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**Raised Bill No. 910**

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

(GL)

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BLUNT WRAPS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-330a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue Services;

5 (2) "Tobacco products" means cigars, cheroots, stogies, periques,  
6 granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking  
7 tobacco, snuff tobacco products, cavendish, plug and twist tobacco,  
8 fine cut and other chewing tobaccos, shorts, refuse scraps, clippings,  
9 cuttings and sweepings of tobacco and all other kinds and forms of  
10 tobacco, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing or  
11 smoking in a pipe or otherwise or for both chewing and smoking, but  
12 shall not include any cigarette, as defined in section 12-285;

13 (3) "Distributor" means (A) any person in this state engaged in the  
14 business of manufacturing tobacco products, (B) any person who

15 purchases untaxed tobacco products at wholesale from manufacturers  
16 or other distributors for sale, or (C) any person who imports into this  
17 state untaxed tobacco products, at least seventy-five per cent of which  
18 are to be sold;

19 (4) "Unclassified importer" means any person, other than a  
20 distributor, who imports, receives or acquires untaxed tobacco  
21 products from outside this state for his or her personal use or  
22 consumption in this state;

23 (5) "Sale" or "sell" includes or applies to gifts, exchanges and barter;

24 (6) "Wholesale sales price" means, in the case of a manufacturer of  
25 tobacco products, the price set for such products or, if no price has  
26 been set, the wholesale value of such products, and, in the case of a  
27 distributor who is not a manufacturer of tobacco products, the price at  
28 which the distributor purchased such products, and, in the case of an  
29 unclassified importer of tobacco products, the price at which the  
30 unclassified importer purchased such products;

31 (7) "Snuff tobacco products" means only those snuff tobacco  
32 products that have imprinted on the packages the designation "snuff"  
33 or "snuff flour", or the federal tax designation "Tax Class M", or both;

34 (8) "Untaxed tobacco products" means tobacco products upon which  
35 no tax has been paid in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;  
36 [and]

37 (9) "Taxed tobacco products" means tobacco products upon which  
38 tax has been paid in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

39 (10) "Blunt wrap" means an individual tobacco wrapper, also known  
40 as a wrap or roll-your-own cigar wrap, that is made wholly or in part  
41 from tobacco, including, but not limited to, reconstituted tobacco,  
42 whether in the form of tobacco leaf, sheet or tube, if such wrap is  
43 designed and marketed for retail sale; and

44 (11) "Dealer" means any person in this state, other than a distributor,  
45 engaged in the business of selling cigarettes and any person in this  
46 state engaged in the business of selling taxed tobacco products at  
47 retail.

48 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) No person shall  
49 manufacture, sell or distribute a blunt wrap in this state.

50 (b) Any person, other than a distributor, who violates subsection (a)  
51 of this section shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars  
52 for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for a  
53 second or subsequent offense.

54 (c) A distributor who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be  
55 fined not more than one thousand dollars for the first offense, not more  
56 than five thousand dollars for a second offense and not more than ten  
57 thousand dollars for a third or subsequent offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	12-330a
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ban the manufacturing, sale and distribution of blunt wraps.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*