

ARKANSAS SENATE
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2629

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE ARKANSAS
RX PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2629.

Amend House Bill No. 2629 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 1 and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-57-1103 is amended to read as follows:
26-57-1103. Deposit of ~~general revenues~~ additional cigarette and
tobacco tax.

(a) ~~Twenty-nine~~ Beginning July 1, 2005, twenty-nine percent (29%) of
all moneys collected from the additional tax levied in §§ 26-57-1101 and 26-
57-1102 shall be deposited in the State Treasury as special revenue, ~~fifty
per cent (50%) of which~~ and distributed as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
twenty-five percent (25%) shall be credited to the Arkansas Rx Program Fund;

(2) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be credited to the
Breast Cancer Control Fund;

(3) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be credited to the
Breast Cancer Research Fund; and

(4) Fifty percent (50%) shall be credited to the Aging and Adult
Services Fund Account of the Department of Human Services Fund to be used to
assist the Meals-on-Wheels program, and fifty per cent (50%) of which shall
be credited to the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account to be
used to implement a Prescription Drug for the Elderly Waiver Program. In the
event, however, that the federal government implements a prescription drug
assistance program that provides essentially the same benefits or greater to
the same eligible clients as the Prescription Drug for the Elderly Waiver
Program, the funds set aside herein for the Prescription Drug for the Elderly
Waiver Program shall be credited, in lieu thereof, to the Breast Cancer
Control Fund and to the Breast Cancer Research Fund in the same proportions
as set out in § 26-57-1106(a).

(b) If the Director of the Department of Human Services and the
Director of the Department of Finance and Administration certify that the
amount of fees estimated to be paid by qualified residents during a fiscal
year pursuant to § 20-57-514 and credited to the Arkansas Rx Program Fund is
sufficient to fully support the costs and expenses of the Arkansas Rx Program
for that fiscal year, then the additional tax distributed under subdivision
(a)(1) shall instead be distributed for that fiscal year as follows:



(1) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be credited to the Breast Cancer Control Fund; and

(2) Twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be credited to the Breast Cancer Research Fund."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Bookout

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Secretary