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1 AN ACT Relating to deleting taxes allocable to the health services
2 account; amending RCW 66.24.290; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.290 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 902 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Any brewer or beer wholesaler licensed under this title may
8 sell and deliver beer to holders of authorized licenses direct, but to
9 no other person, other than the board; and every such brewer or beer
10 wholesaler shall report all sales to the board monthly, pursuant to the
11 regulations, and shall pay to the board as an added tax for the
12 privilege of manufacturing and selling the beer within the state a tax
13 of two dollars and sixty cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons on
14 sales to licensees within the state and on sales to licensees within
15 the state of bottled and canned beer shall pay a tax computed in
16 gallons at the rate of two dollars and sixty cents per barrel of
17 thirty-one gallons. Any brewer or beer wholesaler whose applicable tax
18 payment is not postmarked by the twentieth day following the month of
19 sale will be assessed a penalty at the rate of two percent per month or

1 fraction thereof. Each such brewer or wholesaler shall procure from
2 the board revenue stamps representing such tax in form prescribed by
3 the board and shall affix the same to the barrel or package in such
4 manner and in such denominations as required by the board, and shall
5 cancel the same prior to commencing delivery from his or her place of
6 business or warehouse of such barrels or packages. Beer shall be sold
7 by brewers and wholesalers in sealed barrels or packages. The revenue
8 stamps provided under this section need not be affixed and canceled in
9 the making of resales of barrels or packages already taxed by the
10 affixation and cancellation of stamps as provided in this section.

11 (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to seven percent multiplied
12 by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this section. All revenues
13 collected during any month from this additional tax shall be
14 transferred to the state general fund by the twenty-fifth day of the
15 following month.

16 (3) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax under
17 subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to two
18 dollars per barrel of thirty-one gallons. All revenues collected
19 during any month from this additional tax shall be deposited in the
20 violence reduction and drug enforcement account under RCW 69.50.520 by
21 the twenty-fifth day of the following month.

22 (4)(a) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax
23 under subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to
24 ninety-six cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons through June 30,
25 1995, (~~two dollars and thirty nine cents per barrel of thirty one~~
26 ~~gallons for the period July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1997, and four~~
27 ~~dollars and seventy eight cents per barrel of thirty one gallons~~) and
28 thereafter.

29 (b) The additional tax imposed under this subsection does not apply
30 to the sale of the first sixty thousand barrels of beer each year by
31 breweries that are entitled to a reduced rate of tax under 26 U.S.C.
32 Sec. 5051, as existing on July 1, 1993, or such subsequent date as may
33 be provided by the board by rule consistent with the purposes of this
34 exemption.

35 (c) All revenues collected from the additional tax imposed under
36 this subsection (4) shall be deposited in the health services account
37 under RCW 43.72.900.

38 (5) The tax imposed under this section shall not apply to "strong
39 beer" as defined in this title.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect July 1, 1995.

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