

House Bill 887

By: Representative Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-11-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 licensing of persons engaged in tobacco business, initial and annual fees, suspension and  
3 revocation, registration and inspection of vending machines, bond by distributor, jurisdiction,  
4 and licensing of promotional activities, so as to remove certain bonding requirements  
5 pertaining to manufacturers and importers of tobacco products; to provide for related matters;  
6 to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 48-11-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the licensing  
10 of persons engaged in tobacco business, initial and annual fees, suspension and revocation,  
11 registration and inspection of vending machines, bond by distributor, jurisdiction, and  
12 licensing of promotional activities, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

13 "(e) The manufacturer's, importer's, distributor's, or dealer's license shall be exhibited in  
14 the place of business for which it is issued in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.  
15 The commissioner shall require each licensed ~~manufacturer, importer, or~~ distributor to file  
16 with the commissioner a bond in an amount of not less than \$1,000.00 to guarantee the  
17 proper performance of the ~~manufacturer's, importer's, or~~ distributor's duties and the  
18 discharge of the ~~manufacturer's, importer's, or~~ distributor's liabilities under this chapter.  
19 The bond shall run concurrently with the ~~manufacturer's, importer's, or~~ distributor's license  
20 but shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year after the expiration or  
21 revocation of the ~~manufacturer's, importer's, or~~ distributor's license unless the  
22 commissioner certifies that all obligations due the state arising under this chapter have been  
23 paid."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.