

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representative Hawkins**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1174**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS TOBACCO  
9 PRODUCTS TAX ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

12 "TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX ACT."

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 26-57-211 is amended to read as follows:

17 "26-57-211. Wholesaler to pay taxes - Reports and remittance of tax.

18 (a) Every wholesaler or a retailer if he purchases tobacco products  
19 direct from the manufacturer shall pay the taxes levied by this subchapter.

20 (b) (1) On or before the fifteenth day of each month, every wholesaler  
21 shall file a report for the previous month's tax collections with the  
22 director.

23 (2) The report shall provide the information prescribed by the  
24 director.

25 (c) (1) When the report is filed, the wholesaler shall remit the full  
26 amount of the tax due for the previous month to the director.

27 (2) No discount shall be allowed for an early or on-time remittance of  
28 the tax.

29 (3) In the event the payment of any tax due becomes delinquent, the  
30 taxpayer shall remit the full amount of the tax due plus penalty.

31 (d) (1) The director may add a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the tax  
32 due to the tax due for the failure to file a report or for the failure to  
33 remit the taxes at the time required, or for both.

34 (2) In the event the director determines there has been an attempt to  
35 evade the tax, a penalty of not more than fifty percent (50%) of the tax due

1 shall be added to the tax due.

2 (e) In computing the amount of tax due under the Arkansas Tobacco  
3 Products Tax Act, A.C.A. § 26-57-201 et seq. and any act supplemental thereto,  
4 a wholesaler may deduct the cost of cigarette tax stamps and tobacco taxes  
5 lost through bad debts. Any deduction taken or refund paid attributable to  
6 bad debts shall not include interest.

7 (1) For purposes of this section, bad debt means any cigarette or  
8 tobacco tax which the wholesaler legally claims as a bad debt deduction for  
9 federal income tax purposes.

10 (2) Bad debts include, but are not limited to, worthless checks,  
11 worthless credit card payments, and uncollectible credit accounts.

12 (3) Bad debts do not include financing charges or interest,  
13 uncollectible amounts on property that remain in the possession of the  
14 taxpayer or vendor until the full purchase price is paid, expenses incurred in  
15 attempting to collect any debt, debts sold or assigned to third parties for  
16 collection, and repossessed property.

17 (4) Bad debts incurred for sales made prior to the effective date of  
18 this act shall not be deducted.

19 (5) Bad debts must be deducted within three (3) years of the date of  
20 the sale for which the debt was incurred.

21 (6) If a deduction is taken for a bad debt and the taxpayer  
22 subsequently collects the debt in whole or in part, the tax on the amount so  
23 collected shall be paid and reported on the next return due after the  
24 collection."

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26 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
27 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
28 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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30 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
31 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
32 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
33 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
34 act are declared to be severable.

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1 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
2 hereby repealed.

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