

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 753

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 6 down through “circumstances;” in line 20.

On page 2, strike beginning with “altering” in line 8 down through “services;” in line 40.

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “altering” in line 43 on page 2 down through “severable;” in line 23 on page 3 and substitute “altering the tobacco tax rate imposed on certain tobacco products other than cigarettes;”.

On page 3, in line 23, strike “dates” and substitute “date”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 3 through line 17 on page 5, inclusive.

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 6 through line 8 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General

Section 12-105

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)”.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 7 through 36, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 7

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through line 12 on page 36, inclusive.

On page 36, in line 15, strike “SUBTITLE 8” and substitute “SUBTITLE 1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 40, after line 10, insert:

“12-105.

(a) The tobacco tax rate for cigarettes is:

- (1) 50 cents for each package of 10 or fewer cigarettes;
- (2) \$1.00 for each package of at least 11 and not more than 20 cigarettes;
- (3) 5.0 cents for each cigarette in a package of more than 20 cigarettes; and
- (4) 5.0 cents for each cigarette in a package of free sample cigarettes.

(b) The tobacco tax rate for other tobacco products is [15%] 45% of the wholesale price of the tobacco products.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 40 through 58, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 40 through line 11 on page 58, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 58, in lines 12 and 26, strike “11.” and “12.”, respectively, and substitute “2.” and “3.”, respectively; in line 14, strike “Section 2” and substitute “the premium tax imposed under § 6-102 of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1”; in lines 14 and 19, in each instance, after “Act” insert a comma; in line 19, strike “Section 2” and substitute “The premium tax imposed under § 6-102 of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1”; in lines 21 and 23, in each instance, strike “on or”; and in line 25, strike “Section 2 of this Act” and substitute “Title 6 of the Insurance Article”.

On pages 58 and 59, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 58 through line 4 on page 59, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the tobacco tax rate increase imposed on tobacco products other than cigarettes by Section 1 of this Act shall be applicable to

tobacco products that are sold by a wholesaler to a retailer in the State on or after July 1, 2003.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Sections 2 through 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.”.