

# SENATE BILL 700

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tobacco Taxes – Healthy Maryland Initiative**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain level of funding for the Tobacco Use Prevention  
4 and Cessation Program; altering the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other  
5 tobacco products; requiring certain wholesalers of cigarettes and other tobacco  
6 products to report the amount of other tobacco products sold on a tobacco tax  
7 return; providing that the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program shall  
8 receive funding from the Other Tobacco Products Tax Fund under certain  
9 circumstances; requiring the revenue from the tobacco tax on other tobacco  
10 products to be deposited into the Other Tobacco Products Tax Fund after certain  
11 other distributions; establishing the Other Tobacco Products Tax Fund;  
12 establishing the purpose and uses of the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to  
13 administer the Fund; providing that certain unspent or unencumbered funds do  
14 not revert to the General Fund; specifying that the State Treasurer shall hold  
15 the Fund separately and that the Comptroller shall account for the Fund;  
16 designating the money to be deposited into the Fund; requiring the money in  
17 the Fund to be used to provide funding to the Tobacco Use Prevention and  
18 Cessation Program and certain other health initiatives in a certain manner;  
19 requiring the Treasurer to invest the money in the Fund in the same manner as  
20 other State money; requiring the investment earnings of the Fund to be  
21 deposited into the Fund; providing that money expended from the Fund for the  
22 Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program and certain other health  
23 initiatives is supplemental; exempting the Fund from a certain requirement  
24 that certain interest accrue to the General Fund; making this Act a  
25 supplementary appropriation to fund the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation  
26 Program; providing that the appropriation provided under this Act shall have  
27 priority over any other appropriation from the additional revenues resulting  
28 from this Act that are credited to the General Fund for a certain fiscal year;  
29 defining certain terms; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 generally relating to the taxation of cigarettes and other tobacco products and a  
2 supplementary appropriation.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
4 Article – Health – General  
5 Section 13–1002(a) and (b)  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Health – General  
10 Section 13–1002(d)(1) and 13–1015  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Tax – General  
15 Section 2–1603, 12–105, and 12–202  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
20 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
25 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)69. and 70.  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

28 BY adding to  
29 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
30 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)71.  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

33 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
34 Article – Tax – General  
35 Section 2–1601 and 2–1602  
36 Annotated Code of Maryland  
37 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

38 BY adding to  
39 Article – Tax – General

1 Section 2–1602.1; and 12–401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4. Other  
2 Tobacco Products Tax Fund”  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Health – General**

8 13–1002.

9 (a) There is a Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program in the  
10 Department.

11 (b) The purpose of the Program is to coordinate the State’s use of the  
12 Cigarette Restitution Fund to address issues relating to tobacco use prevention and  
13 cessation so as to create a lasting legacy of public health initiatives that result in a  
14 reduction of tobacco use in the State and otherwise benefit the health and welfare of  
15 the State’s residents.

16 13–1015.

17 (a) For fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, the Governor shall include at  
18 least \$6,000,000 in the annual budget in appropriations for activities aimed at  
19 reducing tobacco use in Maryland as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control  
20 and Prevention, including:

21 (1) Media campaigns aimed at reducing smoking initiation and  
22 encouraging smokers to quit smoking;

23 (2) Media campaigns educating the public about the dangers of  
24 secondhand smoke exposure;

25 (3) Enforcement of existing laws banning the sale or distribution of  
26 tobacco products to minors;

27 (4) Promotion and implementation of smoking cessation programs;  
28 and

29 (5) Implementation of school–based tobacco education programs.

30 (b) For fiscal [year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2013 AND**  
31 **2014**, the Governor shall include at least \$10,000,000 in the annual budget in  
32 appropriations for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section.



1                   4.    **“ROLL-YOUR-OWN TOBACCO” MEANS ANY**  
2 **TOBACCO THAT IS SUITABLE AS TOBACCO FOR CONSUMERS:**

3                   A.    **TO MAKE CIGARETTES OR CIGARS; OR**

4                   B.    **TO SMOKE IN A PIPE.**

5                   5.    A.    **“SINGLE-DOSE SMOKELESS TOBACCO”**  
6 **MEANS ANY FINELY CUT, GROUND, OR POWDERED TOBACCO THAT IS NOT**  
7 **INTENDED TO BE SMOKED AND IS DIVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURER INTO**  
8 **UNIFORM, INDIVIDUAL DOSE SERVINGS.**

9                   B.    **“SINGLE-DOSE SMOKELESS TOBACCO” INCLUDES**  
10 **SNUS AND LOZENGES.**

11                  6.    **“SMALL-CIGAR CIGARETTE” MEANS:**

12                  A.    **A SMALL, THIN CIGAR WITH THE APPROXIMATE**  
13 **DIMENSIONS OF A CIGARETTE; OR**

14                  B.    **A CIGARETTE WRAPPED IN TOBACCO INSTEAD OF**  
15 **PAPER.**

16                    **(II) THE TAX RATE FOR CIGARS WITH A WHOLESALE PRICE**  
17 **PER CIGAR OF LESS THAN \$20.00 IS 95% OF THE WHOLESALE PRICE, NOT TO**  
18 **EXCEED \$3.00 PER CIGAR.**

19                    **(III) THE TAX RATE FOR CIGARS WITH A WHOLESALE PRICE**  
20 **PER CIGAR OF \$20.00 OR MORE IS 15%.**

21                    **(IV) THE TAX RATE FOR SMALL-CIGAR CIGARETTES IS THE**  
22 **SAME AS THE TAX RATE FOR CIGARETTES AS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION**  
23 **(A) OF THIS SECTION.**

24                    **(V) THE TAX RATE FOR CONVENTIONAL MOIST SNUFF**  
25 **SMOKELESS TOBACCO IS 95% OF THE WHOLESALE PRICE OR \$3.00 PER 1.2**  
26 **OUNCE CONTAINER, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.**

27                    **(VI) THE TAX RATE FOR SINGLE-DOSE SMOKELESS TOBACCO**  
28 **IS 95% OF THE WHOLESALE PRICE OR 15 CENTS PER DOSE, WHICHEVER IS**  
29 **GREATER.**

1                   **(VII) THE TAX RATE FOR ROLL-YOUR-OWN TOBACCO IS 95%**  
2 **OF THE WHOLESALE PRICE OR \$3.00 PER 0.65 OUNCES, WHICHEVER IS**  
3 **GREATER.**

4 12-202.

5           (a)     A wholesaler shall complete and file with the Comptroller a tobacco tax  
6 return:

7                   (1)     for cigarettes:

8                           (i)     on or before the 21st day of the month that follows the  
9 month in which the wholesaler has the first possession, in the State, of unstamped  
10 cigarettes for which tax stamps are required; and

11                           (ii)    if the Comptroller so specifies, by regulation, on other dates  
12 for each month in which the wholesaler does not have the first possession of any  
13 unstamped cigarettes in the State; and

14                   (2)     for other tobacco products, on or before the 21st day of the month  
15 that follows the month in which the wholesaler has possession of other tobacco  
16 products on which the tobacco tax has not been paid.

17           (b)     Each return shall state the quantity of cigarettes or the wholesale price  
18 **AND AMOUNT** of other tobacco products sold during the period that the return covers.

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
20 read as follows:

21   **Article – Health – General**

22 13-1002.

23           (d)     (1)     The Program shall be funded as provided in the State budget with  
24 money from the Cigarette Restitution Fund **AND THE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS**  
25 **TAX FUND.**

26   **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

27 6-226.

28           (a)     (2)     (i)     Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless  
29 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with  
30 the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated  
31 by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise

1 entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue  
2 to the General Fund of the State.

3 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not  
4 apply to the following funds:

5 69. the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund; [and]

6 70. Mortgage Loan Servicing Practices Settlement Fund;

7 **AND**

8 **71. OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX FUND.**

9 **Article – Tax – General**

10 2–1601.

11 From the tobacco tax revenue, the Comptroller shall distribute the amount  
12 necessary to pay refunds relating to the tobacco tax to a refund account.

13 2–1602.

14 After making the distribution required under § 2–1601 of this subtitle, from the  
15 remaining tobacco tax revenue the Comptroller shall distribute the amount necessary  
16 to administer the tobacco tax laws to an administrative cost account.

17 **2–1602.1.**

18 **AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 2–1601 AND**  
19 **2–1602 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE**  
20 **REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE TAX IMPOSED ON OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS**  
21 **UNDER § 12–105(B) OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX**  
22 **FUND UNDER § 12–401 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

23 2–1603.

24 After making the distributions required under §§ 2–1601 [and 2–1602]  
25 **THROUGH 2–1602.1** of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute the remaining  
26 tobacco tax revenue to the General Fund of the State.

27 **SUBTITLE 4. OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX FUND.**

28 **12–401.**

1           **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "FUND" MEANS THE OTHER TOBACCO**  
2 **PRODUCTS TAX FUND.**

3           **(B) THERE IS AN OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX FUND.**

4           **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE**  
5 **TOBACCO USE PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 13,**  
6 **SUBTITLE 10 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

7           **(D) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

8           **(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
9 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

10           **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND**  
11 **SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

12           **(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

13           **(1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 2-1602.1 OF**  
14 **THIS ARTICLE;**

15           **(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;**

16           **(3) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

17           **(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**  
18 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

19           **(G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE**  
20 **FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

21           **(2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PAID**  
22 **INTO THE FUND.**

23           **(H) (1) THE FUND SHALL FIRST BE USED TO PROVIDE**  
24 **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO THE TOBACCO USE PREVENTION AND CESSATION**  
25 **PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 10 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL**  
26 **ARTICLE TO BRING FUNDING FOR THAT PROGRAM TO AT LEAST \$21,000,000**  
27 **FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.**

28           **(2) AFTER ANY DISTRIBUTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
29 **SUBSECTION HAS BEEN MADE, MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND SHALL BE**



1 APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROCESS AND OTHER  
2 COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ADDRESS  
3 CHILDHOOD OBESITY, LONG-TERM CARE FOR SENIORS, AND IMPROVED ACCESS  
4 TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR MARYLAND FAMILIES.

5 (I) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF  
6 THIS SECTION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO, AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE  
7 PLACE OF, FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE  
8 TOBACCO USE PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAM AND THE HEALTH  
9 INITIATIVES UNDER SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for fiscal year 2014 only  
11 and from only those additional revenues resulting from this Act that are credited to  
12 the General Fund for fiscal year 2014, and from no other funds, and subject to the  
13 provisions of law relating to budgetary procedure to the extent applicable, the amount  
14 specified below, or as much thereof as required to accomplish the designated purpose,  
15 is hereby appropriated and authorized to be disbursed from as much of those  
16 additional revenues as are received by the State:

17 M00F03.04 Prevention and Health Promotion Administration

18 In addition to the amount appropriated in the budget bill for fiscal year 2014, to  
19 supplement the appropriation for fiscal year 2014, the following amount to be used to  
20 fund the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program:

21 General Fund Appropriation \$10,800,000.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any  
23 other provision of law, the appropriation provided under Section 3 of this Act shall  
24 have priority over any other appropriation for fiscal year 2014 from the additional  
25 revenues resulting from the increase in the tax rate for cigarettes and other tobacco  
26 products as provided under this Act or any other Act of the General Assembly.

27 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
28 take effect July 1, 2014.

29 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in  
30 Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.