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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Brass to Engrossed House Bill No. 517 by Representative Brass

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line in its
3 entirety and delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

4 "enact R.S. 47:841.2, relative to the tobacco tax; to establish the Youth Cessation and
5 Prevention Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer,
6 deposit, and use of the monies in the fund; to"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 2

8 On page 1, delete lines 8 through 20 in their entirety, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through
9 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

10 "Section 1. R.S. 47:841.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §841.2. Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund

12 A. There is hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury the "Youth
13 Cessation and Prevention Fund", hereinafter referred in this Section as the "fund".
14 After satisfying the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of
15 Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and after a sufficient
16 amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full
17 faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the
18 state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to twenty percent
19 of the avails of the tax imposed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 47:841(E).

20 B. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the
21 fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the
22 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and all
23 earnings on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the fund.
24 Monies appropriated from the fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C
25 of this Section.

26 C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, monies in the fund
27 shall be appropriated as follows:

28 (1) Forty percent to the Louisiana Cancer Research Center, established
29 pursuant to R.S. 17:1922, to be used solely for statewide planning and funding the
30 establishment of school, community-based, and mass-media cessation and other
31 evidence-based initiatives to prevent and control the use of all tobacco products
32 including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, smoking tobacco,
33 vapor products, and all emerging tobacco and nicotine products by youth and young
34 adults in schools and the community.

35 (2) Forty percent to the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public
36 health, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Healthcare Access, for the tobacco

1 related disease program administered by the Well-Ahead Louisiana Program to be
 2 used solely as follows:

3 (a) To administer the Louisiana Quitline that provides cessation services to
 4 youth and adults across the state.

5 (b) To fund evidence-based prevention and cessation initiatives, outreach,
 6 and media strategies.

7 (c) To fund contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other similar
 8 agreements with organizations to expand education and cessation in target
 9 communities.

10 (d) To fund expenses related to administering the programs provided for in
 11 Subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this Paragraph.

12 (3) Ten percent to the Cancer Center of Louisiana State University Health
 13 Sciences Center in Shreveport to be used solely for funding the establishment of
 14 smoking prevention mass-media programs and evidence-based tobacco control
 15 programs within the public hospital system and the screening, prevention, and
 16 treatment of tobacco use and dependance among individuals with diseases caused or
 17 exacerbated by tobacco use.

18 (4) Ten percent to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Gonzales,
 19 Louisiana to be used solely for funding the establishment of smoking prevention
 20 mass media programs and evidence-based tobacco control programs within the
 21 public hospital system and for the screening, prevention, and treatment of tobacco
 22 use and dependance among individuals with diseases caused or exacerbated by
 23 tobacco use.

24 D. No amount appropriated as required in this Section shall displace, replace,
 25 or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the recipients of the fund.
 26 This shall mean that no appropriation for any fiscal year from the fund shall be made
 27 for any purpose for which a general fund appropriation was made in the previous
 28 year unless the total appropriations for the fiscal year from the state general fund for
 29 such purpose exceed general fund appropriations for the previous year.

30 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 31 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 32 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 33 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 34 effective on the day following such approval."