

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 30**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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**By Senator BASSANO**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** memorializing the Congress of the United  
2 States to adopt legislation to require that packages of cigarettes contain a  
3 warning that use of the product can be addictive.  
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5 **WHEREAS**, Since 1965, the Congress of the United States has recognized that  
6 smoking can be hazardous to an individual's health by requiring warning  
7 labels on packages of cigarettes; and

8 **WHEREAS**, While these warnings are concerned with the effects of smoking on  
9 health, they do not address the issue of the addictive properties of nicotine;  
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11 **WHEREAS**, Documents from tobacco companies recently obtained by the  
12 Congress of the United States, as well as by other organizations, strongly  
13 suggest that nicotine can be addictive; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Under section 5 of the Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act,  
15 Pub.L.89-92 (15 U.S.C. §1334), states are preempted from requiring any  
16 statement relating to smoking and health on any cigarette package, other  
17 than what is required by federal law; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Because states cannot act on this critical health matter on their  
19 own, it is necessary that Congress take prompt action to require stronger  
20 warnings on cigarette packages that address the addictive nature of  
21 cigarette smoking; now, therefore,

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23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General  
24 Assembly concurring):

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26 1. The Legislature of this State respectfully memorializes the Congress of  
27 the United States to promptly enact legislation requiring warning labels on  
28 cigarette packages that address the addictive nature of cigarette smoking.  
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30 2. A duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the President of  
31 the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, and attested by the  
32 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the General Assembly, shall be  
33 forwarded to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the  
34 United States House of Representatives, and every member of Congress  
35 elected from this State.

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addictive nature of cigarette smoking.

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