

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the levy of a tax upon the sale, use, consumption, handling, or distribution of all cigarettes. The amount of the tax per pack of 20 cigarettes is 36¢.

New law levies an additional tax upon cigarettes equal to two and ten-twentieths of 1¢ per cigarette thereby increasing the total tax per pack of 20 cigarettes from 36¢ per pack to 86¢ per pack of 20 cigarettes.

New law requires the additional tax on cigarettes to apply to all cigarette products purchased by retail dealers and wholesale dealers on and after July 1, 2015, but shall not apply to stamped products and unused tax stamps in the possession of wholesale dealers prior to July 1, 2015. Requires all wholesale and retail dealers to file an inventory with the Dept. of Revenue by Aug. 1, 2015, of all cigarettes on hand prior to July 1, 2015.

New law levies a tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes equal to .05¢ per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution or other material containing nicotine that is depleted as a vapor product is used.

New law establishes the Tobacco Tax Medicaid Match Fund as a special fund in the state treasury, hereinafter referred to as the "fund". After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to the avails of the additional tax imposed on cigarettes under new law. Further requires the monies in the fund to be appropriated to DHH for the medical assistance program administered by the state, also known as Medicaid.

The additional tax on cigarettes shall be effective on July 1, 2015. The tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes shall be effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 47:841(into. para.) and (F) and 842(20), (21), and (22); Adds R.S. 47:841(B)(6) and (G), 841.2, and 842(23))