

## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 15

1     **Relating to:** requesting Congress to enact legislation that would specify that no  
2             portion of the money received by the states as part of the settlement with  
3             tobacco companies may be withheld, offset or claimed by the federal  
4             government.

5             Whereas, the state of Wisconsin, together with 45 other states, has initiated  
6             litigation against the tobacco industry seeking damages and other relief for the  
7             alleged misconduct of the tobacco industry; and

8             Whereas, the claims against the tobacco industry include the recovery of  
9             damages for the violation of consumer protection and antitrust laws, for common law  
10            conspiracy and for the expenditure of public funds for health care services; and

11            Whereas, the tobacco industry has agreed to a proposed settlement of the states'  
12            litigation, which includes the states' recovery of substantial money damages; and

13            Whereas, the states, which initiated the litigation and settlement of legal  
14            claims for the violation of a number of state laws by the tobacco industry, should

