



**House Ways & Means Committee  
February 27, 2024**

**House Bill 1073  
Tobacco Tax - Cigarettes - Rate Alteration**

**Support**

NCADD-Maryland supports House Bill 1073. The evidence is overwhelming that higher costs for tobacco products leads to:

- Reductions in death;
- Reductions in health care costs;
- Reductions in young people smoking; and
- Increases in adults quitting.

Increasing tobacco taxes is smart public health and fiscal policy. We urge a favorable report on House Bill 1073.

Sources:

- [American Cancer Society](#)
- [American Heart Association](#)
- [American Lung Association](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [National Institutes of Health](#)
- [United Nations](#)
- [Urban Institute](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)