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- (B) not a cigar.
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- (14) "Subsequent participating manufacturer" has the same meaning provided for that term in the master settlement agreement, except that the term excludes any settling manufacturer under the tobacco settlement agreement described by Subdivision (15)(B). A manufacturer may not be treated as a subsequent participating manufacturer for purposes of Section 161.604(c) unless it has provided to the comptroller notice and proof, in the form and manner the comptroller may prescribe, that it is a subsequent participating manufacturer.
- (15) "Tobacco settlement agreement" means either:
- (A) 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; or
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- (4) non-settling 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 a settling manufacturer claims as its own, and that are included in computing payments to be made by that settling manufacturer, under the tobacco settlement agreement described by Section 161.602(15)(A).
- (c) The fee imposed by this section does not apply to cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products that are sold into another state for resale to consumers outside of this state, provided that the sale is reported to the state into which the cigarettes are sold under 15 U.S.C. Section 376.
- (d) The fee imposed by this section is in addition to any other privilege, license, fee, or tax required or imposed by state law.

  (e) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, the fee imposed by this section is imposed, collected, paid, administered, and enforced in the same manner as the taxes imposed by Chapter 154 or 155. Tax Code, as appropriate.
- (f) The fee imposed by this section shall be collected only once on each cigarette or cigarette tobacco product on which it is due.

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- (1) each non-settling manufacturer cigarette; and
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- (b) Beginning in January 2014, and in January of each subsequent year, the comptroller shall compute the rate of the fee applicable during that calendar year by increasing the rate for the preceding calendar year by the greater of:
- (1) three percent; or
- (2) the actual total percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, during the preceding calendar year, calculated by comparing the CPI-U for December of the preceding calendar year with the CPI-U for December a year earlier.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the rate of the fee on the cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products of a subsequent participating manufacturer shall, for calendar months beginning before the effective date of a credit amendment, be calculated by substituting 0.75 cents for 2.75 cents in Subsection (a). For calendar months beginning on or after the effective date of a credit amendment, the rate of the fee on the cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products of subsequent participating manufacturers shall be the same as the rate that applies for those months to the cigarettes of non-settling manufacturers who are not subsequent participating manufacturers.

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- (2) the amount of non-settling manufacturer cigarette tobacco products subject to the tax imposed by Section 155.0211, Tax Code, during the preceding month;
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- (4) a calculation of the monthly fee required to be paid by the distributor; and
- (5) 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) A distributor shall include with the report required under this section the fee imposed under Section 161.603 based on the non-settling manufacturer cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products required to be included in the distributor's report under this section and calculated using the rate under Section 161.604.
- (c) The information required by Subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3) must be itemized for each place of business and by manufacturer and brand family.
- (d) 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.
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- (f) Information obtained from a report provided under Subsection (a) regarding cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products sold, purchased, or otherwise distributed by a non-settling manufacturer may be disclosed by the comptroller to the manufacturer or to the authorized representative of the manufacturer.
- (g) The comptroller shall, for the purpose of assisting distributors in calculating the monthly fee, publish and maintain on the comptroller's Internet website:
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- (2) a list of each non-settling manufacturer showing whether that manufacturer:
- (A) is a subsequent participating manufacturer; or
- (B) is not a subsequent participating manufacturer; and
- (3) the effective date of any credit amendment.
- Sec. 161.606. REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BEFORE OFFERING NON-SETTLING MANUFACTURER CIGARETTES OR CIGARETTE TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION IN THIS STATE. (a) If cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products of a non-settling manufacturer were not offered for sale or distribution in this state on September 1, 2013, the non-settling manufacturer 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:

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- (1) the non-settling manufacturer's complete name, address, and telephone number;
- (2) the date that the non-settling 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 non-settling manufacturer will offer for sale or distribution in this state;
- (4) a statement that the non-settling manufacturer intends to comply with this subchapter; and
- (5) the name, address, telephone number, and signature of an officer of the non-settling 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. 161.607. PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. Cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products of a non-settling manufacturer that are sold, used, consumed, or distributed in this state in violation of this subchapter, including cigarettes and cigarette tobacco products for which full payment of the fee imposed under Section 161.603 is not made, shall be treated as cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for which the tax assessed by Chapter 154 or 155, Tax Code, as appropriate, has not been paid, and the distributor or non-settling manufacturer is subject to all penalties imposed by those chapters for violations of those chapters.
- Sec. 161.608. APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS. A non-settling manufacturer shall appoint and engage a resident agent for service of process.
- Sec. 161.609. AUDIT OR INSPECTION. The comptroller or attorney general is entitled to conduct reasonable periodic audits or inspections of the financial records of a non-settling

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manufacturer and its distributors to ensure compliance with this subchapter.

Sec. 161.610. COMPTROLLER INFORMATION SHARING. On request, the comptroller shall report annually to the independent auditor or other entities responsible for making calculations or other determinations under a tobacco settlement agreement or the master settlement agreement, as the master settlement agreement may be amended or supplemented by some or all of the parties thereto, the volume of cigarettes on which the fee required under Section 161.603 is paid, itemized by cigarette manufacturer and brand family. Sec. 161.611. REVENUE DEPOSITED IN GENERAL REVENUE FUND. The revenue from the fees imposed by this subchapter shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

Sec. 161.612. RELEASED CLAIMS. All fees paid by a manufacturer under this subchapter shall apply on a dollar for dollar basis to reduce any judgment or settlement on a released claim brought against the manufacturer that made the payment.

Sec. 161.613. APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER. (a) 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) This subchapter does not apply to a tobacco product described by Section 155.001(15)(C), Tax Code.

Sec. 161.614. RULES. The comptroller and attorney general may issue rules and regulations as necessary to carry out or enforce this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Section 155.0211(b), Tax Code, is amended to

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<u>Sec. 161.614. RULES. The comptroller may issue rules and regulations as necessary to carry out or enforce this subchapter.</u> [FA1]

# No equivalent provision.

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read as follows:

- (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the tax rate for:
- (1) each can or package of a tobacco product other than cigars, chewing tobacco, or smoking tobacco is \$1.22 per ounce and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce; and
- (2) chewing tobacco or smoking tobacco is 80 cents per ounce and a proportionate rate on all fractional parts of an ounce.

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than September 30, 2013, a non-settling manufacturer, as that term is defined by Section 161.602, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, that is offering cigarettes or cigarette tobacco products for sale or distribution in this state on September 1, 2013, shall provide to the attorney general on a form prescribed by the attorney general:

- (1) the non-settling manufacturer's complete name, address, and telephone number;
- (2) the date that the non-settling 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 non-settling manufacturer offers for sale or distribution in this state;
- (4) a statement that the non-settling manufacturer intends to comply with Subchapter V, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and
- (5) the name, address, telephone number, and signature of an officer of the non-settling manufacturer attesting to all of the included information.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act to Section 155.0211, Tax Code, does not affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act 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.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.