

Amend CSSB 1581 (Senate Committee Printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter V to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER V. FEE ON CIGARETTES AND CIGARETTE TOBACCO PRODUCTS  
MANUFACTURED BY CERTAIN COMPANIES

Sec. 161.601. PURPOSE. The purpose of this subchapter is to:

(1) recover health care costs to the state imposed by nonsettling manufacturers;

(2) prevent nonsettling manufacturers from undermining this state's policy of reducing underage smoking by offering cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products at prices that are substantially below the prices of cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products of other manufacturers;

(3) protect the tobacco settlement agreement and funding, which has been reduced because of the growth of sales of nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products, for programs that are funded wholly or partly by payments to this state under the tobacco settlement agreement and recoup for this state settlement payment revenue lost because of sales of nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products; and

(4) provide funding for certain health-related institutions of higher education for any purpose the legislature determines.

Sec. 161.602. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Brand family" means each style of cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products sold under the same trademark. The term includes any style of cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products that have a brand name, trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of colors, or other indication of product identification that is identical to, similar to, or identifiable with a previously known brand of cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products.

(2) "Cigarette" means any product that contains

nicotine and is intended to be burned or heated under ordinary conditions of use. The term includes:

(A) a roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or another substance that does not contain tobacco;

(B) tobacco, in any form, that is functional in a product that, because of the product's appearance, the type of tobacco used in the filler, or the product's packaging and labeling, is likely to be offered to or purchased by a consumer as a cigarette; or

(C) a roll of tobacco wrapped in any substance containing tobacco that, because of the product's appearance, the type of tobacco used in the filler, or the product's packaging and labeling, is likely to be offered to or purchased by a consumer as a cigarette.

(3) "Cigarette tobacco product" means roll-your-own tobacco or tobacco that, because of the tobacco's appearance, type, packaging, or labeling, is suitable for use in making cigarettes and is likely to be offered to or purchased by a consumer for that purpose.

(4) "Distributor" has the meaning assigned by Section 154.001 or 155.001, Tax Code, as appropriate.

(5) "Manufacturer" means a person that manufactures, fabricates, or assembles cigarettes for sale or distribution. For purposes of this subchapter, the term includes a person that is the first importer into the United States of cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products manufactured, fabricated, or assembled outside the United States.

(6) "Nonsettling manufacturer" means a manufacturer of cigarettes that did not sign the tobacco settlement agreement.

(7) "Nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes" means cigarettes manufactured, fabricated, assembled, or imported by a nonsettling manufacturer.

(8) "Nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products" means cigarette tobacco products manufactured, fabricated, assembled, or imported by a nonsettling manufacturer.

(9) "Tobacco settlement agreement" means the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement and Release filed on January 16,

1998, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, in the case styled The State of Texas v. The American Tobacco Co., et al., No. 5-96CV-91, and all subsequent amendments.

Sec. 161.603. FEE IMPOSED. (a) A fee is imposed on the sale, use, consumption, or distribution in this state of:

(1) nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes if a stamp is required to be affixed to a package of those cigarettes under Chapter 154, Tax Code;

(2) nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes that are sold, purchased, or distributed in this state but that are not required to have a stamp affixed to a package of those cigarettes under Chapter 154, Tax Code;

(3) nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products that are subject to the tax imposed by Section 155.0211, Tax Code; and

(4) nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products that are sold, purchased, or distributed in this state but that are not subject to the tax imposed by Section 155.0211, Tax Code.

(b) The fee imposed by this section does not apply to cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products that are:

(1) included in computing payments due to be made by a settling manufacturer under the tobacco settlement agreement; or

(2) sold, purchased, or otherwise distributed in this state for retail sale outside this state.

(c) The fee imposed by this subchapter is in addition to any other privilege, license, fee, or tax required or imposed by state law.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, the fee imposed by this subchapter is imposed, collected, paid, administered, and enforced in the same manner, taking into account that the fee is imposed on nonsettling manufacturers, as the taxes imposed by Chapters 154 and 155, Tax Code, as appropriate.

Sec. 161.604. RATE OF FEE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the fee is imposed at the rate of 2.15 cents for:

(1) each nonsettling manufacturer cigarette; and

(2) each 0.09 ounce of nonsettling manufacturer

cigarette tobacco product.

(b) On January 1 of each year, the comptroller shall increase the rate of the tax prescribed by Subsection (a) by the greater of:

(1) three percent; or

(2) the percentage increase in the most recent annual revised Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

Sec. 161.605. NONSETTLING MANUFACTURER CIGARETTES AND CIGARETTE TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR RETAIL SALE OUTSIDE THIS STATE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person may not transport or cause to be transported from this state nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for retail sale in another state unless:

(1) the packages of the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products bear the tax stamps of the state in which the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products are to be sold and the stamps are affixed in accordance with the laws of that state; or

(2) if the state does not require a tax stamp, all excise taxes imposed on the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products by the state in which they are to be sold have been paid in accordance with the laws of that state.

(b) A person is not required to affix a tax stamp of another state or pay the excise tax of another state before transporting the nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products out of this state if:

(1) the state the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products are being transported to prohibits that action; and

(2) the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products are being sold to a wholesaler licensed by that state.

Sec. 161.606. DISTRIBUTOR'S REPORT. (a) A distributor required to file a report under Section 154.210 or 155.111, Tax Code, shall, in addition to the information required by those sections, include in that required report, as appropriate:

(1) the number and denominations of stamps affixed to individual packages of nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes during

the preceding month;

(2) the amount of nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products subject to the tax imposed by Section 155.0211, Tax Code, during the preceding month;

(3) the number of individual packages of nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes and the amount of nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products not subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 154, Tax Code, or Section 155.0211, Tax Code, sold or purchased in this state or otherwise distributed in this state for sale in the United States;

(4) the number of individual packages of nonsettling manufacturer cigarettes and the amount of nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products transported or caused to be transported outside this state during the preceding month;

(5) if Subdivision (4) applies, the name and address of the persons receiving the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products outside this state; and

(6) any other information the comptroller considers necessary or appropriate to determine the amount of the fee imposed by this subchapter or to enforce this subchapter.

(b) The information required by Subsection (a) must be itemized for each place of business and by manufacturer and brand family.

(c) The requirement to report information under this section shall be enforced in the same manner as the requirement to deliver to or file with the comptroller a report required under Section 154.210 or 155.111, Tax Code, as appropriate.

(d) Information obtained from a report provided under Subsection (a) regarding cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products sold, purchased, or otherwise distributed by a nonsettling manufacturer may be disclosed by the comptroller to that manufacturer or to the authorized representative of the manufacturer.

Sec. 161.607. NOTICE AND PAYMENT OF FEE. (a) Each month, not later than the 20th day after the date the comptroller receives the information required by Section 161.606, the comptroller shall:

(1) compute the amount of the fee imposed by this

subchapter that each nonsettling manufacturer owes for that reporting period based on that information and any other information available to the comptroller; and

(2) mail to each nonsettling manufacturer a notice of the amount of fees the manufacturer owes.

(b) Not later than the 15th day of the month after the month in which the comptroller mails a nonsettling manufacturer a notice under Subsection (a), the nonsettling manufacturer shall send to the comptroller the amount of the fee due according to the notice.

Sec. 161.608. DIRECTORY OF COMPLYING MANUFACTURERS. (a) The comptroller shall develop, maintain, and publish on the comptroller's Internet website a directory listing of all nonsettling manufacturers that have complied with this subchapter.

(b) The comptroller shall provide the list described by Subsection (a) to any person on request.

Sec. 161.609. PREPAYMENT BEFORE OFFERING NONSETTLING MANUFACTURER CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTE TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THIS STATE. (a) If cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products of a nonsettling manufacturer are not offered for sale or distribution in this state on September 1, 2011, the nonsettling manufacturer may not offer those cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for sale or distribution in this state after that date unless the manufacturer first prepays the fee imposed by this subchapter for sales of cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products that will occur in the first calendar month in which they are sold or distributed in this state.

(b) The amount a nonsettling manufacturer is required to prepay under this section is equal to the greater of:

(1) the rate prescribed by Section 161.604 in effect on that date multiplied by:

(A) the number of cigarettes the comptroller reasonably projects that the nonsettling manufacturer will sell or distribute in this state during that calendar month; and

(B) each 0.09 ounce of nonsettling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products the comptroller reasonably projects that the nonsettling manufacturer will sell or distribute in this state during that calendar month; or

(2) \$50,000.

(c) The fee imposed by this section does not apply to cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products that are:

(1) included in computing payments due to be made by a settling manufacturer under the tobacco settlement agreement; or

(2) sold, purchased, or otherwise distributed in this state for retail sale outside this state.

(d) The comptroller may require a nonsettling manufacturer to provide any information reasonably necessary to determine the prepayment amount.

(e) The comptroller shall establish procedures to:

(1) reimburse a nonsettling manufacturer if the actual sales or distributions in the first calendar month are less than the projected sales or distributions; and

(2) require additional payments if the actual sales or distributions in the first calendar month are greater than the projected sales or distributions.

(f) A nonsettling manufacturer shall pay the fee imposed by this subchapter in the manner provided by Section 161.607 beginning in the second calendar month in which the manufacturer offers the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for sale or distribution in this state.

Sec. 161.610. REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BEFORE OFFERING NONSETTLING MANUFACTURER CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTE TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THIS STATE. (a) In addition to prepaying the fee required by Section 161.609, a nonsettling manufacturer described by Section 161.609(a) shall, before the date the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products are offered for sale or distribution in this state, provide to the attorney general on a form prescribed by the attorney general:

(1) the nonsettling manufacturer's complete name, address, and telephone number;

(2) the date that the nonsettling manufacturer will begin offering cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for sale or distribution in this state;

(3) the names of the brand families of the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products that the nonsettling manufacturer

will offer for sale or distribution in this state;

(4) a statement that the nonsettling manufacturer intends to comply with this subchapter; and

(5) the name, address, telephone number, and signature of an officer of the nonsettling manufacturer attesting to all of the included information.

(b) The attorney general shall make the information provided under this section available to the comptroller.

Sec. 161.611. PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. (a) Cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products of a nonsettling manufacturer that has not complied with this subchapter, including full payment of the fee imposed by this subchapter, shall be treated as cigarettes or tobacco products for which the tax assessed by Chapter 154 or 155, Tax Code, as appropriate, has not been paid, and the manufacturer is subject to all penalties imposed by those chapters for violations of those chapters.

(b) The comptroller shall provide to a nonsettling manufacturer, each distributor authorized to affix stamps under Chapter 154, Tax Code, and the attorney general a notice of the manufacturer's noncompliance with this subchapter if the manufacturer:

(1) does not pay in full the fee imposed by this subchapter; or

(2) is not included on the directory required by Section 161.608.

(c) If a nonsettling manufacturer does not appear on the directory required by Section 161.608, or on receipt of the notice of a nonsettling manufacturer's noncompliance, a distributor may not:

(1) pay the tax imposed by Chapter 154 or 155, Tax Code, as appropriate;

(2) affix to a package of cigarettes the stamp required by Section 154.041, Tax Code; or

(3) otherwise purchase, sell, or distribute cigarettes manufactured by the nonsettling manufacturer in this state.

(d) If the comptroller determines that the nonsettling



manufacturer that is the subject of a notice provided under Subsection (b) later complies with this subchapter, the comptroller shall provide to the nonsettling manufacturer, each distributor authorized to affix stamps under Chapter 154, Tax Code, and the attorney general a notice that the nonsettling manufacturer is in compliance with this subchapter.

Sec. 161.612. APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS. A nonsettling manufacturer shall appoint and engage a resident agent for service of process.

Sec. 161.613. AUDIT OR INSPECTION. The comptroller or attorney general is entitled to conduct reasonable periodic audits or inspections of the financial records of a nonsettling manufacturer to ensure compliance with this subchapter.

Sec. 161.614. REVENUE DEPOSITED IN PERMANENT HEALTH FUND.

The revenue from the fee imposed by this subchapter shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the permanent health fund under Subchapter A of Chapter 63, Education Code. The annual amounts deposited shall be distributed for any purpose the legislature determines and shall not be subject to the requirements of Chapter 63 of the Education Code.

Sec. 161.615. APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies without regard to Section 154.022, Tax Code, or any other law that might be read to create an exemption for interstate sales.

(b) Not later than September 30, 2011, a nonsettling manufacturer, as that term is defined by Section 161.602, Health and Safety Code, as added by this section, that is offering cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for sale or distribution in this state on September 1, 2011, shall provide to the attorney general on a form prescribed by the attorney general:

(1) the nonsettling manufacturer's complete name, address, and telephone number;

(2) the date that the nonsettling manufacturer began offering cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for sale or distribution in this state;

(3) the names of the brand families of the cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products that the nonsettling manufacturer offers for sale or distribution in this state;

(4) a statement that the nonsettling manufacturer intends to comply with Subchapter V, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, as added by this section; and

(5) the name, address, telephone number, and signature of an officer of the nonsettling manufacturer attesting to all of the included information.

(c) The attorney general shall make the information provided under Subsection (b) of this section available to the comptroller.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, this section takes effect September 1, 2011.