

(1) AT LEAST 150 OF THE 300 AWARDS SHALL BE GRANTED TO SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS WHOSE SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH THE JUNIOR YEAR INDICATE AN OVERALL ACADEMIC GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.7 ON A 4.0 SCALE, OR ITS EQUIVALENT GRADE POINT AVERAGE.

(2) NO MORE THAN 150 OF THE 300 AWARDS MAY BE GRANTED TO FINALISTS OF THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OR THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION.

[(b)] (C) The scholarship award shall be in the amount [\$500] \$800 for use in the next ensuing academic year. Each award, provided it is accepted by the eligible student, shall be renewable, on an annual basis, for a maximum of 3 years subsequent to the original award, if the recipient remains a resident of the State, attends an accredited postsecondary institution in the State, is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student, and maintains a 3.0 grade average.

18-1103.

The Board shall annually select a number of alternate scholarship awards under this subtitle. In the event the annual number of awards is not made, as provided in § 18-1101, the Board may make an award from the alternate list as necessary to assure that [100] 300 awards are made annually.

18-1104.

An award granted under this subtitle is for [\$500] \$800 per year and may be used for:

- (1) Tuition and mandatory fees;
- (2) Room and board; and
- (3) Books and supplies.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 20, 1980.

CHAPTER 522

(Senate Bill 780)

AN ACT concerning

Tax on Cigarettes