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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing tobacco and vapor products taxes;
2 amending RCW 82.25.010 and 82.26.020; adding a new section to chapter
3 82.24 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.24
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 In addition to the tax imposed upon the sale, use, consumption,
8 handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes in RCW 82.24.020
9 and 82.24.026, there is imposed a tax in an amount equal to \$0.015
10 per cigarette. Revenue collected under this section must be deposited
11 into the general fund.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.25.010 and 2019 c 445 s 102 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1)(a) There is levied and collected a tax upon the sale, use,
15 consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of all vapor
16 products in this state as follows:

17 (i) All vapor products other than those taxed under (a)(ii) of
18 this subsection are taxed at a rate equal to (~~twenty-seven cents~~)
19 \$0.30 per milliliter of solution, regardless of whether it contains

1 nicotine, and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional
2 parts of a milliliter thereof.

3 (ii) Any accessible container of solution, regardless of whether
4 it contains nicotine, that is greater than five milliliters, is taxed
5 at a rate equal to (~~nine cents~~) \$0.10 per milliliter of solution
6 and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of a
7 milliliter thereof.

8 (b) The tax in this section must be imposed based on the volume
9 of the solution as listed by the manufacturer.

10 (2) (a) The tax under this section must be collected at the time
11 the distributor: (i) Brings, or causes to be brought, into this state
12 from without the state vapor products for sale; (ii) makes,
13 manufactures, fabricates, or stores vapor products in this state for
14 sale in this state; (iii) ships or transports vapor products to
15 retailers or consumers in this state; or (iv) handles for sale any
16 vapor products that are within this state but upon which tax has not
17 been imposed.

18 (b) The tax imposed under this section must also be collected by
19 the department from the consumer of vapor products where the tax
20 imposed under this section was not paid by the distributor on such
21 vapor products.

22 (3) (a) The moneys collected under this section must be deposited
23 as follows:

24 (i) Fifty percent into the Andy Hill cancer research endowment
25 fund match transfer account created in RCW 43.348.080; and

26 (ii) Fifty percent into the foundational public health services
27 account created in RCW 82.25.015.

28 (b) The funding provided under this subsection is intended to
29 supplement and not supplant general fund investments in cancer
30 research and foundational public health services.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.26.020 and 2019 c 445 s 404 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) There is levied and collected a tax upon the sale, handling,
34 or distribution of all tobacco products in this state at the
35 following rate:

36 (a) For cigars except little cigars, (~~ninety-five~~) 95 percent
37 of the taxable sales price of cigars, not to exceed (~~sixty-five~~
38 ~~cents~~) \$0.72 per cigar;

1 (b) For all tobacco products except those covered under separate
2 provisions of this subsection, (~~ninety-five~~) 100.05 percent of the
3 taxable sales price. The tax imposed on a product under this
4 subsection must be reduced by (~~fifty~~) 50 percent if that same
5 product is issued a modified risk tobacco product order by the
6 secretary of the United States department of health and human
7 services pursuant to Title 21 U.S.C. Sec. 387k(g)(1), or by (~~twenty-~~
8 ~~five~~) 25 percent if that same product is issued a modified risk
9 tobacco product order by the secretary of the United States
10 department of health and human services pursuant to Title 21 U.S.C.
11 Sec. 387k(g)(2). The tax reduction applies during the period the
12 modified risk tobacco product order is in effect;

13 (c) For moist snuff, as established in this subsection (1)(c) and
14 computed on the net weight listed by the manufacturer:

15 (i) On each single unit consumer-sized can or package whose net
16 weight is (~~one and two tenths~~) 1.2 ounces or less, a rate per
17 single unit that is equal to the greater of (~~2.526 dollars~~) \$2.776
18 or (~~eighty-three and one-half~~) 83.5 percent of the cigarette tax
19 under chapter 82.24 RCW multiplied by (~~twenty~~) 20; or

20 (ii) On each single unit consumer-sized can or package whose net
21 weight is more than (~~one and two tenths~~) 1.2 ounces, a
22 proportionate tax at the rate established in (c)(i) of this
23 subsection (1) on each ounce or fractional part of an ounce; and

24 (d) For little cigars, an amount per cigar equal to the cigarette
25 tax under chapter 82.24 RCW.

26 (2) Taxes under this section must be imposed at the time the
27 distributor (a) brings, or causes to be brought, into this state from
28 without the state tobacco products for sale, (b) makes, manufactures,
29 fabricates, or stores tobacco products in this state for sale in this
30 state, (c) ships or transports tobacco products to retailers in this
31 state, to be sold by those retailers, or (d) handles for sale any
32 tobacco products that are within this state but upon which tax has
33 not been imposed.

34 (3) The moneys collected under this section must be deposited
35 into the state general fund.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect October 1, 2025.

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