

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 321

(Senate Bill 102)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 433, 434 and 460 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "State Tobacco Tax Act", increasing the rate of taxes imposed on all cigarettes used, possessed or held in the State of Maryland, providing for the distribution and use of the proceeds of the tax on cigarettes, repealing any power held by a political sub-division to impose a tax on cigarettes, removing an obsolete provision concerning the administration of the present cigarette tax, ENACTING TEMPORARY AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT, and relating generally to the taxing of cigarettes and other tobacco products in this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 433, 434 and 460 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "State Tobacco Tax Act", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

433. Rate.

The rate or amount of tax hereby levied and imposed shall be [One and one-half (1½)] *three (3)* cents for each ten (10) cigarettes or fractional part thereof.

434. THE COMPTROLLER SHALL COLLECT ALL TAXES LEVIED AND IMPOSED UNDER AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND SUCH TAXES SHALL BE PAID BY PURCHASING FROM THE COMPTROLLER STAMPS OF SUCH DESIGN AND DENOMINATION AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY HIM, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 457 OF THIS SUBTITLE. IN THE SALE OF SUCH STAMPS, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ALLOW A DISCOUNT OF FIVE (5) PER CENTUM OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREOF.

460. Payment of proceeds into special fund; disbursements; employees.

(a) The Comptroller shall pay into a special fund in the treasury all taxes, penalties and interest collected and received by him pursuant to this sub-title. Such proceeds shall be disbursed upon the warrant of the Comptroller for the following purposes:

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.