SENATE BILL 5729

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By Senators Hargrove and Keiser; by request of Office of Financial Management

Read first time 01/30/15. Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

1 AN ACT Relating to the taxation of cigarettes; amending RCW 2 82.24.026; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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Part I

Cigarette Tax

6 Sec. 101. RCW 82.24.026 and 2011 c 334 s 1 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

8 (1) In addition to the tax imposed upon the sale, use, 9 consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes set 10 forth in RCW 82.24.020, there is imposed a tax in an amount equal to 11 three cents per cigarette <u>through June 30, 2015, and five and one-</u> 12 <u>half cents per cigarette beginning July 1, 2015</u>.

13 ((Beginning July 1, 2010,)) (2) The revenue collected under this 14 section must be deposited into the general fund.

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Part II

Miscellaneous Provisions

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 201. If any provision of this act or its 18 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

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1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other 2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 202. This act is necessary for the immediate 4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of 5 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes 6 effect July 1, 2015.

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