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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑21‑620, RELATING TO TAX RATES ON PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, SO AS TO TAX CIGARETTES FOR HEATING ONE AND ONE‑QUARTER mills ON EACH CIGARETTE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 12‑21‑620 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 12‑21‑620. (A) There shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid in respect to the articles containing tobacco enumerated in this section the following amounts:

 (1) upon all cigarettes for smoking made of tobacco or any substitute for tobacco, three and one‑half mills on each cigarette;

 (2) upon all cigarettes for heating made of tobacco or any substitute for tobacco, one and one‑quarter mills on each cigarette;

 (2)(3) upon all tobacco products, as defined in Section 12‑21‑800, five percent of the manufacturer’s price.

 Manufacturer’s price as used in this section is the established price at which a manufacturer sells to a wholesaler.

 (B) As used in this section, “cigarette” means:

 (1) any roll for smoking or heating under ordinary conditions of use containing tobacco or any substitute for tobacco wrapped in paper or in any substance other than a tobacco leaf; or

 (2) any roll for smoking or heating under ordinary conditions of use containing tobacco or any substitute for tobacco, wrapped in any substance, weighing three pounds per thousand or less, however labeled or named, which because of its appearance, size, type of tobacco used in the filler, or its packaging, pricing, marketing, or labeling, is likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as a cigarette described in item (1) of this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2025.

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