
SENATE BILL 5891

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By Senators Swanson, Thibaudeau and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to tobacco prevention programs for youth; adding a
2 new section to chapter 82.24 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.70
3 RCW; 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 impact
6 of the use of tobacco products continues to be a major problem in
7 Washington state. The legislature intends to aggressively address this
8 problem through an education program designed to reduce the use of
9 tobacco products by young people.

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

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

16 (2) Revenues collected under this section shall be deposited in the
17 youth tobacco prevention account established in section 4 of this act.

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

3 The department of health shall implement a program to discourage
4 young people from smoking. The program may include grants to public
5 schools.

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

8 The youth tobacco prevention account is created in the state
9 treasury. All receipts from the tax in section 2 of this act must be
10 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only
11 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only
12 for the purposes of section 3 of this act.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 1, 1997.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its
15 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
16 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
17 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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