; and,

WHEREAS, the use of these products is on the rise among youth, and these products are addictive in nature, likely to result in a lifelong addiction to nicotine; and,

WHEREAS, the tax imposed on cigarettes has been proven to help smokers quit and keep others, especially youth, from starting to smoke; and,

WHEREAS, the costs resulting from the use of tobacco negatively affect Wisconsin businesses, taxpayers, and families.

** See Below

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board hereby supports the policy of tax equity on other tobacco products so that those products are taxed and treated the same as cigarettes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Governor Walker, Senator Shilling, Representatives Doyle and Billings, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

FISCAL NOTE: No financial impact to the La Crosse County budget.

Date: 6/12/2012
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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD CHAIR

Date: 6/11/2012
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>30</u>	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>67</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>82</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Doug Mormann
Date Requested: June 4, 2012
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21 Day of June, 2012

**WHEREAS, data suggests that by taxing other tobacco products at a higher rate than the current rate, state revenues will increase.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 21st day of June, 2012.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk