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HOUSE BILL NO. 635

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follows:

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

REVENUE/TAXATION DEPT: Increases the rate of the excise tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes and dedicates a portion of the avails of such increase to payment of salaries and related benefits for La. State Police

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:831(B) and R.S. 47:841(F), relative to excise tax; to increase 3 the rate of the excise tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes; to 4 dedicate a portion of the avails of such tax; to provide for an effective date; and to 5 provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 22:831(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §831. Fire, marine, transportation, casualty, surety, or other insurance 9 10 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury as a special fund the 11 Louisiana State Police Salary Fund, hereafter referred to in this Subsection as the 12 "fund". Monies in the Louisiana State Police Salary Fund fund shall be used in 13 amounts appropriated by the legislature to cover the cost of salary increases and 14 related benefits for members of the state police service and for special law 15 enforcement initiatives. After allocation of money to the Bond Security and 16 Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of 17 Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the fund amounts received as

1	(1) Taxes The avails of taxes collected under the provisions of this Section
2	in Fiscal Year 2002-2003 and ensuing fiscal years that are in excess of total
3	collections under the provisions of this Section in Fiscal Year 2000-2001, after first
4	having been credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as required by
5	Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, shall be deposited into the
6	Louisiana State Police Salary Fund until the amount deposited in each fiscal year is
7	equal to fifteen million six hundred thousand dollars.
8	(2) The first twenty-two million dollars of the avails of the excise tax levied
9	pursuant to R.S. 47:841(F).
10	Section 2. R.S. 47:841(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
11	§841. Imposition of tax
12	* * *
13	F. Vapor products and electronic cigarettes. Upon vapor products and
14	electronic cigarettes, a tax of five thirty cents per milliliter of consumable nicotine
15	liquid solution or other material containing nicotine that is depleted as a vapor
16	product is used.
17	* * *
18	Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2023; if vetoed by the governor
19	and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
20	2023, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Increase the rate of the tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes from \$0.05 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution to \$0.30 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution and dedicates the first \$22M of the avails of the tax to funding salaries and related benefits of the La. State Police.

Present law levies an excise tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes at a rate of \$0.05 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution or other material containing nicotine that is depleted as a vapor product is used.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the rate of the tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes <u>from</u> \$0.05 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution <u>to</u> \$0.30 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution.

<u>Present law</u> defines "vapor product" to mean any noncombustible product containing nicotine or other substances that employ a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, used to produce vapor from nicotine in a solution or other form. Includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 22:831) establishes the La. State Police Salary Fund (fund) to be used to cover the cost of salary increases and related benefits for members of the state police service and for special law enforcement initiatives. <u>Present law</u> requires the treasurer to annually deposit up to \$15.6 million into the fund from the avails of taxes collected on certain types of insurance specified in <u>present law</u> that are in excess of total collections for such insurance in Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

<u>Proposed law</u> additionally deposits into the fund the first \$22M of the avails of the excise tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes.

Effective July 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 22:831(B) and R.S. 47:841(F))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Ways and Means</u> to the original bill:

- 1. Change the increase of the tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes <u>from</u> 15% of the retail sales price of vapor products and electronic cigarettes <u>to</u> \$0.30 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution.
- 2. Change the amount of the tax proceeds dedicated to the La. State Police Salary Fund <u>from</u> one-half of the avails of the excise tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes <u>to</u> the first \$22M of the avails of the excise tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes.