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### **Sen. Carlos Uresti: Statement on San Antonio passage of Tobacco21**

"Today's vote by the San Antonio City Council is a historic win for our families and for the health of San Antonio. I have fought for 12 years to pass a statewide ordinance, because increasing the smoking age across the state will save our taxpayers \$406 million in total health care costs with over \$200 million in savings coming from the Texas Medicaid program. These savings reflect thousands of babies who are born healthier and tens of thousands of young people who avoid ever developing a tobacco addiction. San Antonio's leadership shows that doing the right thing can not only save tax dollars, it can save lives—other cities will surely follow." said Senator Carlos Uresti

*Sen. Uresti represents Senate District 19, which covers more than 35,000 square miles and contains all or part of 17 counties, two international ports of entry, eleven state parks, 51 school districts, 2700 miles of highways, and more than 23,000 producing oil and gas wells in both the Eagle Ford Shale and Permian Basin. The district is larger than 12 states and 82 Nations, and contains over one third of the Texas-Mexico border. Sen. Uresti is proud to serve on the Finance, Health & Human Services, Education, and Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committees. Senator Carlos Uresti is an attorney in private practice with The Uresti Law Firm in San Antonio, and is married to Lleanna Uresti, a Realtor.*