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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 190  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "cigarettes;" insert "providing that certain increases in the State tobacco tax rate do not apply in certain counties of the State under certain circumstances;".

On page 2, in line 11, after "(e-1)," insert "12-105.1,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 4, insert:

"12-105.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "LOWER SHORE OF MARYLAND" MEANS CAROLINE COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY.

(3) "QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, FOR WHICH:

(I) THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE MOST RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE IS GREATER THAN 150% OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE STATE DURING THAT SAME PERIOD; OR

(Over)

(II) THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE MOST RECENT 24-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 67% OF THE AVERAGE PERSONAL PER CAPITA INCOME FOR THE ENTIRE STATE DURING THAT SAME PERIOD.

(4) "WESTERN MARYLAND" MEANS ALLEGANY COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(B) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR, THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) EACH COUNTY IN THE LOWER SHORE OF MARYLAND IF ANY COUNTY IN THE LOWER SHORE OF MARYLAND IS A QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR; AND

(2) EACH COUNTY IN WESTERN MARYLAND IF ANY COUNTY IN WESTERN MARYLAND IS A QUALIFIED DISTRESSED COUNTY AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING § 12-105 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY OTHER LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE TOBACCO TAX RATE FOR CIGARETTES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR IN ANY COUNTY TO WHICH THIS SECTION APPLIES MAY NOT EXCEED THE TOBACCO TAX RATE IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1999."