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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1555

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO INCREASE COVERAGE FOR MEDICATIONS APPROVED  
11 BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR  
12 TOBACCO CESSATION IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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20 IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

26 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) Arkansas has the third-highest rate of adult smokers in the  
28 United States;

29 (2) Arkansas has the third-highest rate of new lung cancer  
30 diagnoses in the United States;

31 (3) One-third (1/3) of all cancer-related deaths are tied to the  
32 use of tobacco; and

33 (4) The Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative, the  
34 statewide all-payer claims database, projects that the annual cost of tobacco  
35 use to the Arkansas Medicaid Program to be approximately seven hundred  
36 ninety-five million dollars (\$795,000,000).



