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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 325
Finance

(Senator Ruben, *et al.*)

Cigarette Licenses - Sealing Vending Machines

This bill extends the duty of the Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee to seal cigarette vending machines in order to prevent the sale or removal of cigarettes from machines that are not in compliance with tax stamp and labeling requirements to machines that are not in compliance with the tobacco product vending machine law established under Chapter 247 of 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Comptroller must seal a vending machine to prevent the sale or removal of cigarettes if a tax stamp is not visible on each package or if the machine is not labeled in a specified manner.

A person is prohibited from selling tobacco products through a vending machine unless the vending machine: (1) is located in an establishment that minors are prohibited by law from entering or an establishment that is a bona fide fraternal or veterans organization; or (2) can only be operated with a token card, or similar device that an individual can only obtain or purchase from the owner or an employee or agent of the owner.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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