

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.

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As Engrossed: S3/27/03 H4/16/03

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 768

5 By: Senator Gullett  
6 By: Representative Dees  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON TOBACCO  
10 PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX ON  
13 TOBACCO PRODUCTS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 57, Subchapter 2, is  
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 26-57-263. Additional cigarette tax.

23 (a)(1) In addition to all other excise and privilege taxes levied by  
24 law, there is levied an excise tax of fifteen percent (15%) upon all retail  
25 sales of tobacco products as defined in § 26-57-203.

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

30 (b) The moneys collected under this section shall be deposited in the  
31 State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund Account of the State  
32 Apportionment Fund.

33 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
34 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the state is in dire need of  
35 additional revenues; that unless the additional revenues are generated  
36 quickly, essential state services will be eliminated; that this act provides



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1 a mechanism for generating additional revenues; and that this act should go  
2 into effect as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is declared to  
3 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the  
4 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on June 1, 2003.

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6 /s/ Gullett  
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