

Legislature fails to overturn Jindal veto

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BATON ROUGE, La. (KNOE 8 News) - The legislature failed to overturn the cigarette tax veto despite the fact that both houses passed the bill extending the tax overwhelmingly.

The Louisiana Budget Project was quick to react to the death of the bill, which would have kept the current tax and extended it indefinitely. "The governor's decision to veto HB 591 was the worst choice a leader could make. It is a bad policy that will affect our state's health, budget, and future," said Edward Ashworth, Director of the Louisiana Budget Project. "By failing to override the governor's veto, the Legislature has chosen the governor's political needs over the needs of the state and the people."

The governor's position is that the indefinite extension of the tax is, de facto, a tax increase, something he had pledged not to allow.



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