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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of the
3 purchasing age for tobacco products.

4 *Whereas, The use of tobacco products poses a serious health*
5 *hazard to all Hoosiers;*

6 *Whereas, It is the duty of government to protect all citizens,*
7 *particularly children, from the dangers of smoking;*

8 *Whereas, While cigarette smoking rates declined*
9 *substantially from 1965 through 2004, the rate of decline has*
10 *slowed in recent years;*

11 *Whereas, Because no tobacco product has been shown to be*
12 *safe, abstaining from all tobacco is clearly the best, most*

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1 *effective way for smokers to reduce their risk of disease and*
2 *premature death;*

3 *Whereas, Increasing the age that Hoosiers can purchase*
4 *tobacco products will help to lower the risk in our young*
5 *citizens; and*

6 *Whereas, Further study of the purchasing age for tobacco*
7 *products could help our state protect its youngest citizens from*
8 *irreversible harm: Therefore,*

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
10 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

11 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign
12 to the appropriate study committee the topic of the purchasing
13 age for tobacco products.

