
SENATE BILL 6331

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding of tobacco education; adding a new
2 section to chapter 82.24 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.70 RCW;
3 creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the health
6 impact of the use of tobacco products continues to be a major problem
7 in Washington state. The legislature intends to aggressively address
8 this problem through an education program designed to reduce the use of
9 tobacco products by young people and encourage the cessation of use by
10 those who already smoke.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.24 RCW
12 to read as follows:

1 (1) In addition to the taxes provided in RCW 82.24.020, there is
2 imposed and shall be collected, an additional tax upon the sale, use,
3 consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes, in an
4 amount equal to the rate of one-half of one mill per cigarette.

5 (2) Revenues collected under this section shall be deposited in the
6 tobacco prevention account under section 4 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 The department of health shall implement a tobacco education
10 program that emphasizes no new smokers, targets young people, and
11 promotes reduction of use. The program shall include an advertising
12 element that uses diverse types of media and strives to reach all
13 subcultures and subgroups of local communities. The advertising shall
14 stress the dangers and problems of tobacco use.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The tobacco prevention account is created in the custody of the
18 state treasurer. All receipts from the tax in section 2 of this act
19 shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may
20 be used only for the purposes of section 3 of this act. Only the
21 secretary or the secretary's designee may authorize expenditures from
22 the account. The account is subject to allotment reduction procedures
23 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for
24 expenditures.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1992.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4 persons or circumstances is not affected.