

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Stuart,

As requested, the bill requires DHFS to begin issuing Senior Care cards by November 1, 2003, for people made eligible under the bill, and makes the expansion in eligibility for Senior Care effective January 1, 2004. If this bill is not passed before November 2003, you will need to amend the date by which DHFS must begin issuing Senior Care cards, and, if the bill is not passed before January 2004, you will need to amend the effective date for the expansion of Senior Care eligibility. The bill makes the cigarette tax increase effective on the first day of the second month following publication of the bill as an act. If the bill is not passed before November 2003, the cigarette tax increase will not be effective before the expansion in Senior Care eligibility is effective. For these reasons, you may wish to make the expansion of Senior Care eligibility effective a certain number of months after the bill is published as an act, rather than making it effective on a fixed date.

The Fiscal Bureau provided the amounts for the cigarette tax increase and for the appropriation increases that are included in the bill. Please note that the bill increases the cigarette tax by five cents rather than the three-cent increase that you initially requested.

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