

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 114

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A Resolution encouraging Governor Brad Henry to refuse to enter into new tribal compacts that create a greater tax advantage or provide any rebates for tribal retailers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, non-tribal retailers pay tobacco taxes of \$1.03 per pack of cigarettes pursuant to the net 55 cents-per-pack increase approved by voters in 2004; and

WHEREAS, tribal retailers pay between 6 cents per pack and 86 cents per pack; and

WHEREAS, this disparity has resulted in a distinct competitive disadvantage for non-tribal retailers; and

WHEREAS, the various health care programs that benefit from tobacco taxes have been placed in jeopardy as a result of less than anticipated revenue created by this disparity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate accepts the call to action and encourages Governor Brad Henry to level the field of competition between tribal and non-tribal retailers that sell tobacco products.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages Governor Brad Henry to refuse to enter into any new tribal compacts that would create an even greater tax advantage for tribal retailers thereby causing an even greater disparity.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages Governor Brad Henry to refuse to provide any rebates to tribal retailers which have not been approved by the voters of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Governor Brad Henry.

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