

Amend the Hamric amendment to **CSHB 5** by striking the text of the amendment and substituting the following:

(\_\_ ) Strike SECTION 1 of the bill, substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTION, and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 154.021(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) the tax rates are:

(1) \$70.50 [~~\$20.50~~] per thousand on cigarettes weighing three pounds or less per thousand; and

(2) the rate provided by Subdivision (1) plus \$2.10 per thousand on cigarettes weighing more than three pounds per thousand.

(b) The changes in law made by this section do not affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this Act. That liability continues in effect as if this section had not been enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of the liability for those taxes.