

HB 3133 -- CIGARETTE TAXES

SPONSOR: Bosley

Currently, a tax is levied upon the sale of cigarettes at an amount equal to 8.5 mills per cigarette, until such time as the General Assembly appropriates an amount equal to 25% of the net Federal Reimbursement Allowance to the Health Initiatives Fund, at which point the tax will be 6.5 mills per cigarette beginning July 1st of the fiscal year immediately after such appropriation.

Beginning January 1, 2027, an additional tax will be levied upon the sale of cigarettes at an amount equal to 66.5 mills per cigarette. After a permitted 3% reduction, the revenue generated by this additional tax will be deposited into the State General Revenue Fund. This new tax applies only to cigarette stamps purchased on or after the effective date of the bill. The bill includes a provision related to licensees.

This bill contains a referendum clause and will not become effective unless approved by a majority of the qualified voters in the State.

This bill is similar to HB 521 (2025).