

2009 Legislative Issues

HB375/S1024 Deferral of Federal Excise Taxes

We SUPPORT. This bill allows marketers to defer the payment of these taxes and only remit them twice monthly rather than when the invoice comes due.

House sponsor is Rep. John Legg
Senate sponsor is Sen. Charlie Dean

HB909/S2072 Attorneys Fees in Workers Compensation Cases

We SUPPORT. The Supreme Court recently threw out the fee caps we put in several years ago and we're trying to get them back in a more constitutionally sound way.

House sponsor is Rep. Anitere Flores
Senate sponsor is Sen. Garrett Richter

HB1229/S0114 Notification of Contaminated Properties

We SUPPORT. This language does not affect petroleum sites because both Senator Justice and Rep. Kriseman agreed to remove us but it does carry the amendment language creating an oversight board for the DEP clean up program.

House sponsor is Rep. Rick Kriseman
Senate sponsor is Sen. Charlie Justice

HB417/S806 Novelty Lighters

Support or opposition is an individual company decision. This bill defines and then bans the sale of novelty lighters.

House sponsor is Rep. Scott Plakon
Senate sponsor is Sen. Lee Constantine

HB363/S886 Pre-Injury Waiver

We SUPPORT. Primarily a parental notification bill but language contained within this bill would give businesses the ability to limit liability exposure.

House Sponsor is Rep. Mike Horner
Senate sponsor is Sen. Steve Oelrich

HB11/S850 Increase in Cigarette Excise Tax

We OPPOSE the increase in cigarette excise tax of \$1 per pack. In convenience stores, 24.1% of inside sales are tobacco-related. Profits from these sales go to wages, insurance, utilities and other business expenses. It will have negative impact on small business owners when they can least afford it during these difficult financial times. It will also aid in smuggling and internet sales, further eroding Florida tax collections.

House sponsor is Rep. Jim Waldman
Senate sponsor is Sen. Mike Fasano