

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2631

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5 By: Representative Mahony
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTE
10 PAPER BY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (25¢) PER PACKAGE; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 CIGARETTE PAPER BY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS
16 (25¢) PER PACKAGE.
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19 E IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-57-801(b), pertaining to an excise tax
22 on the sale of cigarette paper, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) The tax shall be in the amount of ~~twenty five cents (25)~~ fifty
24 cents (50¢) per package of approximately thirty-two (32) sheets.
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26 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
27 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that revenue available for the
28 support of necessary state services has declined during the last twelve
29 months as a result of the nationwide economic slow down; that without
30 additional revenue, some state services will be reduced or eliminated; that
31 some Arkansans will suffer as a result of service reductions or cuts; and
32 that this bill will provide the necessary revenue to avoid state service
33 reductions or cuts. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this
34 act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
35 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2003.
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