
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 537 by Representative Katrina Jackson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "products; to" and before "on certain" delete "authorize an additional
3 tax to be levied" and insert "levy an additional tax"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 4, after "products;" and before "to provide" insert the following:

6 "to provide for use of the avails of the tax; to establish the Higher Education
7 Revitalization Fund; to provide for the deposit, use, and investment of monies in the
8 fund; to require certain entities to submit reports to the legislature;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 16, after "tax of" and before "twentieths" change "sixty-eight" to "thirty-two"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, delete lines 18 and 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

13 "(2) Cigars. Upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at one hundred
14 twenty dollars per thousand or less, an additional tax of sixty-eight percent of the
15 invoice price as defined by law, and upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at
16 more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand, an additional tax of sixty-eight
17 percent of the invoice price as defined by law.

18 (3) Smoking tobacco. Upon smoking tobacco, an additional tax of sixty-
19 eight percent of the invoice price as defined by law.

20 (4) Smokeless tobacco. Upon smokeless tobacco, An additional tax of sixty-
21 eight percent of the invoice price as defined by law."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 5

23 On page 2, line 1, after "(B)" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 2 in its entirety
24 and insert the following:

25 "Disposition of collections. (1)(a) There is hereby established as a special fund
26 within the state treasury the "Higher Education Revitalization Fund", hereinafter
27 referred to as the "fund". After satisfying the requirements of Article VII, Section
28 9(B) of this constitution relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the
29 state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to the avails of
30 the tax imposed pursuant to this Section.

31 (b) All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the
32 fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the
33 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and all
34 earnings on investment of the monies in the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

1 (2) Monies in the fund shall be utilized and expended solely as provided for
 2 in this Subparagraph.

3 (a) Forty percent of the monies in the fund shall be deposited into the
 4 Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund to be used solely for the Louisiana
 5 Medicaid Program.

6 (b) Ten percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely to provide
 7 payments against the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees'
 8 Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana in proportion
 9 to the balance of such unfunded accrued liability of each such system, these funds
 10 shall be in addition to any payments required for the annual amortization of the
 11 unfunded accrued liability of the public retirement systems.

12 (c) Twenty percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely by the
 13 Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the Louisiana
 14 State University Health Sciences Centers.

15 (d) Four and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 16 by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 17 Louisiana State University A & M College, for expenditure only on healthcare
 18 research.

19 (e) Four and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 20 by the Southern University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the Southern
 21 University - Agricultural and Mechanical College, for expenditure only on healthcare
 22 research.

23 (f) Four and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 24 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 25 University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy.

26 (g) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 27 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 28 Grambling State University School of Nursing.

29 (h) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 30 by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 31 Louisiana State University - Alexandria School of Nursing.

32 (i) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 33 by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 34 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans School of Nursing.

35 (j) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 36 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 37 McNeese State University School of Nursing.

38 (k) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 39 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 40 Nicholls State University School of Nursing.

41 (l) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 42 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 43 Northwestern State University School of Nursing.

44 (m) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
 45 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
 46 Southeastern State University School of Nursing.

1 (n) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
2 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
3 University of Louisiana at Lafayette School of Nursing.

4 (o) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
5 by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
6 University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Nursing.

7 (p) One and one-half percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely
8 by the Southern University of Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
9 Southern University School of Nursing.

10 (q) One-half of one percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely by
11 the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
12 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans School of
13 Dentistry.

14 (r) One-half of one percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely by
15 the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the
16 University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Dentistry.

17 (s) One-half of one percent of the monies in the fund shall be used solely by
18 the Southern University Board of Supervisors to provide funding for the Southern
19 University - Shreveport Dental Hygiene Program.

20 (3) All entities receiving appropriations from the fund as provided for in this
21 Section shall report to the legislature, no less than thirty days prior to the
22 commencement of each regular session, describing the expenditure of such monies.

23 (4) No amount appropriated as required in this Subparagraph shall displace,
24 replace, or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the Louisiana
25 State University Board of Supervisors, the Southern University Board of
26 Supervisors, or the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors. This shall mean
27 that no appropriation for any fiscal year from the Higher Education Revitalization
28 Fund shall be made for any purpose for which a general fund appropriation was
29 made in the previous year unless the total appropriations for the fiscal year from the
30 state general fund for such purpose exceed general fund appropriations for the
31 previous year."