

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 368(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/11/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products, to tax stamps on
2 cigarettes, to forfeiture of cigarettes and of property used in the manufacture,
3 transportation, facilitation of transportation, possession, offering for sale, or sale of
4 unstamped cigarettes, to accounting for and use of part of the proceeds of the additional
5 cigarette tax, and to licenses and licensees under the Cigarette Tax Act; relating to
6 unfair cigarette sales; relating to superceded bonds in certain tobacco-related litigation;
7 amending Rules 204 and 205, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for
8 an effective date."

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

10 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
11 to read:

12 INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature to provide aggregate funding to meet the

1 minimum amount of tobacco control programs recommended by the United States
 2 Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from
 3 tobacco taxes and other revenue sources accounted for in the tobacco use education and
 4 cessation fund established in AS 37.05.580.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 43.50.030(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) For each license issued to a manufacturer, and for each renewal, the fee is
 7 **\$50** [\$5].

8 * **Sec. 3.** AS 43.50.030(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) For each license issued to a vending machine operator, and for each
 10 renewal, the fee is **\$50** [\$25].

11 * **Sec. 4.** AS 43.50.030(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) For each license issued to a direct-buying retailer, and for each renewal,
 13 the fee is **\$50** [\$25].

14 * **Sec. 5.** AS 43.50.035 is repealed and reenacted to read:

15 **Sec. 43.50.035. Wholesaler-distributor license.** (a) A person outside of this
 16 state who sells or distributes cigarettes into this state and is not required to be licensed
 17 under AS 43.50.010 may apply for a wholesaler-distributor license.

18 (b) A person outside of this state who sells or distributes cigarettes into this
 19 state, who is not required to be licensed under AS 43.50.010, and who wishes to
 20 purchase stamps under this chapter is required to be licensed as a wholesaler-
 21 distributor.

22 (c) The department shall adopt reasonable regulations necessary for the
 23 collection of cigarette taxes on cigarette sales or distributions made by a wholesaler-
 24 distributor licensee into this state and standards for

25 (1) application and issuance of the license; and

26 (2) refusal to issue the license.

27 * **Sec. 6.** AS 43.50.090(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) There is levied an excise tax of 38 mills on each cigarette imported or
 29 acquired in the state. The tax shall be paid through the use of stamps as provided in
 30 AS 43.50.500 - 43.50.700. **A person who imports or acquires cigarettes in the**
 31 **state upon which a stamp required by this chapter has not been affixed in**

1 accordance with AS 43.50.500 - 43.50.700, who fails to apply to purchase stamps
 2 as required by AS 43.50.540(a), and who fails to pay the tax through the use of
 3 stamps is not relieved [THE FAILURE TO PAY THE TAX THROUGH THE USE
 4 OF STAMPS DOES NOT RELIEVE A PERSON] of the obligation to pay taxes due
 5 under this chapter. The person shall still pay the tax, and the tax is due on or before
 6 the end of the month following the month in which cigarettes were manufactured,
 7 imported, acquired, or sold in this state. Cigarettes upon which the excise is imposed
 8 are not again subject to the excise when acquired by another person.

9 * **Sec. 7.** AS 43.50.090(d) is amended to read:

10 (d) The tax imposed under (a) of this section does not apply to the first **400**
 11 cigarettes personally transported into the state by an individual for that
 12 individual's personal consumption [100 CIGARETTES IMPORTED BY AN
 13 INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION] during the calendar month.

14 * **Sec. 8.** AS 43.50.105(g) is amended to read:

15 (g) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a
 16 (1) class A misdemeanor if the person unlawfully ships, causes to be
 17 shipped, or transports at least one but fewer than **5,000** [1,000] cigarettes;
 18 (2) class C felony if the person unlawfully ships, causes to be shipped,
 19 or transports **5,000** [1,000] or more cigarettes.

20 * **Sec. 9.** AS 43.50.105 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (i) A person who violates the provisions of this section is jointly and severally
 22 liable for the taxes imposed by AS 43.50.090 and 43.50.190. To the fullest extent
 23 permitted by the Constitution of the United States, a person who violates the
 24 provisions of this section is required to collect the taxes and pay them to the
 25 department.

26 * **Sec. 10.** AS 43.50.170(1) is amended to read:

27 (1) "buyer" means a person who imports or acquires cigarettes for the
 28 person's own consumption from any source other than a manufacturer, distributor,
 29 direct-buying retailer, [OR] retailer, or wholesaler-distributor;

30 * **Sec. 11.** AS 43.50.170(3) is amended to read:

31 (3) "direct-buying retailer" means a person who is engaged in the sale

1 of cigarettes at retail in this state, and who brings cigarettes or causes cigarettes to be
 2 brought [CIGARETTES] into the state that are not purchased from a wholesaler-
 3 distributor;

4 * **Sec. 12.** AS 43.50.170(4) is amended to read:

5 (4) "distributor" means a person who brings cigarettes that are not
 6 purchased from a wholesaler-distributor, or has cigarettes that are not purchased
 7 from a wholesaler-distributor brought into the state, and who sells or distributes at
 8 least 75 percent [PER CENT] of the cigarettes to others for resale in the state;

9 * **Sec. 13.** AS 43.50.170(12) is amended to read:

10 (12) "wholesaler-distributor" means a person outside this state who
 11 sells or distributes cigarettes into this state, [AND] who is not required to be licensed
 12 under AS 43.50.010, and who is licensed under AS 43.50.035.

13 * **Sec. 14.** AS 43.50.190(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 (a) There is levied an excise tax on each cigarette imported or acquired in this
 15 state,

16 (1) after June 30, 2004, but before July 1, 2006, 42 mills;

17 (2) after June 30, 2006, but before July 1, 2007, 52 mills;

18 (3) after June 30, 2007, 62 mills.

19 * **Sec. 15.** AS 43.50.190(c) is amended to read:

20 (c) The tax imposed under (a) of this section does not apply to the first **400**
 21 cigarettes personally transported into the state by an individual for that
 22 individual's personal consumption [100 CIGARETTES IMPORTED BY AN
 23 INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION] during the calendar month.

24 * **Sec. 16.** AS 43.50.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (d) A portion of the annual proceeds of the tax levied under (a) of this section
 26 equal to 8.9 percent of the total proceeds of the tax shall be deposited into the tobacco
 27 use education and cessation fund established in AS 37.05.580. This deposit shall be in
 28 addition to any sums deposited into the fund under AS 37.05.580(a).

29 * **Sec. 17.** AS 43.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

30 **Sec. 43.50.200. Nonparticipating manufacturer equity excise tax.** (a)

31 There is levied an excise tax of 12.5 mills on each cigarette imported or acquired in

1 this state from a nonparticipating manufacturer.

2 (b) The tax levied by this section is in addition to the taxes levied by
3 AS 43.50.010 - 43.50.190. The tax shall be administered and collected in the same
4 manner as the taxes levied by AS 43.50.010 - 43.50.180, except that receipts from the
5 tax shall be deposited in the general fund. The penalties provided in AS 43.05 and this
6 chapter apply to the tax levied in this section.

7 (c) In this section, "nonparticipating manufacturer" means a tobacco product
8 manufacturer as defined in AS 45.53.100 that is not a participating manufacturer as
9 that term is defined in sec. II(jj) of the Master Settlement Agreement.

10 * **Sec. 18.** AS 43.50.500 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 43.50.500. Tax payment by use of stamps.** A licensee shall pay the tax
12 imposed under AS 43.50.090(a), [AND] 43.50.190(a), and 43.50.200 through the use
13 of stamps issued under AS 43.50.500 - 43.50.700.

14 * **Sec. 19.** AS 43.50.530 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (c) The department may limit the number of stamps sold to a licensee during
16 the three months immediately preceding the effective date of a tax increase under
17 AS 43.50.090, 43.50.190, or 43.50.200 to minimize the amount of cigarette
18 stockpiling by a licensee. The department may not set the limit of stamps that a
19 licensee may purchase during that three-month period below an amount equal to three
20 times the average monthly stamp purchases made by the licensee during the 12-month
21 period immediately preceding that three-month period.

22 * **Sec. 20.** AS 43.50.540(f) is amended to read:

23 (f) Title to the stamps passes immediately to the licensee at the time the
24 stamps are obtained in person or, if the stamps are shipped or transported, at the time
25 the stamps are placed in the United States mail or received by the common or private
26 carrier. The licensee bears all costs associated with shipping or transporting the
27 stamps. The department may replace stamps lost or damaged in transit if the
28 licensee provides proof acceptable to the department verifying that the loss or
29 damage occurred while the stamps were in the possession of the shipping
30 company and the shipping company substantiates the loss or damage. Damaged
31 stamps must be returned to the department before the department may replace

1 **them** [AND ALL RISKS OF POSSIBLE LOSS OR DAMAGE WHILE IN
2 TRANSIT].

3 * **Sec. 21.** AS 43.50.550(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) A licensee who submits an application for the purchase of stamps on a
5 deferred-payment basis shall, **as a condition of approval of the application,** post a
6 bond acceptable to the department in an amount equal to

7 **(1) 200 percent of the maximum dollar amount of allowed monthly**
8 **purchases under this section ; or**

9 **(2) 100 percent of the maximum dollar amount of allowed monthly**
10 **purchases under this section if the licensee**

11 **(A) holds a license issued under AS 43.50.010 for a physical**
12 **location in this state; and**

13 **(B) has been in full compliance with the provisions of this**
14 **title and regulations adopted under this title during the preceding 60**
15 **months** [AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION].

16 * **Sec. 22.** AS 43.50.580(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) A licensee may possess unstamped cigarettes in this state if

18 (1) the licensee posts a surety bond in an amount satisfactory to the
19 department to ensure performance of its duties under this chapter; and

20 (2) unstamped cigarettes are necessary for the conduct of the licensee's
21 business in making sales or distributions

22 **(A) to an instrumentality of the federal government or an**
23 **Indian tribal organization authorized by law to possess cigarettes not taxed**
24 **under this chapter; or**

25 **(B) to customers outside the state and the licensee provides**
26 **proof acceptable to the department that the licensee is properly licensed in**
27 **the jurisdictions outside the state where the sales or distributions are**
28 **made.**

29 * **Sec. 23.** AS 43.50.590(a) is amended to read:

30 (a) The department shall adopt procedures for a refund or credit to a licensee
31 in the amount of the denominated value, less the discount given under AS 43.50.540,

1 for

2 (1) unused or damaged stamps; [OR]

3 (2) stamps affixed to cigarette packages that have become unfit for use
4 or sale, are destroyed, or are returned to the manufacturer for credit or replacement if
5 the licensee provides proof acceptable to the department that the cigarettes have not
6 been and will not be consumed in this state; or

7 (3) stamps affixed to cigarette packages that are sold or
8 distributed outside the state if the licensee provides proof acceptable to the
9 department that the cigarettes have not been and will not be consumed in this
10 state and the licensee is properly licensed in the jurisdictions outside the state
11 where the sales or distributions are made.

12 * **Sec. 24.** AS 43.50 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 43.50.625. Forfeiture of other property.** (a) Upon a showing of
14 probable cause that a person has committed the crime of misconduct involving
15 unstamped cigarettes or stamps in the first degree under AS 43.50.640, the following
16 are subject to forfeiture:

17 (1) material and equipment used in the manufacture, sale, offering for
18 sale, or possession for sale of cigarettes in this state in violation of AS 43.50.500 -
19 43.50.640 or 43.50.660 - 43.50.700;

20 (2) aircraft, vehicles, or vessels used to transport or facilitate the
21 transportation of cigarettes manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or possessed for sale
22 in this state in violation of AS 43.50.500 - 43.50.640 or 43.50.660 - 43.50.700;

23 (3) money, securities, negotiable instruments, or other things of value
24 used in financial transactions derived from activity prohibited under AS 43.50.500 -
25 43.50.640 or 43.50.660 - 43.50.700.

26 (b) Property subject to forfeiture under this section may be actually or
27 constructively seized under an order issued by the superior court upon a showing of
28 probable cause that the property is subject to forfeiture under this section.
29 Constructive seizure is effected upon posting a signed notice of seizure on the item to
30 be forfeited, stating the violation and the date and place of seizure. Seizure without a
31 court order may be made if

- 1 (1) the seizure is incident to a valid arrest or search;
- 2 (2) the property subject to seizure is the subject of a prior judgment in
3 favor of the state; or
- 4 (3) there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to
5 forfeiture under (a) of this section; property seized under this paragraph may be held
6 for not more than 48 hours unless an order of forfeiture is issued by the court before
7 the end of that time period.

8 (c) Within 30 days after a seizure under this section, the Department of Public
9 Safety shall make reasonable efforts to ascertain the identity and whereabouts of any
10 person holding an interest, or an assignee of a person holding an interest, in the
11 property seized, including a right to possession, or a lien, mortgage, or conditional
12 sales contract. The Department of Public Safety shall notify the person ascertained to
13 have an interest in the seized property of the impending forfeiture, and, before
14 forfeiture, the Department of Public Safety shall publish, once a week for four
15 consecutive calendar weeks, a notice of the impending forfeiture in a newspaper of
16 general circulation in the judicial district in which the seizure was made, or if a
17 newspaper is not published in that judicial district, in a newspaper published in the
18 state and distributed in that judicial district.

19 (d) Property subject to forfeiture under (a) of this section may be forfeited
20 (1) upon conviction of a person for a violation of AS 43.50.640; or
21 (2) upon judgment by the superior court in a proceeding in rem that the
22 property was used in a manner subjecting it to forfeiture under (a) of this section.

23 (e) The owner of property subject to forfeiture under (a) of this section is
24 entitled to relief from the forfeiture in the nature of remission of the forfeiture if, in an
25 action under (d) of this section, the owner shows that the owner

- 26 (1) was not a party to the violation;
- 27 (2) did not have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that
28 the property was used or was to be used in violation of the law; and
- 29 (3) did not have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that
30 the person committing the violation had, within the last 10 years,
31 (A) a criminal record for violating this chapter; or

1 (B) committed other violations of this chapter.

2 (f) The court may allow the owner of property that is subject to forfeiture
3 under (a) of this section to redeem the property by paying an amount determined by
4 the court to be the fair market value of the property.

5 (g) A person other than the owner holding, or the assignee of, a lien,
6 mortgage, or conditional sales contract on, or the right to possession of property
7 subject to forfeiture under (a) of this section is entitled to relief from the forfeiture in
8 the nature of remission of the forfeiture if, in an action under (d) of this section, the
9 person shows that the person

10 (1) was not a party to the violation subjecting the property to
11 forfeiture;

12 (2) did not have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that
13 the property was used or was to be used in violation of the law; and

14 (3) did not have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that
15 the person committing the violation had, within the last 10 years,

16 (A) a criminal record for violating this chapter; or

17 (B) committed other violations of this chapter.

18 (h) It is not a defense in an in rem forfeiture proceeding brought under (d)(2)
19 of this section that a criminal proceeding is pending or has resulted in conviction or
20 acquittal of a person charged with violating AS 43.50.640.

21 (i) Property forfeited under this section shall be placed in the custody of the
22 commissioner of public safety for disposition according to an order entered by the
23 court. The court shall order destroyed any property forfeited under this section that is
24 harmful to the public and may order any property forfeited under this section that was
25 seized in a municipality to be transferred to the municipality in which the property was
26 seized or to another municipality affected by the crime for which the property was
27 forfeited. The state shall notify all municipalities affected by the crime of the
28 forfeiture proceeding. Other property shall be ordered sold and the proceeds used for
29 payment of expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including expenses of
30 seizure, custody, and court costs. The remainder of the proceeds shall be deposited in
31 the general fund.

1 (j) The title to a vehicle or vessel forfeited to the state under this section may
 2 be transferred by the state to a municipality or the local governing body of a village
 3 for official use by the municipality or village, on condition that the vehicle or vessel
 4 not be available for use by the defendant.

5 * **Sec. 25.** AS 43.50.640(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A person commits the crime of misconduct involving unstamped cigarettes
 7 or stamps in the first degree if the person

8 (1) with reckless disregard that the cigarettes are unstamped

9 (A) sells or distributes **5,000** [1,000] or more unstamped
 10 cigarettes in a single transaction;

11 (B) owns or possesses **5,000** [1,000] or more unstamped
 12 cigarettes with the intent to sell; or

13 (C) acquires, holds, transports, imports, or possesses 10,000 or
 14 more unstamped cigarettes; or

15 (2) with reckless disregard that the stamp was previously affixed to
 16 another cigarette package [;]

17 (A) affixes a previously used stamp to a cigarette package; or

18 (B) possesses, sells, or distributes a previously used stamp.

19 * **Sec. 26.** AS 43.50.650(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) A person commits the crime of misconduct involving unstamped cigarettes
 21 or stamps in the second degree if the person

22 (1) with reckless disregard that the cigarettes are unstamped

23 (A) sells or distributes at least one but fewer than **5,000** [1,000]
 24 unstamped cigarettes in a single transaction;

25 (B) owns or possesses at least one but fewer than **5,000** [1,000]
 26 unstamped cigarettes, with intent to sell; [OR]

27 (C) acquires, holds, transports, imports, or possesses at least
 28 **601** [ONE] but fewer than 10,000 unstamped cigarettes; or

29 **(D) acquires, holds, transports, imports, or possesses at**
 30 **least one but fewer than 601 unstamped cigarettes that are not for**
 31 **personal consumption; or**

1 (2) is not licensed under this chapter or otherwise authorized by the
2 department to possess stamps and possesses a stamp that is not affixed to a cigarette
3 package.

4 * **Sec. 27.** AS 43.50.700(9) is amended to read:

5 (9) "unstamped cigarettes" means a package containing cigarettes that
6 is not affixed with the stamp required by AS 43.50.500 - 43.50.700 **or is affixed with**
7 **a stamp in a denomination less than the tax levied under this chapter.**

8 * **Sec. 28.** AS 43.50.710 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (e) Nothing in this section prohibits a manufacturer from offering promotions
10 to a wholesaler or a retailer provided the wholesale promotion is the same for all
11 participating wholesalers and the retail promotion is the same for all participating
12 retailers.

13 * **Sec. 29.** AS 43.50.720 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 43.50.720. Sale at less than cost; with gift or concession.** In all
15 advertisements, offers for sale, or sales involving two or more items when at least one
16 of the items is cigarettes at a combined price, and in all advertisements, offers for sale,
17 or sales involving the giving of any gift, concession, or coupon of any kind in
18 conjunction with the sale of cigarettes, the wholesaler's or retailer's combined selling
19 price may not be below the actual cost to the wholesaler or the actual cost to the
20 retailer, respectively, of the total of all articles, products, commodities, gifts, and
21 concessions included in the transactions, except that, if any articles, products,
22 commodities, gifts, or concessions are not cigarettes, the **actual** [BASIC] cost shall be
23 determined as provided under AS 43.50.800.

24 * **Sec. 30.** AS 43.50.760(b) is amended to read:

25 (b) The presumptive **actual** [WHOLESALE AND PRESUMPTIVE RETAIL]
26 cost of cigarettes as determined by the department **under AS 43.50.800** [FROM THE
27 MANUFACTURER'S PRICE LIST] is considered competent evidence in a court
28 action or proceeding as tending to prove actual cost to the wholesaler or retailer
29 complained against. A party against whom the presumptive **actual** [WHOLESALE
30 OR PRESUMPTIVE RETAIL] cost as determined by the department is introduced in
31 evidence has the right to offer evidence tending to prove any inaccuracy of the

1 presumptive **actual** [WHOLESALE OR PRESUMPTIVE RETAIL] cost or any
2 statement of facts that would impair its probative value.

3 * **Sec. 31.** AS 43.50.770 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 43.50.770. Determination of cost of cigarettes purchased outside of**
5 **ordinary channels of trade.** In establishing the **actual** [BASIC] cost of cigarettes to
6 a wholesaler or retailer, the invoice cost [OR THE ACTUAL COST] of cigarettes
7 purchased at a forced, bankrupt, or closeout sale, or other sale outside the ordinary
8 channels of trade may not be used.

9 * **Sec. 32.** AS 43.50.790(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The department

11 (1) shall administer AS 43.50.710 - 43.50.849;

12 (2) may adopt regulations relating to the administration and
13 enforcement of AS 43.50.710 - 43.50.849;

14 (3) may determine the **actual** [BASIC] cost of cigarettes to a
15 wholesaler or retailer **as provided in AS 43.50.800** [FROM INFORMATION
16 OBTAINED FROM A MANUFACTURER];

17 (4) may, after reasonable notice and hearing, revoke or suspend a
18 license issued under AS 43.50.010 or 43.50.035 to a person who refuses or neglects to
19 comply with a provision of AS 43.50.710 - 43.50.849.

20 * **Sec. 33.** AS 43.50.800 is repealed and reenacted to read:

21 **Sec. 43.50.800. Presumptions applicable to determination of cost.** (a) The
22 presumptive actual cost of cigarettes to a wholesaler is, for purposes of AS 43.50.710 -
23 43.50.849, the presumptive wholesale cost as calculated by the department plus an
24 amount equal to four and one-half percent of the presumptive wholesale cost to
25 account for business costs. For purposes of this section, the presumptive wholesale
26 cost is the manufacturer's list price, less trade discounts, plus the full face value of all
27 cigarette taxes.

28 (b) The presumptive actual cost of cigarettes to a retailer is, for purposes of
29 AS 43.50.710 - 43.50.849, the presumptive actual cost of cigarettes to the wholesaler
30 as calculated by the department under (a) of this section, plus an amount equal to six
31 percent of the presumptive actual cost of cigarettes to the wholesaler to account for

1 business costs.

2 (c) A wholesaler or retailer that wishes to advertise, offer to sell, or sell
 3 cigarettes at less than the presumptive actual cost to the wholesaler or retailer as
 4 calculated under (a) or (b) of this section must first obtain approval from the
 5 department. The department may grant approval only if the wholesaler or retailer
 6 provides proof satisfactory to the department that the wholesaler or retailer's actual
 7 cost is lower than presumed. Approval for cigarette sales at less than the presumptive
 8 actual cost as determined under (a) or (b) of this section may not be granted for a
 9 period longer than one year. In reviewing proof of actual wholesale or retail cost, the
 10 department may consider the costs reflected on the actual invoice, but may not
 11 consider cash discounts. In reviewing proof of actual costs, the department may
 12 consider the standards and methods of accounting regularly employed, and must
 13 include labor costs, rent, depreciation, selling costs, maintenance of equipment,
 14 delivery costs, all types of licenses, taxes, insurance, advertising, preopening
 15 expenses, provision for impaired assets and closing costs, interest expenses, and
 16 provision for merger and restructuring expenses. The department shall adopt
 17 regulations to determine the actual costs for the wholesaler and retailer for the
 18 purposes of AS 43.50.710 - 43.50.849.

19 * **Sec. 34.** AS 45.53 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 **Sec. 45.53.050. Stays pending appeal in civil cases.** (a) Except as provided
 21 in (b) of this section, in order to secure and protect the money to be received as a result
 22 of the Master Settlement Agreement, in civil tobacco-related litigation under any legal
 23 theory involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to
 24 the Master Settlement Agreement, the supersedeas bond to be furnished in order to
 25 stay the execution of the judgment during the entire course of appellate review shall be
 26 set in accordance with applicable laws or court rules, except that the total bond that is
 27 required of all appellants collectively may not exceed \$100,000,000, regardless of the
 28 value of the judgment.

29 (b) If an appellee proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an appellant
 30 is dissipating assets to avoid the payment of a judgment, a court may require the
 31 appellant to post a bond in an amount up to the full amount of the judgment.

1 * **Sec. 35.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted in sec. 4, ch. 48, SLA 1997, is
2 repealed and reenacted to read:

3 Sec. 4. AS 43.50.190(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (a) There is levied an excise tax on each cigarette imported or acquired in this
5 state,

6 (1) after June 30, 2004, but before July 1, 2006, 77.5 mills;

7 (2) after June 30, 2006, but before July 1, 2007, 87.5 mills;

8 (3) after June 30, 2007, 97.5 mills.

9 * **Sec. 36.** AS 43.50.740(b), 43.50.849(1), 43.50.849(6), and 43.50.849(7) are repealed.

10 * **Sec. 37.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

12 INDIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. AS 45.53.050, added by sec. 34 of this
13 Act, has the effect of changing Rules 204 and 205, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, by
14 limiting the court's discretion to determine the amount of a supersedeas bond in certain cases.

15 * **Sec. 38.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
16 read:

17 APPLICABILITY. Section 34 of this Act applies to all cases pending on or filed on
18 or after the effective date of this Act.

19 * **Sec. 39.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
20 read:

21 SEVERABILITY. Under AS 01.10.030, if any provision of this Act or the application
22 of it to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the
23 application to other persons or circumstances are not affected.

24 * **Sec. 40.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTIONS. The revisor of statutes is instructed to change the
27 heading of Article 2 in AS 43.50 from "Additional Cigarette Tax" to "Additional Cigarette
28 Taxes."

29 * **Sec. 41.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
30 read:

31 CONDITIONAL EFFECT. AS 45.53.050, added by sec. 34 of this Act, takes effect

- 1 only if sec. 37 of this Act receives the two-thirds majority vote of each house required by art.
- 2 IV, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska.
- 3 * **Sec. 42.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.