

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/16/2017

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1312

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium		2019-2021 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues			\$(35,400)			
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Counties			
Cities		\$(2,600)	
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

HB 1312 raises the minimum legal age to purchase and use tobacco products from eighteen to nineteen.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

If enacted, HB 1312 will increase the minimum legal age (MLA) for purchasing and using cigarettes and tobacco products to age nineteen. Studies indicate that out of approximately 10,000 eighteen year old North Dakota residents, about 300 are daily smokers and an additional 800 are occasional smokers (1100 total). By enacting this bill, some of the consumption of tobacco products by these individuals will cease, and some eighteen year-olds will delay smoking for one or more years. Others will find other means to purchase their cigarettes, including using older friends, or cross-border purchases in surrounding states with MLA's of 18.

Assuming 550 young adults stop purchasing cigarettes in the state, each consuming an average of 1.5 fewer packages per week, there would be an estimated drop in wholesale cigarette tax of \$38,000 for the 2017-19 biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*
- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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