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Legislation Sponsored by Sen. Schaefer Becomes Law

JEFFERSON CITY – Legislation sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer was signed by the governor yesterday. [Senate Bill 884](#) amends the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

The bill requires tobacco manufacturers who have cigarettes that are sold in Missouri to report to both the attorney general's office and the Department of Revenue in order to verify their compliance with the Tobacco Settlement by April 30 of each year. Failure to comply with these measures would result in various penalties, fines or other actions as deemed necessary by the court.

“Occasionally, a word or two left out of a piece of legislation can alter the provisions of a bill,” Sen. Schaefer said. “This act clarifies the requirements of tobacco corporations to be in accordance with the intent of the law, and better protects Missouri citizens who believe that tobacco manufacturers should comply with the settlement.”

To see available summaries and the full text for this bill, please visit Sen. Schaefer's website at www.senate.mo.gov/schaefer and click on his sponsored bill link. Should you have a question or concern about this or any other facet of the Missouri Legislature, feel free to contact Sen. Schaefer's office.

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