

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

SENATE BILL 768

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5 By: Senator Gullett
6 By: Representative Dees

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON TOBACCO
11 PRODUCTS TO FUND HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON
15 TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO FUND HEALTH AND
16 EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 57, Subchapter 2, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 26-57-263. Additional cigarette tax.

25 (a)(1) In addition to all other excise and privilege taxes levied by
26 law, there is levied an excise tax of thirty percent (30%) upon all retail
27 sales of tobacco products as defined in § 26-57-203.

28 (2) The tax levied by subsection (a)(1) of this section shall be
29 collected, reported, and paid in the same manner and at the same time as is
30 prescribed by law for the collection, reporting, and payment of all other
31 Arkansas gross receipts taxes.

32 (b) The moneys collected under this section shall be deposited in the
33 State Treasury as special revenues to the credit of the following funds and
34 accounts and for the following purposes:

35 (1) Five percent (5%) to the Department of Higher Education
36 Grants Fund Account to be used for the following scholarship programs:



1 (A) Children of teachers who have taught in the public
2 schools in this state for at least ten (10) years;

3 (B) Nurses practicing in this state;

4 (C) Math and science scholarships; and

5 (D) Continuing education for teachers;

6 (2) Five percent (5%) to the Arkansas Science and Technology
7 Authority Research and Development Grant Fund, there to be used exclusively
8 for the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority for research and grants to
9 public and private organizations, as matching money for endowed chairs at
10 state supported institutions of higher education, and as matching funds for
11 federal grants;

12 (3) Thirty percent (30%) to the Higher Education Quality
13 Enhancement Fund;

14 (4) One and one-half percent (1 1/2%) to the University of
15 Arkansas Medical Center Fund for the North Central Arkansas Area Health
16 Education Center;

17 (5) One percent (1%) to the Department of Human Services-
18 Division of Aging and Adult Services for Area Agencies on Aging for personal
19 care reimbursement; and

20 (6) Fifty-seven and one-half percent (57 1/2%) shall be
21 deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund
22 Account of the State Apportionment Fund.

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24 SECTION 2. There is created on the books of the Chief Fiscal Officer
25 of the State, the Auditor of State, and the Treasurer of State a fund to be
26 known as the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority Research and
27 Development Grant Fund.

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29 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective on the first day of the
30 calendar month following the effective date of this act.