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AMENDMENTS TO TOBACCO TAX
2010 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen
House Sponsor: Paul Ray
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions of the Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Act.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
removes a provision relating to the allocation of funds that remain in the Cigarette
Tax Restricted Account at the end of the fiscal year; and
makes technical changes.
Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.
This bill coordinates with H.B. 196, Tobacco Tax Revisions, by providing substantive
amendments.
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
59-14-204 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:
59-14-204 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
59-14-215 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
59-14-302 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 204
59-14-304 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
631-1-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009. Chapters 183 and 368

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31	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
32	Section 1. Section 59-14-204 is amended to read:
33	59-14-204. Tax basis Rate Future increase Restricted account Use of
34	revenues.
35	(1) Except for cigarettes described under Subsection 59-14-210(3), there is levied a
36	tax upon the sale, use, storage, or distribution of cigarettes in the state.
37	(2) The rates of the tax levied under Subsection (1) are:
38	(a) 3.475 cents on each cigarette, for all cigarettes weighing not more than three
39	pounds per thousand cigarettes; and
40	(b) 4.075 cents on each cigarette, for all cigarettes weighing in excess of three pounds
41	per thousand cigarettes.
42	(3) Except as otherwise provided under this chapter, the tax levied under Subsection
43	(1) shall be paid by any person who is the manufacturer, jobber, importer, distributor,
44	wholesaler, retailer, user, or consumer.
45	(4) The tax rates specified in this section shall be increased by the commission by the
46	same amount as any future reduction in the federal excise tax on cigarettes.
47	(5) (a) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the
48	"Cigarette Tax Restricted Account."
49	(b) Beginning on July 1, 1998, \$250,000 of the revenues generated by the increase in
50	the cigarette tax under this section enacted during the 1997 Annual General Session shall be
51	annually deposited into the account.
52	(c) The Department of Health shall expend the funds deposited in the account under
53	Subsection (5)(b) for a tobacco prevention and control media campaign targeted towards
54	children.
55	(d) The following revenue generated from the tax increase imposed under Subsection
56	(1) during the 2002 General Session shall be deposited in the Cigarette Tax Restricted
57	Account

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8	(1) 22% of the revenue to be annually appropriated to the Department of Health for
59	tobacco prevention, reduction, cessation, and control programs;
50	(ii) 15% of the revenue to be annually appropriated to the University of Utah Health
51	Sciences Center for the Huntsman Cancer Institute for cancer research; and
52	(iii) 21% of the revenue to be annually appropriated to the University of Utah Health
53	Sciences Center for medical education at the University of Utah School of Medicine.
54	[(e) Any balance remaining in the Cigarette Tax Restricted Account at the end of the
65	fiscal year shall be appropriated during the next fiscal year for the purposes set forth in
66	Subsections (5)(d)(i) through (5)(d)(iii) in proportion to the amount of revenue deposited into
57	the account for each purpose.]
58	[(f)] (e) The Legislature shall give particular consideration to appropriating any
59	revenues resulting from the change in tax rates under Subsection (2) adopted during the 2002
70	Annual General Session and not otherwise appropriated pursuant to Subsection (5)(d) to
71	enhance Medicaid provider reimbursement rates and medical coverage for the uninsured.
72	$[\frac{g}{g}]$ (f) Any program or entity that receives funding under Subsection (5)(d) shall
73	provide an annual report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee no later that
74	September 1 of each year. The report shall include:
75	(i) the amount funded;
76	(ii) the amount expended;
77	(iii) a description of the effectiveness of the program; and
78	(iv) if the program is a tobacco cessation program, the report required in Section
79	51-9-203.
30	Section 2. Effective date.
31	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.
32	Section 3. Coordinating S.B. 259 with H.B. 196 Substantive amendments.
33	If this S.B. 259 and H.B. 196, Tobacco Tax Revisions, both pass, it is the intent of the
34	<u>Legislature that:</u>
35	(1) Section 59-14-204 shall be amended to read as follows:

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91	(a) $[3.475]$ 8.5 cents on each cigarette, for all cigarettes weighing not more than three
92	pounds per thousand cigarettes; and
93	(b) [4.075] 9.963 cents on each cigarette, for all cigarettes weighing in excess of three
94	pounds per thousand cigarettes.
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96	(1) shall be paid by any person who is the manufacturer, jobber, importer, distributor,
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123	Annual General Session and not otherwise appropriated pursuant to Subsection (5)(d) to
124	enhance Medicaid provider reimbursement rates and medical coverage for the uninsured.
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126	provide an annual report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee no later that
127	September 1 of each year. The report shall include:
128	(i) the amount funded;
129	(ii) the amount expended;
130	(iii) a description of the effectiveness of the program; and
131	(iv) if the program is a tobacco cessation program, the report required in Section
132	51-9-203." <u>;</u>
133	(2) Section 59-14-215 shall be amended to read as follows:
134	"59-14-215. Transitional inventory tax on cigarettes Penalties and interest for
135	failure to comply Credit or refund for outdated, unaffixed stamps.
136	(1) In addition to the tax described in Section 59-14-204, there is imposed, beginning
137	on July 1, 2010, an inventory tax on all cigarettes subject to the tax described in Section
138	59-14-204, upon the sale, use, storage, or distribution of those cigarettes in the state, as
139	<u>follows:</u>
140	(a) the tax imposed in this section applies only to cigarettes sold, used, stored, or
141	distributed in the state on or after July 1, 2010:

142	(i) that have a stamp that reflects that the tax paid on those cigarettes was paid at the
143	tax rate imposed under Section 59-14-204 that was applicable on June 30, 2010; and
144	(ii) for which the tax imposed in this section has not been paid; and
145	(b) the tax imposed in this section is equal to the difference between:
146	(i) the tax imposed on those cigarettes under Section 59-14-204, beginning on July 1,
147	2010; and
148	(ii) the tax imposed on those cigarettes under Section 59-14-204 on or before June 30,
149	<u>2010.</u>
150	(2) Except as otherwise provided under this chapter, the tax imposed under this
151	section shall be paid by any person who is the manufacturer, jobber, importer, distributor,
152	wholesaler, or retailer.
153	(3) A person described in Subsection (2) shall remit the tax imposed in this section, on
154	a return prescribed by the commission, on or before July 31, 2010.
155	(4) Failure of a person to comply with the requirements of this section subjects the
156	person to the penalties and interest described in Sections 59-1-401 and 59-1-402.
157	(5) The commission may not waive the interest or penalties imposed on a person for
158	failure to comply with the requirements of this section.
159	(6) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2010, it is unlawful to affix a stamp to cigarettes that
160	reflects payment of the tax imposed under Section 59-14-204 at the rate that was applicable on
161	or before June 30, 2010.
162	(b) A person who violates Subsection (6)(a) may be required by the commission to pay
163	as part of the tax, and in addition to any other penalty provided in this chapter, a penalty of
164	\$25 for each offense, to be assessed and collected by the commission in accordance with
165	Chapter 1, Part 14, Assessment, Collections, and Refunds Act.
166	(c) A person who, on or after July 1, 2010, possesses tax stamps described in
167	Subsection (6)(a) may return the stamps to the commission for a credit or refund.";
168	(3) Section 59-14-302 shall be amended to read as follows:
169	"59-14-302. Tax basis Rates.

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170	(1) As used in this section:
171	(a) "Manufacturer's sales price" means the amount the manufacturer of a tobacco
172	product charges after subtracting a discount.
173	(b) "Manufacturer's sales price" includes an original Utah destination freight charge,
174	regardless of:
175	(i) whether the tobacco product is shipped f.o.b. origin or f.o.b. destination; or
176	(ii) who pays the original Utah destination freight charge.
177	(2) There is levied a tax upon the sale, use, or storage of tobacco products in the state
178	(3) The tax levied under Subsection (2) shall be paid by the manufacturer, jobber,
179	distributor, wholesaler, retailer, user, or consumer.
180	(4) The rate of the tax under this section is, beginning on July 1, 2010:
181	(a) for tobacco products except for moist snuff, [35% of] .86 multiplied by the
182	manufacturer's sales price; [or] and
183	(b) subject to Subsection (5), for moist snuff, $[\$.75]$ $\$1.83$ per ounce.
184	(5) (a) The tax under this section on moist snuff shall be imposed on the basis of the
185	net weight of the moist snuff as listed by the manufacturer.
186	(b) If the net weight of moist snuff is in a quantity that is a fractional part of one
187	ounce, a proportionate amount of the tax described in Subsection (4)(b) is imposed:
188	(i) on that fractional part of one ounce; and
189	(ii) in accordance with rules made by the commission in accordance with Title 63G,
190	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.";
191	(4) Section 59-14-304 shall be amended to read as follows:
192	"59-14-304. Transitional inventory tax on tobacco products Penalties and
193	interest for failure to comply.
194	(1) In addition to the tax described in Section 59-14-302, there is imposed, beginning
195	on July 1, 2010, an inventory tax on all tobacco products subject to the tax described in
196	Section 59-14-302, upon the sale, use, or storage of those tobacco products in the state, as
197	follows:

198	(a) the tax imposed in this section applies only to tobacco products sold, used, or
199	stored in the state on or after July 1, 2010:
200	(i) for which the tax was paid at the tax rate imposed under Section 59-14-302 that
201	was applicable on June 30, 2010; and
202	(ii) for which the tax imposed in this section has not been paid; and
203	(b) the tax imposed in this section is equal to the difference between:
204	(i) the tax imposed on those tobacco products under Section 59-14-302, beginning on
205	July 1, 2010; and
206	(ii) the tax imposed on those tobacco products under Section 59-14-302 on or before
207	June 30, 2010.
208	(2) The tax imposed in this section shall be paid by the manufacturer, jobber,
209	distributor, wholesaler, or retailer.
210	(3) A person described in Subsection (2) shall remit the tax imposed in this section, in
211	a return prescribed by the commission, on or before July 31, 2010.
212	(4) Failure of a person to comply with the requirements of this section subjects the
213	person to the penalties and interest described in Sections 59-1-401 and 59-1-402.
214	(5) The commission may not waive the interest or penalties imposed on a person for
215	failure to comply with the requirements of this section.";
216	(5) the amendments to Section 63J-1-201 in H.B. 196, Tobacco Tax Revisions, do not
217	take effect;
218	(6) the effective date of H.B. 196 is July 1, 2010; and
219	(7) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepare the Utah Code
220	database for publication in accordance with Subsections (1) through (6) of this coordination
221	clause.