

61B. (*Special Wholesaler's and Vending Machine Operator's Cigarette License*). No person, except manufacturers of cigarettes, shall engage in the business of selling cigarettes to wholesalers as defined in Section 115B (c) of Article 83, or to retailers as defined in Section 115B (b) of Article 83, or shall engage in the business of a vending machine operator as defined in Section 115B (d) of Article 83, without a special annual license from the Comptroller which shall be in addition to any other license required by law. The license shall expire on the thirtieth day of April in each year. The fee for such license shall be \$250.00 per year.

61C. (*Purchase for resale from Unlicensed Persons Prohibited*). No person holding any license, as provided in Section 61A or Section 61B of this Article shall purchase cigarettes, except from the manufacturer thereof, for the purpose of resale in this State at wholesale as defined in Section 115B (g) of the Unfair Cigarette Sales Act, or at retail as defined in Section 115B (f) of said Act, from a person not having a license as provided for in Section 61B of this Article.

61D. (*Disposition of License Fees*). The license fees provided by Sections 61A and 61B of this Article shall be paid over to the General Treasury of the State, and it is intended that the said fees are to be used to cover the expenses of administration of the licensing program and the enforcement of the Unfair Cigarette Sales Act.

61E. (*Grant of Licenses; Rules*). Any applicant shall be entitled to a special cigarette vendor's license upon payment of the required fees and compliance with rules and regulations of the Comptroller respecting prosecution of the application, except as provided in the following section. The Comptroller shall make reasonable rules and regulations relating to applications, licenses, licensing, hearings and any other phases of the special cigarette licensing law he deems advisable.

61F. (*Suspension or Revocation of Licenses*). (a) The Comptroller is empowered to suspend or revoke the special wholesaler's or retailer's cigarette licenses required by Sections 61A and 61B of this Article, upon a finding by him that the licensee has failed to comply with the Unfair Cigarette Sales Act or any rule or regulation promulgated by the Comptroller with reference to said Act, or that the licensee has violated the provisions of Section 61C of this Article. Such suspension or revocation shall be made only after notice to the licensee and a hearing by the Comptroller or such officer as may be prescribed by the Comptroller. At such hearing the licensee shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence, to cross-examine and to present argument, but the technical rules of evidence shall not apply. In the case of a first offender, the Comptroller shall suspend said wholesaler's or retailer's special cigarette license or licenses for a consecutive period containing not less than five nor more than twenty business days (i.e., days other than Sundays or legal holidays); and, in case of second or subsequent violations, for a consecutive period containing not less than 20 business days nor more than 6 months; and, in case of wilful and persistent violation, the Comptroller shall revoke such special cigarette licenses. Any suspension or revocation by the Comptroller pursuant