

HB 491 -- Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

Sponsor: Diehl

This bill changes the requirements regarding when funds can be released from escrow accounts under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Funds can be released to the extent a tobacco manufacturer establishes that the amount it was required to place into escrow based on units sold in Missouri in a particular year is greater than the payments from the agreement that the manufacturer would have been required to make based on the units sold if the manufacturer had been a participating manufacturer.

The bill contains an emergency clause.