

general funds of the State as reimbursement for funds budgeted for this purpose.

(3) After the deductions provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, [one half] SEVENTY PERCENTUM of the balance remaining shall be paid into the general funds of this State.

(4) After the deductions provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection and the distribution to the State, as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the remainder shall be paid and distributed quarterly to each county and the City of Baltimore, to be credited into the general funds of each such political subdivision. The amount to be paid to each political subdivision shall be a pro rata share of the remainder, in the same ratio from time to time as the population of the political subdivision is to the population of the State. In no event, however, shall a political subdivision be paid under this distribution for any State fiscal year a sum of money less than that political subdivision received during the calendar year of 1960 as the net collection, after the deduction of administrative and collection expenses, from a cigarette tax then imposed and collected by that political subdivision. If an extra payment is made to any political subdivision under the workings of this paragraph, in the amount necessary to assure that its payments equal its net collections in 1960, as specified, the amount of the payment first computed for that political subdivision plus the extra payment to it then shall be deducted from the total amount distributable to the several other political subdivisions; and the amount then distributable to each of the other political subdivisions shall be recalculated, as a pro rata share of the remainder, in the same ratio from time to time as the population of the respective political subdivision is to the total population of these several other political subdivisions. Population figures for the purpose of these computations from time to time shall be the population records of the State Department of Health as of January 1 and July 1 of each and every year.

(b) After July 1, 1961, no political subdivision of this State shall have any power or authority to impose a tax upon cigarettes, whether under a public general or public local law. Any such law which grants or purports to grant such power or authority to a political subdivision is repealed on July 1, 1961. However nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the collection of taxes imposed on cigarettes after July 1, 1961, if such taxes were due and payable to any political subdivision on or before that date.