

## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 15

January 26, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives LADWIG, KESTELL, MONTGOMERY, SUDER, BRANDEMUEHL, FREESE, GARD, GOETSCH, GROTHMAN, HAHN, KEDZIE, KELSO, KLUSMAN, F. LASEE, MUSSER, OLSEN, OWENS, SPILLNER, STONE, SYKORA, URBAN, VRAKAS, BOCK, RYBA, MILLER, PORTER and KAUFERT, cosponsored by Senators ROSENZWEIG, CLAUSING, COWLES, DRZEWIECKI, FITZGERALD, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ and LAZICH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

