

1 **E2SSB 5304** - H AMDS to Revenue Comm. Amendment  
2 By Representative Valle

3 On page 89 of the amendment, after line 18, insert:

4 (4) An additional tax is imposed upon the sale, use,  
5 consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of all  
6 cigarettes, in an amount equal to the rate of two and one-half  
7 mills per cigarette for the period July 1, 1998, through June 30,  
8 2000, and five mills per cigarette thereafter. All revenues  
9 collected during any month from this additional tax shall be  
10 deposited in the Washington health protection account under section  
11 308 of this act by the twenty-fifth day of the following month."

12 Renumber subsections consecutively and correct any internal  
13 references accordingly.

14 On page 89 of the amendment, after line 28, insert:

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 308. A new section is added to chapter  
16 43.70 RCW to read as follows:

17 The Washington health protection account is established in the  
18 state treasury. Expenditures from the account may be used only for  
19 appropriations to the department of health for the purposes of  
20 tobacco use prevention and cessation programs. One-half of this  
21 money shall be used for programs that include advertising that uses  
22 diverse media types, print, radio, television, posters, and strives  
23 to reach all high-risk groups across the state and in local  
24 communities. The media campaign will educate the public on the  
25 health dangers of smoking. One-half of this money shall be used  
26 for cessation and shall be allocated to those programs that  
27 directly aid the individual in the pursuit of overcoming tobacco  
28 addiction."

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- 1 Renumber sections consecutively and correct any internal references
- 2 accordingly.

EFFECT: Imposes an additional 5 cent per pack cigarette tax on July 1, 1998, and another additional 5 cents per pack on July 1, 2000. Proceeds from these additional taxes are deposited in the Washington health protection account for support of smoking cessation and education programs.