ANALYSIS OF HB 1429

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BACKGROUND:

The penalty for littering is a civil infraction. Littering in amounts of one cubic foot or less is subject to a penalty of \$50. Littering in amounts greater than one cubic foot is subject to penalty of up to \$250 and a cleanup fee of \$25 per cubic foot of litter. In addition to monetary penalties assessed for a civil infraction, the district and municipal courts assess a fee equal to 90% of the monetary penalty charged for all civil infractions except parking infractions.

SUMMARY:

The penalty for litter infractions involving cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products is increased to \$500 dollars.

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