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- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 6 following:
- 7 Sec. 1. The legislature intends to further the "NEW SECTION. 8 government-to-government relationship between the state of Washington 9 and Indians in the state of Washington by authorizing the governor to 10 enter into cooperative agreements concerning the sale of cigarettes. The legislature finds that these agreements will provide a means to 11 promote economic development, provide needed revenues for tribal 12 governments and Indian persons, and enhance enforcement of the state's 13 14 cigarette tax law, ultimately saving the state money and reducing 15 conflict.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) The governor may enter into cooperative agreements concerning the sale of cigarettes. All cooperative agreements shall meet the requirements for cooperative agreements under this section. Except for cooperative agreements under section 3 of this act, the rates, revenue sharing, and exemption terms of a cooperative agreement are not effective unless authorized in a bill enacted by the legislature.
- (2) Cooperative agreements shall be in regard to retail sales in which Indian retailers make delivery and physical transfer of possession of the cigarettes from the seller to the buyer within the Indian lands. In addition, cooperative agreements shall provide that retailers shall not sell or give, or permit to be sold or given, cigarettes to any person under the age of eighteen years.
- 30 (3) A cooperative agreement with a tribe shall provide for a tribal 31 cigarette tax in lieu of all state cigarette taxes and state and local 32 sales and use taxes on sales of cigarettes on Indian lands by Indian 33 retailers. The tribe may allow an exemption for sales to tribal 34 members.

- 1 (4) Cooperative agreements shall provide that all cigarettes 2 possessed or sold by a retailer shall bear a cigarette stamp obtained 3 by wholesalers from a bank or other suitable stamp vendor and applied 4 to the cigarettes.
- 5 (5) Cooperative agreements shall provide that retailers shall 6 purchase cigarettes only from:
- 7 (a) Wholesalers or manufacturers licensed to do business in the 8 state of Washington;
- 9 (b) Out-of-state wholesalers or manufacturers who, although not
 10 licensed to do business in the state of Washington, agree to comply
 11 with the terms of the cooperative agreement, are certified to the state
 12 as having so agreed, and who do in fact so comply. However, the state
 13 may in its sole discretion exercise its administrative and enforcement
 14 powers over such wholesalers or manufacturers to the extent permitted
 15 by law;
- 16 (c) A tribal wholesaler that purchases only from a wholesaler or 17 manufacturer described in (a), (b), or (d) of this subsection; and
- 18 (d) A tribal manufacturer.

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- 19 (6) Cooperative agreements shall be for renewable periods of no 20 more than eight years. A renewal may not include a renewal of the 21 phase-in period.
 - (7) Cooperative agreements shall include provisions for compliance.
- 23 (8) Tax revenue retained by a tribe must be used for essential 24 government services. Use of tax revenue for subsidization of cigarette 25 and food retailers is prohibited.
- (9) Cooperative agreements may provide for the submission of disputes regarding the interpretation and administration of their provisions for judicial resolution, and, if such submissions are agreed, shall include provision for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity and consent by the state for the resolution conditioned upon a similar limited waiver of sovereign immunity by the other parties to the agreement.
- 33 (10) The governor may delegate the power to negotiate cooperative 34 agreements to the department of revenue.
- 35 (11) Information received by the state or open to state review 36 under the terms of an agreement is subject to the provisions of RCW 37 82.32.330.
- 38 (12) For purposes of this section and sections 3 through 6 of this 39 act:

- 1 (a) "Essential government services" means services such as tribal 2 administration, public facilities, fire, police, public health, 3 education, job services, sewer, water, environmental and land use, 4 transportation, utility services, and economic development;
- 5 (b) "Indian lands" means all land within the exterior boundaries of 6 a reservation and land held in trust for a tribe or Indian person by 7 the United States;
- 8 (c) "Indian retailer" or "retailer" means (i) a retailer wholly 9 owned and operated by an Indian tribe, (ii) a business wholly owned and 10 operated by a tribal member and licensed by the tribe, or (iii) a 11 business owned and operated by the Indian person or persons in whose 12 name the land is held in trust; and
- (d) "Indian tribe" or "tribe" means a federally recognized Indian tribe located within the geographical boundaries of the state of Washington.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 (1) The governor is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements 19 with the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Nisqually Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. Each agreement adopted under this 20 section shall provide that the tribal cigarette tax rate be one hundred 21 percent of the state cigarette and state and local sales and use taxes 22 23 within three years of enacting the tribal tax and shall be set no lower 24 than eighty percent of the state cigarette and state and local sales 25 and use taxes during the three-year phase-in period. The three-year phase-in period shall be shortened by three months each quarter the 26 number of cartons of nontribal manufactured cigarettes is ten percent 27 or more than the quarterly average number of cartons of nontribal 28 29 manufactured cigarettes from the six-month period preceding the 30 imposition of the tribal tax under the agreement. Sales at a retailer operation not in existence as of the date a tribal tax under this 31 section is imposed are subject to the full rate of the tribal tax under 32 33 the agreement. The tribal cigarette tax is in lieu of the state cigarette and state and local sales and use taxes, as provided in 34 section 2(3) of this act. 35
- 36 (2) A cooperative agreement under this section is subject to 37 section 2 of this act.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of
- 4 cigarettes by an Indian retailer during the effective period of a
- 5 cooperative agreement subject to section 2 of this act.
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 82.12 RCW
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply in respect to the
- 9 use of cigarettes sold by an Indian retailer during the effective
- 10 period of a cooperative agreement subject to section 2 of this act.
- 11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 82.24 RCW
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 (1) This chapter does not apply to the sale, use, consumption,
- 14 handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes by an Indian
- 15 retailer during the effective period of a cooperative agreement subject
- 16 to section 2 of this act.
- 17 (2) Effective July 1, 2001, wholesalers and retailers subject to
- 18 the provisions of this chapter shall be allowed compensation for their
- 19 services in affixing the stamps required under this chapter a sum
- 20 computed at the rate of six dollars per one thousand stamps purchased
- 21 or affixed by them.
- 22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. RCW 82.24.070 (Compensation of dealers), as
- 23 now or hereafter amended, and 1987 c 496 s 5, 1987 c 80 s 2, 1971 ex.s.
- 24 c 299 s 14, 1965 ex.s. c 173 s 24, 1961 ex.s. c 24 s 4, & 1961 c 15 s
- 25 82.24.070 are each repealed.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Section 7 of this act takes effect July 1,
- 27 2001."
- 28 Correct the title.

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