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A Bill

SENATE BILL 675

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE WHOLESALE EXCISE BEER TAX BY SIX
9 DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-THREE CENTS (\$6.83) PER BARREL; TO
10 INCREASE THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR DEPENDENTS
11 FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "INCREASES BEER EXCISE TAX BY SIX
15 DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-THREE CENTS (\$6.83)
16 PER BARREL; INCREASES DEPENDENT INCOME
17 TAX CREDIT."

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

21 SECTION 1. Title 3, Chapter 7, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code is
22 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

23 "3-7-116. (a) In addition to all other fees and taxes levied by law,
24 there is levied a tax at the rate of six dollars and eighty-three cents
25 (\$6.83) per barrel of thirty-two (32) gallons, and proportionately for larger
26 and smaller gallonages per barrel, on all beer having an alcoholic content of
27 five percent (5%) or less by weight sold or offered for sale in the state of
28 Arkansas.

29 (b) This tax shall be paid in the manner prescribed by § 3-7-401, et
30 seq.

31 (c) The tax levied by this section shall be effective on and after
32 July 1, 1995."

34 SECTION 2. Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-501(a) is amended to add a new
35 subsection to read as follows:

1 "(6) (A) In addition to the tax credits for dependents available under
2 subsection (3) of this section, there shall be an additional dependent tax
3 credit as follows:

4 (i) for the taxable year beginning January 1, 1995, the
5 additional tax credit shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for each dependent, as
6 that term is defined in § 26-51-501(a)(3); provided that only taxpayers with
7 a combined adjusted gross income of less than forty-five thousand dollars
8 (\$45,000) shall be entitled to this additional tax credit.

9 (ii) for the taxable years beginning on and after January
10 1, 1996, the additional tax credit shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each
11 dependent, as that term is defined in § 26-51-501(a)(3); provided that only
12 taxpayers with a combined adjusted gross income of less than forty-five
13 thousand dollars (\$45,000) shall be entitled to this additional tax credit;

14 (B) for purposes of calculating combined adjusted gross income
15 under this subsection, the adjusted gross incomes of a husband and wife will
16 be added together regardless of whether the husband and wife file separate or
17 combined income tax returns."

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19 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
20 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
21 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
27 act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
30 hereby repealed.

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32 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
33 General Assembly that taxpayers providing support to dependent children and
34 others are in need of financial assistance in order to provide an adequate
35 quality of life for their families; that by increasing the tax credit

1 available for dependents, taxpayers will be able to better care for their
2 families; that increasing the tax credit for dependents will result in a
3 substantial loss in general revenues; that to offset this decrease in general
4 revenues, an increase in the wholesale excise tax on beer is necessary; that
5 the increase in beer tax will raise sufficient revenues to offset the revenue
6 loss from the tax credit increase; and that this act will accomplish these
7 stated objectives. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
8 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
9 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its
10 passage and approval.

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