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Up in Smoke

Missouri cigarette smokers who may feel beset by having to pay 13 cents a pack in state tax (up 4 cents in 1982) might console themselves by learning that they still rank among the lower levels.

In all, nine states raised their cigarette taxes in 1982, with anticipated added revenues of \$228 million.

Michigan virtually doubled its tax per pack from 11 cents to 21 cents. Other states that hit high figures are Wisconsin, up from 20 to 25 cents; New Jersey, from 19 to 24

cents, and Washington, from 20 to 23 cents.

Utah, which presumably has proportionately fewer cigarette puffers because of its high non-smoking Mormon population, has a relatively modest 12-cent tax, up from 10 cents.

Significantly cigarette taxes were not raised in North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia or other major tobacco states. The surgeon general has not persuaded the South that cigarette smoking is dangerous to its economic health.

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