

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Revenue  
 Title Unstamped Cigarettes RDU Revenue Programs & Services  
 Component Tax Division  
 Sponsor Senate Labor and Commerce  
 Requester Senate Labor and Commerce Component No. 2476

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

**Transition Period for Unstamped Cigarettes - Bill Analysis**

**Bill Language:** This bill will extend the transition period for selling unstamped cigarettes that were in the state prior to January 1, 2004 from March 31, 2004 to June 30, 2004. Due to a recent change in cigarette manufacturers' returned goods policies, cigarette distributors and retailers may not return their unstamped inventory of cigarettes to the manufacturers. At the time cigarette tax stamp legislation was introduced and passed, cigarette manufacturers had a very liberal returned goods policy. Based on those policies and experiences of other states, a 90-day transition period was an adequate amount of time to either sell cigarettes to the end user or return the cigarettes to the manufacturer. Since manufacturers will no longer (cont. on page 2)

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

accept returns of cigarettes, the transition period for selling cigarettes to the end user needs to be extended to June 30, 2004 to reduce potential hardship on small businesses throughout the state. The Tax Division anticipates no change to cigarette tax revenues due to this legislation as it only applies to previously taxed cigarettes. Cigarettes imported into the state after December 31, 2003 must be affixed with a cigarette tax stamp as proof that the cigarette excise tax has been paid.