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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 44 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend Senate Bill 44 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following: 3 "Section 5. The Cigarette Tax Act is amended by changing 4 Sections 2 and 3 as follows: 5 6 (35 ILCS 130/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 453.2) 7 Sec. 2. Tax imposed; rate; collection, payment, 8 distribution; discount. (a) A tax is imposed upon any person engaged in business as 9

a retailer of cigarettes in this State at the rate of 5 1/2
mills per cigarette sold, or otherwise disposed of in the
course of such business in this State. In addition to any other
tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon any person
engaged in business as a retailer of cigarettes in this State
at a rate of 1/2 mill per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed
of in the course of such business in this State on and after

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January 1, 1947, and shall be paid into the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority Reconstruction Fund or as otherwise provided in Section 29. On and after December 1, 1985, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon any person engaged in business as a retailer of cigarettes in this State at a rate of 4 mills per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business in this State. Of the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1985, \$9,000,000 of the moneys received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this Act shall be paid each month into the Common School Fund. On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1989, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon any person engaged in business as a retailer of cigarettes at the rate of 5 mills per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business in this State. On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon any person engaged in business as a retailer of cigarettes at the rate of 7 mills per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business in this State. On and after December 15, 1997, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon any person engaged in business as a retailer of cigarettes at the rate of 7 mills per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business of this State. All of the moneys received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this

1 Act and the Cigarette Use Tax Act from the additional taxes imposed by this amendatory Act of 1997, shall be paid each 2 month into the Common School Fund. On and after July 1, 2002, 3 4 in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is 5 imposed upon any person engaged in business as a retailer of 6 cigarettes at the rate of 20.0 mills per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business in this 7 State. Beginning on September 1, 2010, in addition to any other 8 tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon any person 9 10 engaged in business as a retailer of cigarettes at the rate of 11 25 mills per cigarette sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business in this State. Beginning on September 12 13 1, 2011, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a 14 tax is imposed upon any person engaged in business as a 15 retailer of cigarettes at the rate of 25 mills per cigarette 16 sold or otherwise disposed of in the course of such business in this State. Of the moneys received by the Department of Revenue 17 under this Act and the Cigarette Use Tax Act from the 18 19 additional taxes imposed by this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly: (i) \$54,167 must be paid each month into the 20 Tax Compliance and Administration Fund for the purpose of 21 cigarette and tobacco related enforcement, retail inspections, 22 and prevention of internet and interstate trafficking of 23 24 contraband cigarettes and (ii) the balance must be paid each 25 month into the Education Assistance Fund. Beginning on October 15, 2010, and on the 15th day of each month thereafter, the 26

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1 State Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund an amount equal to the amount deposited into the Education Assistance Fund during the previous month as a result of the additional taxes imposed by this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever the State receives reimbursement from the federal government for moneys expended from the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund, the State Comptroller shall order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer from the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund to the Education Assistance Fund an amount equal to the amount of the federal reimbursement that is attributable to transfers from the General Revenue Fund to the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund under this Section as provided in this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall promulgate rules with respect to those transfers. Moneys deposited into the Education Assistance Fund under the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall be used solely for mandated categorical aid payments to school districts. The payment of such taxes shall be evidenced by a stamp affixed to each original package of cigarettes, or 23 an authorized substitute for such stamp imprinted on each original package of such cigarettes underneath the sealed 25 transparent outside wrapper of such original package, as 26 hereinafter provided. However, such taxes are not imposed upon

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any activity in such business in interstate commerce or otherwise, which activity may not under the Constitution and statutes of the United States be made the subject of taxation by this State.

Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and through June 30, 2006, all of the moneys received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this Act and the Cigarette Use Tax Act, other than the moneys that are dedicated to the Common School Fund, shall be distributed each month as follows: first, there shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund an amount which, when added to the amount paid into the Common School Fund for that month, equals \$33,300,000, except that in the month of August of 2004, this shall equal \$83,300,000; then, from the remaining, if any amounts required to be paid into the General Revenue Fund in previous months remain unpaid, those amounts shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund; then, beginning on April 1, 2003, from the moneys remaining, \$5,000,000 per month shall be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund; then, if any amounts required to be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund in previous months remain unpaid, those amounts shall be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund; then the moneys remaining, if any, shall be paid into the Long-Term Care Provider Fund. To the extent that more than \$25,000,000 has been paid into the General Revenue Fund and Common School Fund per month for the period of July 1, 1993 through the effective date of this

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amendatory Act of 1994 from combined receipts of the Cigarette Tax Act and the Cigarette Use Tax Act, notwithstanding the distribution provided in this Section, the Department of Revenue is hereby directed to adjust the distribution provided in this Section to increase the next monthly payments to the Long Term Care Provider Fund by the amount paid to the General Revenue Fund and Common School Fund in excess of \$25,000,000 per month and to decrease the next monthly payments to the General Revenue Fund and Common School Fund by that same excess amount.

Beginning on July 1, 2006, all of the moneys received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this Act and the Cigarette Use Tax Act, other than the moneys that are dedicated to the Common School Fund and, beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, other than the moneys from the additional taxes imposed by this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly that must be paid each month into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund and the Education Assistance Fund, shall be distributed each month as follows: first, there shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund an amount that, when added to the amount paid into the Common School Fund for that month, equals \$29,200,000; then, from the moneys remaining, if any amounts required to be paid into the General Revenue Fund in previous months remain unpaid, those amounts shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund; then from the moneys remaining, \$5,000,000 per month shall be paid

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into the School Infrastructure Fund; then, if any amounts required to be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund in previous months remain unpaid, those amounts shall be paid into the School Infrastructure Fund; then the moneys remaining, if any, shall be paid into the Long-Term Care Provider Fund.

When any tax imposed herein terminates or has terminated, distributors who have bought stamps while such tax was in effect and who therefore paid such tax, but who can show, to the Department's satisfaction, that they sold the cigarettes to which they affixed such stamps after such tax had terminated and did not recover the tax or its equivalent from purchasers, shall be allowed by the Department to take credit for such absorbed tax against subsequent tax stamp purchases from the Department by such distributor.

The impact of the tax levied by this Act is imposed upon the retailer and shall be prepaid or pre-collected by the distributor for the purpose of convenience and facility only, and the amount of the tax shall be added to the price of the cigarettes sold by such distributor. Collection of the tax shall be evidenced by a stamp or stamps affixed to each original package of cigarettes, as hereinafter provided.

Each distributor shall collect the tax from the retailer at or before the time of the sale, shall affix the stamps as hereinafter required, and shall remit the tax collected from retailers to the Department, as hereinafter provided. Any distributor who fails to properly collect and pay the tax

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imposed by this Act shall be liable for the tax. distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his possession for sale on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1989 shall not be required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1989 on such stamped cigarettes. Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his or her possession for sale at 12:01 a.m. on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, is required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1993 on such stamped cigarettes. payment, less the discount provided in subsection (b), shall be due when the distributor first makes a purchase of cigarette tax stamps after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, or on the first due date of a return under this Act after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, whichever occurs first. Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his possession for sale on December 15, 1997 shall not be required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1997 on such stamped cigarettes.

Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his or her possession for sale on July 1, 2002 shall not be required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly on those stamped cigarettes. Any retailer having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2010 to which tax stamps have been affixed is not required to pay the additional tax that begins

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on September 1, 2010 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly on those stamped cigarettes. Any distributor having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2010 to which tax stamps have been affixed is required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2010 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly to the extent the calendar year 2010 average monthly volume of cigarette stamps in the distributor's possession exceeds the average monthly volume of cigarette stamps purchased by the distributor in calendar year 2009. This payment, less the discount provided in subsection (b), is due when the distributor first makes a purchase of cigarette stamps on or after September 1, 2010 or on the first due date of a return under this Act occurring on or after September 1, 2010, whichever occurs first.

Any retailer having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2011 to which tax stamps have been affixed is not required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2011 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly on those stamped cigarettes. Any distributor having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2011 to which tax stamps have been affixed is required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2011 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly to the extent the calendar year 2011 average monthly volume of cigarette stamps in the distributor's possession exceeds the average monthly volume of cigarette stamps purchased by the distributor in calendar year

- 1 2010. This payment, less the discount provided in subsection
- (b), is due when the distributor first makes a purchase of 2
- cigarette stamps on or after September 1, 2011 or on the first 3
- 4 due date of a return under this Act occurring on or after
- 5 September 1, 2011, whichever occurs first.
- The amount of the Cigarette Tax imposed by this Act shall 6
- be separately stated, apart from the price of the goods, by 7
- both distributors and retailers, in all advertisements, bills 8
- 9 and sales invoices.
- 10 (b) The distributor shall be required to collect the taxes 11 provided under paragraph (a) hereof, and, to cover the costs of such collection, shall be allowed a discount during any year 12 13 commencing July 1st and ending the following June 30th in 14 accordance with the schedule set out hereinbelow, which 15 discount shall be allowed at the time of purchase of the stamps
- 16 when purchase is required by this Act, or at the time when the
- 17 tax is remitted to the Department without the purchase of
- 18 stamps from the Department when that method of paying the tax
- is required or authorized by this Act. Prior to December 1, 19
- 20 1985, a discount equal to 1 2/3% of the amount of the tax up to
- and including the first \$700,000 paid hereunder by such 21
- 22 distributor to the Department during any such year; 1 1/3% of
- 23 the next \$700,000 of tax or any part thereof, paid hereunder by
- 24 such distributor to the Department during any such year; 1% of
- 25 the next \$700,000 of tax, or any part thereof, paid hereunder
- 26 by such distributor to the Department during any such year, and

- 1 2/3 of 1% of the amount of any additional tax paid hereunder by
- such distributor to the Department during any such year shall 2
- apply. On and after December 1, 1985, a discount equal to 1.75% 3
- 4 of the amount of the tax payable under this Act up to and
- 5 including the first \$3,000,000 paid hereunder by such
- 6 distributor to the Department during any such year and 1.5% of
- the amount of any additional tax paid hereunder by such 7
- 8 distributor to the Department during any such year shall apply.
- 9 Two or more distributors that use a common means of
- 10 affixing revenue tax stamps or that are owned or controlled by
- 11 the same interests shall be treated as a single distributor for
- the purpose of computing the discount. 12
- 13 (c) The taxes herein imposed are in addition to all other
- 14 occupation or privilege taxes imposed by the State of Illinois,
- 15 or by any political subdivision thereof, or by any municipal
- 16 corporation.
- (Source: P.A. 93-839, eff. 7-30-04; 94-91, eff. 7-1-05; 94-839, 17
- eff. 6-6-06.) 18
- 19 (35 ILCS 130/3) (from Ch. 120, par. 453.3)
- 20 Sec. 3. Affixing tax stamp; remitting tax to
- 21 Department. Payment of the taxes imposed by Section 2 of this
- 22 Act shall (except as hereinafter provided) be evidenced by
- revenue tax stamps affixed to each original package of 23
- 24 cigarettes. Each distributor of cigarettes, before delivering
- 25 or causing to be delivered any original package of cigarettes

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in this State to a purchaser, shall firmly affix a proper stamp
or stamps to each such package, or (in case of manufacturers of
cigarettes in original packages which are contained inside a
sealed transparent wrapper) shall imprint the required
language on the original package of cigarettes beneath such
outside wrapper, as hereinafter provided.

No stamp or imprint may be affixed to, or made upon, any package of cigarettes unless that package complies with all requirements of the federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. 1331 and following, for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is sold within the United States. Under the authority of Section 6, the Department shall revoke the license of any distributor that is determined to have violated this paragraph. A person may not affix a stamp on a package of cigarettes, cigarette papers, wrappers, or tubes if that individual package has been marked for export outside the United States with a label or notice in compliance with Section 290.185 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations. It is not a defense to a proceeding for violation of this paragraph that the label or notice has been removed, mutilated, obliterated, or altered in any manner.

Only distributors licensed under this Act and transporters, as defined in Section 9c of this Act, may possess unstamped original packages of cigarettes. Prior to shipment to an Illinois retailer, a stamp shall be applied to each original

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package of cigarettes sold to the retailer. A distributor may apply tax stamps only to original packages of cigarettes purchased or obtained directly from an in-state maker, manufacturer, or fabricator licensed as a distributor under Section 4 of this Act or an out-of-state maker, manufacturer, or fabricator holding a permit under Section 4b of this Act. A licensed distributor may ship or otherwise cause to be delivered unstamped original packages of cigarettes in, into, or from this State. A licensed distributor may transport unstamped original packages of cigarettes to a facility, wherever located, owned or controlled by such distributor; however, a distributor may not transport unstamped original packages of cigarettes to a facility where retail sales of cigarettes take place. Any licensed distributor that ships or otherwise causes to be delivered unstamped original packages of cigarettes into, within, or from this State shall ensure that the invoice or equivalent documentation and the bill of lading or freight bill for the shipment identifies the true name and address of the consignor or seller, the true name and address of the consignee or purchaser, and the quantity by brand style of the cigarettes so transported, provided that this Section shall not be construed as to impose any requirement or liability upon any common or contract carrier.

The Department, or any person authorized by the Department, shall sell such stamps only to persons holding valid licenses as distributors under this Act. On and after July 1, 2003,

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payment for such stamps must be made by means of electronic funds transfer. The Department may refuse to sell stamps to any person who does not comply with the provisions of this Act. Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly and through June 30, 2002, persons holding valid licenses as distributors may purchase cigarette tax stamps up to an amount equal to 115% of the distributor's average monthly cigarette tax stamp purchases over the 12 calendar months prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly.

Prior to December 1, 1985, the Department shall allow a distributor 21 days in which to make final payment of the amount to be paid for such stamps, by allowing the distributor to make payment for the stamps at the time of purchasing them with a draft which shall be in such form as the Department prescribes, and which shall be payable within 21 thereafter: Provided that such distributor has filed with the Department, and has received the Department's approval of, a bond, which is in addition to the bond required under Section 4 of this Act, payable to the Department in an amount equal to 80% of such distributor's average monthly tax liability to the Department under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$500,000, whichever is less. The Bond shall be joint and several and shall be in the form of a surety company bond in such form as the Department prescribes, or it may be in the form of a bank certificate of deposit or bank letter of credit.

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The bond shall be conditioned upon the distributor's payment of amount of any 21-day draft which the Department accepts from that distributor for the delivery of stamps to that distributor under this Act. The distributor's failure to pay any such draft, when due, shall also make such distributor automatically liable to the Department for a penalty equal to 25% of the amount of such draft.

On and after December 1, 1985 and until July 1, 2003, the Department shall allow a distributor 30 days in which to make final payment of the amount to be paid for such stamps, by allowing the distributor to make payment for the stamps at the time of purchasing them with a draft which shall be in such form as the Department prescribes, and which shall be payable within 30 days thereafter, and beginning on January 1, 2003 and thereafter, the draft shall be payable by means of electronic funds transfer: Provided that such distributor has filed with the Department, and has received the Department's approval of, a bond, which is in addition to the bond required under Section 4 of this Act, payable to the Department in an amount equal to 150% of such distributor's average monthly tax liability to the Department under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$750,000, whichever is less, except that as to bonds filed on or after January 1, 1987, such additional bond shall be in an amount equal to 100% of such distributor's average monthly tax liability under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$750,000, whichever is less. The bond shall be joint and

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several and shall be in the form of a surety company bond in such form as the Department prescribes, or it may be in the form of a bank certificate of deposit or bank letter of credit. The bond shall be conditioned upon the distributor's payment of the amount of any 30-day draft which the Department accepts from that distributor for the delivery of stamps to that distributor under this Act. The distributor's failure to pay any such draft, when due, shall also make such distributor automatically liable to the Department for a penalty equal to 25% of the amount of such draft.

Beginning on July 1, 2010, the Department shall allow a distributor 10 days in which to make final payment of the amount to be paid for such stamps, by allowing the distributor to make payment for the stamps at the time of purchasing them with a draft, which shall be payable by means of electronic funds transfer and in such form as the Department prescribes, and which shall be payable within 10 days thereafter, provided that such distributor has filed with the Department, and has received the Department's approval of, a bond, which is in addition to the bond required under Section 4 of this Act, payable to the Department in an amount equal to 100% of that distributor's average monthly tax liability to the Department under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$750,000, whichever is less. The bond shall be joint and several and shall be in the form of a surety company bond in such form as the Department prescribes, or it may be in the form of a bank

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1 certificate of deposit or bank letter of credit. The bond shall be conditioned upon the distributor's payment of the amount of 2 any 10-day draft which the Department accepts from that 3 4 distributor for the delivery of stamps to that distributor 5 under this Act. The distributor's failure to pay any such 6 draft, when due, shall also make such distributor automatically liable to the Department for a penalty equal to 25% of the 7 8 amount of such draft.

Every prior continuous compliance taxpayer shall be exempt from all requirements under this Section concerning the furnishing of such bond, as defined in this Section, as a condition precedent to his being authorized to engage in the business licensed under this Act. This exemption shall continue for each such taxpayer until such time as he may be determined by the Department to be delinquent in the filing of any returns, or is determined by the Department (either through the Department's issuance of a final assessment which has become final under the Act, or by the taxpayer's filing of a return which admits tax to be due that is not paid) to be delinquent or deficient in the paying of any tax under this Act, at which that taxpayer shall become subject to the requirements of this Section and, as a condition of being allowed to continue to engage in the business licensed under this Act, shall be required to furnish bond to the Department in such form as provided in this Section. Such taxpayer shall furnish such bond for a period of 2 years, after which, if the

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1 taxpayer has not been delinquent in the filing of any returns, 2 or delinquent or deficient in the paying of any tax under this Act, the Department may reinstate such person as a prior 3 4 continuance compliance taxpayer. Any taxpayer who fails to pay 5 an admitted or established liability under this Act may also be 6 required to post bond or other acceptable security with the Department quaranteeing the payment of such admitted or 7 8 established liability.

Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Department under this Section may, within the time allowed by law, protest and request a hearing, whereupon the Department shall give notice and shall hold a hearing in conformity with the provisions of this Act and then issue its final administrative decision in the matter to such person. In the absence of such a protest filed within the time allowed by law, the Department's decision shall become final without any further determination being made or notice given.

The Department shall discharge any surety and shall release and return any bond or security deposited, assigned, pledged, or otherwise provided to it by a taxpayer under this Section within 30 days after:

- (1) Such taxpayer becomes a prior continuous compliance taxpayer; or
- 24 (2) Such taxpayer has ceased to collect receipts on which 25 he is required to remit tax to the Department, has filed a 26 final tax return, and has paid to the Department an amount

sufficient to discharge his remaining tax liability as determined by the Department under this Act. The Department shall make a final determination of the taxpayer's outstanding tax liability as expeditiously as possible after his final tax return has been filed. If the Department cannot make such final determination within 45 days after receiving the final tax return, within such period it shall so notify the taxpayer, stating its reasons therefor.

The Department may authorize distributors to affix revenue tax stamps by imprinting tax meter stamps upon original packages of cigarettes. The Department shall adopt rules and regulations relating to the imprinting of such tax meter stamps as will result in payment of the proper taxes as herein imposed. No distributor may affix revenue tax stamps to original packages of cigarettes by imprinting tax meter stamps thereon unless such distributor has first obtained permission from the Department to employ this method of affixation. The Department shall regulate the use of tax meters and may, to assure the proper collection of the taxes imposed by this Act, revoke or suspend the privilege, theretofore granted by the Department to any distributor, to imprint tax meter stamps upon original packages of cigarettes.

Illinois cigarette manufacturers who place their cigarettes in original packages which are contained inside a sealed transparent wrapper, and similar out-of-State cigarette manufacturers who elect to qualify and are accepted by the

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Department as distributors under Section 4b(a) of this Act, shall pay the taxes imposed by this Act by remitting the amount thereof to the Department by the 5th day of each month covering cigarettes shipped or otherwise delivered in Illinois to purchasers during the preceding calendar month. manufacturers of cigarettes in original packages which are inside a sealed transparent wrapper, delivering such cigarettes or causing such cigarettes to be delivered in this State to purchasers, shall evidence their obligation to remit the taxes due with respect to such cigarettes by imprinting language to be prescribed by the Department on each original package of such cigarettes underneath the sealed transparent outside wrapper of such original package, in such place thereon and in such manner as the Department may designate. Such imprinted language shall acknowledge the manufacturer's payment of or liability for the tax imposed by this Act with respect to the distribution of such cigarettes.

A distributor shall not affix, or cause to be affixed, any stamp or imprint to a package of cigarettes, as provided for in this Section, if the tobacco product manufacturer, as defined in Section 10 of the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act, that made or sold the cigarettes has failed to become a participating manufacturer, as defined in subdivision (a)(1) of Section 15 of the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act, or has failed to create a qualified escrow fund for any

- 1 cigarettes manufactured by the tobacco product manufacturer
- 2 and sold in this State or otherwise failed to bring itself into
- compliance with subdivision (a) (2) of Section 15 of the Tobacco 3
- 4 Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 95-1053, eff. 1-1-10; 96-782, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 6 Section 10. The Cigarette Use Tax Act is amended by
- changing Sections 2, 3, and 12 as follows: 7
- 8 (35 ILCS 135/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 453.32)
- 9 Sec. 2. A tax is imposed upon the privilege of using
- cigarettes in this State, at the rate of 6 mills per cigarette 10
- 11 so used. On and after December 1, 1985, in addition to any
- 12 other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon the
- 13 privilege of using cigarettes in this State at a rate of 4
- 14 mills per cigarette so used. On and after the effective date of
- this amendatory Act of 1989, in addition to any other tax 15
- imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of 16
- 17 using cigarettes in this State at the rate of 5 mills per
- 18 cigarette so used. On and after the effective date of this
- amendatory Act of 1993, in addition to any other tax imposed by 19
- 20 this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of using
- cigarettes in this State at a rate of 7 mills per cigarette so 21
- 22 used. On and after December 15, 1997, in addition to any other
- 23 tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of
- 24 using cigarettes in this State at a rate of 7 mills per

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cigarette so used. On and after July 1, 2002, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of using cigarettes in this State at a rate of 20.0 mills per cigarette so used. Beginning on September 1, 2010, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of using cigarettes in this State at a rate of 25 mills per cigarette so used. Beginning on September 1, 2011, in addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of using cigarettes in this State at the rate of 25 mills per cigarette so used. The taxes herein imposed shall be in addition to all other occupation or privilege taxes imposed by the State of Illinois or by any political subdivision thereof or by any municipal corporation.

When any tax imposed herein terminates or has terminated, distributors who have bought stamps while such tax was in effect and who therefore paid such tax, but who can show, to the Department's satisfaction, that they sold the cigarettes to which they affixed such stamps after such tax had terminated and did not recover the tax or its equivalent from purchasers, shall be allowed by the Department to take credit for such absorbed tax against subsequent tax stamp purchases from the Department by such distributors.

When the word "tax" is used in this Act, it shall include any tax or tax rate imposed by this Act and shall mean the singular of "tax" or the plural "taxes" as the context may require.

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Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his possession for sale on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1989 shall not be required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1989 on such stamped cigarettes. Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his or her possession for sale at 12:01 a.m. on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, is required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1993 on such stamped cigarettes. This payment shall be due when the distributor first makes a purchase of cigarette tax stamps after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, or on the first due date of a return under this Act after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1993, whichever occurs first. Once a distributor tenders the additional tax to the payment of Department, the distributor may purchase stamps from the Department. Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his possession for sale on December 15, 1997 shall not be required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of 1997 on such stamped cigarettes.

Any distributor having cigarettes to which stamps have been affixed in his or her possession for sale on July 1, 2002 shall not be required to pay the additional tax imposed by this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly on those stamped cigarettes. Any retailer having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2010 to which tax stamps have been

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affixed is not required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2010 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly on those stamped cigarettes. Any distributor having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2010 to which tax stamps have been affixed is required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2010 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly to the extent the calendar year 2010 average monthly volume of cigarette stamps in the distributor's possession exceeds the average monthly volume of cigarette stamps purchased by the distributor in calendar year 2009. This payment, less the discount provided in Section 3, is due when the distributor first makes a purchase of cigarette stamps on or after September 1, 2010 or on the first due date of a return under this Act occurring on or after September 1, 2010, whichever occurs first.

Any retailer having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2011 to which tax stamps have been affixed is not required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2011 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly on those stamped cigarettes. Any distributor having cigarettes in his or her possession on September 1, 2011 to which tax stamps have been affixed is required to pay the additional tax that begins on September 1, 2011 imposed by an amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly to the extent the calendar year 2011 average monthly volume of cigarette stamps in the distributor's possession exceeds the average monthly volume of

- 1 cigarette stamps purchased by the distributor in calendar year
- 2010. This payment, less the discount provided in Section 3, is 2
- due when the distributor first makes a purchase of cigarette 3
- 4 stamps on or after September 1, 2011 or on the first due date
- 5 of a return under this Act occurring on or after September 1,
- 2011, whichever occurs first. 6

- (Source: P.A. 92-536, eff. 6-6-02.) 7
- 8 (35 ILCS 135/3) (from Ch. 120, par. 453.33)
- 9 Sec. 3. Stamp payment. The tax hereby imposed shall be 10 collected by a distributor maintaining a place of business in this State or a distributor authorized by the Department 11 pursuant to Section 7 hereof to collect the tax, and the amount 12 13 of the tax shall be added to the price of the cigarettes sold 14 by such distributor. Collection of the tax shall be evidenced 15 by a stamp or stamps affixed to each original package of cigarettes or by an authorized substitute for such stamp 16 17 imprinted on each original package of such cigarettes 18 underneath the sealed transparent outside wrapper of such 19 original package, except as hereinafter provided. distributor who is required or authorized to collect the tax 20 21 herein imposed, before delivering or causing to be delivered 22 any original packages of cigarettes in this State to any 23 purchaser, shall firmly affix a proper stamp or stamps to each 24 such package, or (in the case of manufacturers of cigarettes in

original packages which are contained inside a

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transparent wrapper) shall imprint the required language on the original package of cigarettes beneath such outside wrapper as hereinafter provided. Such stamp or stamps need not be affixed to the original package of any cigarettes with respect to which the distributor is required to affix a like stamp or stamps by virtue of the Cigarette Tax Act, however, and no tax imprint need be placed underneath the sealed transparent wrapper of an original package of cigarettes with respect to which the distributor is required or authorized to employ a like tax imprint by virtue of the Cigarette Tax Act.

No stamp or imprint may be affixed to, or made upon, any package of cigarettes unless that package complies with all requirements of the federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. 1331 and following, for the placement of labels, warnings, or any other information upon a package of cigarettes that is sold within the United States. Under the authority of Section 6, the Department shall revoke the license of any distributor that is determined to have violated this paragraph. A person may not affix a stamp on a package of cigarettes, cigarette papers, wrappers, or tubes if that individual package has been marked for export outside the United States with a label or notice in compliance with Section 290.185 of Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations. It is not a defense to a proceeding for violation of this paragraph that the label or notice has been removed, mutilated, obliterated, or altered in any manner.

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Onlv distributors licensed under this Act and transporters, as defined in Section 9c of the Cigarette Tax Act, may possess unstamped original packages of cigarettes. Prior to shipment to an Illinois retailer, a stamp shall be applied to each original package of cigarettes sold to the retailer. A distributor may apply a tax stamp only to an original package of cigarettes purchased or obtained directly from an in-state maker, manufacturer, or fabricator licensed as a distributor under Section 4 of this Act or an out-of-state maker, manufacturer, or fabricator holding a permit under Section 7 of this Act. A licensed distributor may ship or otherwise cause to be delivered unstamped original packages of cigarettes in, into, or from this State. A licensed distributor may transport unstamped original packages of cigarettes to a facility, wherever located, owned or controlled by such distributor; however, a distributor may not transport unstamped original packages of cigarettes to a facility where retail sales of cigarettes take place. Any licensed distributor that ships or otherwise causes to be delivered unstamped original packages of cigarettes into, within, or from this State shall ensure that the invoice or equivalent documentation and the bill of lading or freight bill for the shipment identifies the true name and address of the consignor or seller, the true name and address of the consignee or purchaser, and the quantity by brand style of the cigarettes so transported, provided that this Section shall not be construed

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1 as to impose any requirement or liability upon any common or contract carrier. 2

Stamps, when required hereunder, shall be purchased from the Department, or any person authorized by the Department, by distributors. On and after July 1, 2003, payment for such stamps must be made by means of electronic funds transfer. The Department may refuse to sell stamps to any person who does not comply with the provisions of this Act. Beginning on June 6, 2002 and through June 30, 2002, persons holding valid licenses as distributors may purchase cigarette tax stamps up to an amount equal to 115% of the distributor's average monthly cigarette tax stamp purchases over the 12 calendar months prior to June 6, 2002.

Prior to December 1, 1985, the Department shall allow a distributor 21 days in which to make final payment of the amount to be paid for such stamps, by allowing the distributor to make payment for the stamps at the time of purchasing them with a draft which shall be in such form as the Department prescribes, and which shall be payable within 21 thereafter: Provided that such distributor has filed with the Department, and has received the Department's approval of, a bond, which is in addition to the bond required under Section 4 of this Act, payable to the Department in an amount equal to 80% of such distributor's average monthly tax liability to the Department under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$500,000, whichever is less. The bond shall be joint and

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several and shall be in the form of a surety company bond in such form as the Department prescribes, or it may be in the form of a bank certificate of deposit or bank letter of credit. The bond shall be conditioned upon the distributor's payment of the amount of any 21-day draft which the Department accepts from that distributor for the delivery of stamps to that distributor under this Act. The distributor's failure to pay any such draft, when due, shall also make such distributor automatically liable to the Department for a penalty equal to 25% of the amount of such draft.

On and after December 1, 1985 and until July 1, 2003, the Department shall allow a distributor 30 days in which to make final payment of the amount to be paid for such stamps, by allowing the distributor to make payment for the stamps at the time of purchasing them with a draft which shall be in such form as the Department prescribes, and which shall be payable within 30 days thereafter, and beginning on January 1, 2003 and thereafter, the draft shall be payable by means of electronic funds transfer: Provided that such distributor has filed with the Department, and has received the Department's approval of, a bond, which is in addition to the bond required under Section 4 of this Act, payable to the Department in an amount equal to 150% of such distributor's average monthly tax liability to the Department under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$750,000, whichever is less, except that as to bonds filed on or after January 1, 1987, such additional bond shall be in an

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amount equal to 100% of such distributor's average monthly tax liability under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$750,000, whichever is less. The bond shall be joint and several and shall be in the form of a surety company bond in such form as the Department prescribes, or it may be in the form of a bank certificate of deposit or bank letter of credit. The bond shall be conditioned upon the distributor's payment of the amount of any 30-day draft which the Department accepts from that distributor for the delivery of stamps to that distributor under this Act. The distributor's failure to pay any such draft, when due, shall also make such distributor automatically liable to the Department for a penalty equal to 25% of the amount of such draft.

Beginning on July 1, 2010, the Department shall allow a distributor 10 days in which to make final payment of the amount to be paid for such stamps, by allowing the distributor to make payment for the stamps at the time of purchasing them with a draft, which shall be payable by means of electronic funds transfer and in such form as the Department prescribes, and which shall be payable within 10 days thereafter, provided that such distributor has filed with the Department, and has received the Department's approval of, a bond, which is in addition to the bond required under Section 4 of this Act, payable to the Department in an amount equal to 100% of that distributor's average monthly tax liability to the Department under this Act during the preceding calendar year or \$750,000,

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Every prior continuous compliance taxpayer shall be exempt from all requirements under this Section concerning the furnishing of such bond, as defined in this Section, as a condition precedent to his being authorized to engage in the business licensed under this Act. This exemption shall continue for each such taxpayer until such time as he may be determined by the Department to be delinquent in the filing of any returns, or is determined by the Department (either through the Department's issuance of a final assessment which has become final under the Act, or by the taxpayer's filing of a return which admits tax to be due that is not paid) to be delinquent or deficient in the paying of any tax under this Act, at which that taxpayer shall become subject to the requirements of this Section and, as a condition of being allowed to continue to engage in the business licensed under

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this Act, shall be required to furnish bond to the Department in such form as provided in this Section. Such taxpayer shall furnish such bond for a period of 2 years, after which, if the taxpayer has not been delinquent in the filing of any returns, or delinquent or deficient in the paying of any tax under this Act, the Department may reinstate such person as a prior continuance compliance taxpayer. Any taxpayer who fails to pay an admitted or established liability under this Act may also be required to post bond or other acceptable security with the Department quaranteeing the payment of such admitted or established liability.

Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Department under this Section may, within the time allowed by law, protest and request a hearing, whereupon the Department shall give notice and shall hold a hearing in conformity with the provisions of this Act and then issue its final administrative decision in the matter to such person. In the absence of such a protest filed within the time allowed by law, the Department's decision shall become final without any further determination being made or notice given.

The Department shall discharge any surety and shall release and return any bond or security deposited, assigned, pledged, or otherwise provided to it by a taxpayer under this Section within 30 days after:

25 (1)such Taxpayer becomes a prior continuous 26 compliance taxpayer; or

(2) such taxpayer has ceased to collect receipts on which he is required to remit tax to the Department, has filed a final tax return, and has paid to the Department an amount sufficient to discharge his remaining tax liability as determined by the Department under this Act. The Department shall make a final determination of the taxpayer's outstanding tax liability as expeditiously as possible after his final tax return has been filed. If the Department cannot make such final determination within 45 days after receiving the final tax return, within such period it shall so notify the taxpayer, stating its reasons therefor.

At the time of purchasing such stamps from the Department when purchase is required by this Act, or at the time when the tax which he has collected is remitted by a distributor to the Department without the purchase of stamps from the Department when that method of remitting the tax that has been collected is required or authorized by this Act, the distributor shall be allowed a discount during any year commencing July 1 and ending the following June 30 in accordance with the schedule set out hereinbelow, from the amount to be paid by him to the Department for such stamps, or to be paid by him to the Department on the basis of monthly remittances (as the case may be), to cover the cost, to such distributor, of collecting the tax herein imposed by affixing such stamps to the original packages of cigarettes sold by such distributor or by placing

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tax imprints underneath the sealed transparent wrapper of original packages of cigarettes sold by such distributor (as the case may be): (1) Prior to December 1, 1985, a discount equal to 1-2/3% of the amount of the tax up to and including the first \$700,000 paid hereunder by such distributor to the Department during any such year; 1-1/3% of the next \$700,000 of tax or any part thereof, paid hereunder by such distributor to the Department during any such year; 1% of the next \$700,000 of tax, or any part thereof, paid hereunder by such distributor to the Department during any such year; and 2/3 of 1% of the amount of any additional tax paid hereunder by such distributor to the Department during any such year or (2) On and after December 1, 1985, a discount equal to 1.75% of the amount of the tax payable under this Act up to and including the first \$3,000,000 paid hereunder by such distributor to the Department during any such year and 1.5% of the amount of any additional tax paid hereunder by such distributor to the Department during any such year.

Two or more distributors that use a common means of affixing revenue tax stamps or that are owned or controlled by the same interests shall be treated as a single distributor for the purpose of computing the discount.

Cigarette manufacturers who are distributors under Section 7(a) of this Act, and who place their cigarettes in original packages which are contained inside a sealed transparent wrapper, shall be required to remit the tax which they are

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required to collect under this Act to the Department by remitting the amount thereof to the Department by the 5th day of each month, covering cigarettes shipped or otherwise delivered to points in Illinois to purchasers during the preceding calendar month, but a distributor need not remit to the Department the tax so collected by him from purchasers under this Act to the extent to which such distributor is required to remit the tax imposed by the Cigarette Tax Act to the Department with respect to the same cigarettes. All taxes upon cigarettes under this Act are a direct tax upon the retail consumer and shall conclusively be presumed to be precollected for the purpose of convenience and facility only. Cigarette manufacturers that are distributors licensed under Section 7(a) of this Act and who place their cigarettes in original packages which are contained inside a sealed transparent wrapper, before delivering such cigarettes or causing such cigarettes to be delivered in this State to purchasers, shall evidence their obligation to collect and remit the tax due with respect to such cigarettes by imprinting language to be prescribed by the Department on each original package of such cigarettes underneath the sealed transparent outside wrapper of such original package, in such place thereon and in such manner as the Department may prescribe; provided (as stated hereinbefore) that this requirement does not apply when such distributor is required or authorized by the Cigarette Tax Act to place the tax imprint provided for in the last paragraph of

Section 3 of that Act underneath the sealed transparent wrapper of such original package of cigarettes. Such imprinted language shall acknowledge the manufacturer's collection and payment of or liability for the tax imposed by this Act with respect to such cigarettes.

The Department shall adopt the design or designs of the tax stamps and shall procure the printing of such stamps in such amounts and denominations as it deems necessary to provide for the affixation of the proper amount of tax stamps to each original package of cigarettes.

Where tax stamps are required, the Department may authorize distributors to affix revenue tax stamps by imprinting tax meter stamps upon original packages of cigarettes. The Department shall adopt rules and regulations relating to the imprinting of such tax meter stamps as will result in payment of the proper taxes as herein imposed. No distributor may affix revenue tax stamps to original packages of cigarettes by imprinting meter stamps thereon unless such distributor has first obtained permission from the Department to employ this method of affixation. The Department shall regulate the use of tax meters and may, to assure the proper collection of the taxes imposed by this Act, revoke or suspend the privilege, theretofore granted by the Department to any distributor, to imprint tax meter stamps upon original packages of cigarettes.

The tax hereby imposed and not paid pursuant to this Section shall be paid to the Department directly by any person

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1 using such cigarettes within this State, pursuant to Section 12 2 hereof.

A distributor shall not affix, or cause to be affixed, any stamp or imprint to a package of cigarettes, as provided for in this Section, if the tobacco product manufacturer, as defined in Section 10 of the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act, that made or sold the cigarettes has failed to become a participating manufacturer, as defined in subdivision (a)(1) of Section 15 of the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act, or has failed to create a qualified escrow fund for any cigarettes manufactured by the tobacco product manufacturer and sold in this State or otherwise failed to bring itself into compliance with subdivision (a) (2) of Section 15 of the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act.

(Source: P.A. 96-782, eff. 1-1-10.) 15

(35 ILCS 135/12) (from Ch. 120, par. 453.42) 16

Sec. 12. Declaration of possession of cigarettes on which tax not paid.

(a) When cigarettes are acquired for use in this State by a person (including a distributor as well as any other person), who did not pay the tax herein imposed to a distributor, the person, within 30 days after acquiring the cigarettes, shall file with the Department a return declaring the possession of the cigarettes and shall transmit with the return to the Department the tax imposed by this Act.

- 1 (b) On receipt of the return and payment of the tax as 2 required by paragraph (a), the Department may furnish the
- 3 person with a suitable tax stamp to be affixed to the package
- 4 of cigarettes upon which the tax has been paid if the
- 5 Department determines that the cigarettes still exist.
- 6 (c) The return referred to in paragraph (a) shall contain
- 7 the name and address of the person possessing the cigarettes
- involved, the location of the cigarettes and the quantity, 8
- 9 brand name, place, and date of the acquisition of the
- 10 cigarettes.
- 11 (d) The provisions of this Section are not subject to the
- Uniform Penalty and Interest Act. 12
- 13 (Source: P.A. 92-322, eff. 1-1-02.)
- 14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 15 becoming law.".