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HOUSE BILL No. 2560

By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT relating to the taxation of eigarettes; increasing the rate imposed thereon; amending K.S.A. 79-3310, 79-3311 and 79-3312 and repealing the existing sections section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. On and after June 1, 2001, K.S.A. 79-3310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-3310. There is hereby imposed a tax upon all eigarettes sold, distributed or given away within the state of Kansas. The rate of such tax shall be \$.24 \$.39 **\$.25** [**\$.24**] on each 20 cigarettes or fractional part thereof or \$.30 \$.49 \$.30 on each 25 cigarettes, as the ease requires on and after June 1, 2001, but before June 1, 2002. On and after June 1 of each year thereafter, but before June 1 of the next succeeding year, such rates shall be equal to the product of that of the next preceding year multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the average consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the federal department of labor as of the close of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of the first calendar year preceding the appropriate year and the denominator of which is such index as of such period ending on August 31 of the second calendar year preceding the appropriate year. Such tax shall be collected and paid to the director as provided in this act. Such tax shall be paid only once and shall be paid by the wholesale dealer first receiving the eigarettes as herein provided.

- The taxes imposed by this act are hereby levied upon all sales of eigarettes made to any department, institution or agency of the state of Kansas, and to the political subdivisions thereof and their departments, institutions and agencies.

New Sec. 2. (a) On or before June 30, 2001, each wholesale dealer, retail dealer and vending machine operator shall file a report with the director in such form as the director may prescribe showing eigarettes, eigarette stamps and meter imprints on hand at 12:01 a.m. on June 1,

2001. A tax of \$.15 on each 20 eigarettes or fractional part thereof or \$.19 on each 25 eigarettes, as the ease requires and \$.15 or \$.19, as the ease requires upon all tax stamps and all meter imprints purchased from the director and not affixed to eigarettes prior to June 1, 2001, is hereby imposed and shall be due and payable on or before June 30, 2001. The tax imposed upon such eigarettes, tax stamps and meter imprints shall be imposed only once under this act. The director shall remit all moneys collected pursuant to this section to the state treasurer who shall eredit the entire amount thereof to the state general fund.

(b) On and before June 30, 2002, and each year thereafter, each wholesale dealer, retail dealer and vending machine operator shall file a report with the director in such form as the director may prescribe showing eigarettes, eigarette stamps and meter imprints on hand at 12:01 a.m. on June 1 of the appropriate year. A tax equal to the difference between the tax rate of the preceding year and that of the current year on each 20 eigarettes or factional part thereof, or on each 25 eigarettes, as the ease requires and, as the ease requires, upon all tax stamps and all meter imprints purchased from the director and not affixed to eigarettes prior to June 1 of the appropriate year is hereby imposed and shall be due and payable on or before June 30 of the appropriate year. The tax imposed upon such eigarettes, tax stamps and meter imprints shall be imposed only once under this act. The director shall remit all moneys collected pursuant to this section to the state treasurer who shall credit the entire amount thereof to the state general fund.

Sec. 3. On and after June 1, 2001, K.S.A. 79-3311 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-3311. The director shall design and designate indicia of tax payment to be affixed to each package of cigarettes as provided by this act. The director shall sell water applied stamps only to licensed wholesale dealers in the amounts of 1,000 or multiples thereof. Stamps applied by the heat process shall be sold only in amounts of 30,000 or multiples thereof, except that such stamps which are suitable for packages containing 25 cigarettes each shall be sold in amounts prescribed by the director. Meter imprints shall be sold only in amounts of 10,000 or multiples thereof. Water applied stamps in amounts of 10,000 or multiples thereof and stamps applied by the heat process and meter imprints shall be supplied to wholesale dealers at a discount of 2.65% 1.63% from the face value thereof, and shall be deducted at the time of purchase or from the remittance therefor as hereinafter provided. Any wholesale eigarette dealer who shall file with the director a bond, of acceptable form, payable to the state of Kansas with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Kansas, shall be permitted to purchase stamps, and remit therefor to the director within 30 days after each such purchase, up to a maximum outstanding at any one time of 85% of the amount of the bond. Failure

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on the part of any wholesale dealer to remit as herein specified shall be cause for forfeiture of such dealer's bond. All revenue received from the sale of such stamps or meter imprints shall be remitted to the state treasurer daily. Upon receipt thereof, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall first credit such amount thereof as the director shall order to the eigarette tax refund fund and shall credit the remaining balance to the state general fund. A refund fund designated the eigarette tax refund fund not to exceed \$10,000 at any time shall be set apart and maintained by the director from taxes collected under this act and held by the state treasurer for prompt payment of all refunds authorized by this act. Such eigarette tax refund fund shall be in such amount as the director shall determine is necessary to meet current refunding requirements under this act.

— The wholesale eigarette dealer shall affix to each package of eigarettes stamps or tax meter imprints required by this act prior to the sale of eigarettes to any person, by such dealer or such dealer's agent or agents, within the state of Kansas. The director is empowered to authorize wholesale dealers to affix revenue tax meter imprints upon original packages of eigarettes and is charged with the duty of regulating the use of tax meters to secure payment of the proper taxes. No wholesale dealer shall affix revenue tax meter imprints to original packages of eigarettes without first having obtained permission from the director to employ this method of affixation. If the director approves the wholesale dealer's application for permission to affix revenue tax meter imprints to original packages of eigarettes, the director shall require such dealer to file a suitable bond payable to the state of Kansas executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in Kansas. The director may, to assure the proper collection of taxes imposed by the act, revoke or suspend the privilege of imprinting tax meter imprints upon original packages of eigarettes. All meters shall be under the direct control of the director, and all transfer assignments or anything pertaining thereto must first be authorized by the director. All inks used in the stamping of eigarettes must be of a special type devised for use in connection with the machine employed and approved by the director. All repairs to the meter are strictly prohibited except by a duly authorized representative of the director. Requests for service shall be directed to the director. Meter machine ink imprints on all packages shall be clear and legible. If a wholesale dealer continuously issues illegible eigarette tax meter imprints, it shall be eonsidered sufficient eause for revocation of such dealer's permit to use a cigarette tax meter.

— A licensed wholesale dealer may, for the purpose of sale in another state, transport eigarettes not bearing Kansas indicia of tax payment through the state of Kansas provided such eigarettes are contained in sealed and original eartons.

Sec. 4. On and after June 1, 2001, K.S.A. 79-3312 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-3312. The director shall redeem any unused stamps or meter imprints that any wholesale dealer presents for redemption within six months after the purchase thereof, at the face value less 2.65% 1.63% thereof if such stamps or meter imprints have been purchased from the director. The director shall prepare a voucher showing the net amount of such refund due, and the director of accounts and reports shall draw a warrant on the state treasurer for the same. Wholesale dealers shall be entitled to a refund of the tax paid on eigarettes which have become unfit for sale upon proof thereof less 2.65% 1.63% of such tax.

Sec. 5. On and after June 1, 2001, K.S.A. 79-3310, 79-3311 and 79-3312 are hereby repealed.

See 2. K.S.A. 79-3310 is hereby repealed.

— Sec. 63. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register statute book.