

A007-0506

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Tobacco Tax – Tax Rates**

30 FOR the elimination of tobacco taxes.

40 BY repealing

50 Article – Tax – General

60 Section 9-305

70 Annotated Code of Maryland

80 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,

90 That the Law of Maryland read as follows:

100 **Article – Tax –General**

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120 9-305. Tax rates

130 (a) *Cigarettes.*- The tobacco tax rate for cigarettes is:

140 (1) ~~50~~ 0 cents for each package of 10 or fewer cigarettes;

150 (2) ~~\$1.00~~ 0 CENTS for each package of at least 11 and not more than 20 cigarettes;

160 (3) ~~5.0~~ 0 cents for each cigarette in a package of more than 20 cigarettes; and

170 (4) ~~5.0~~ 0 cents for each cigarette in a package of free sample cigarettes.

180 (b) *Other tobacco products.*- The tobacco tax rate for other tobacco products is ~~15%~~ 0% of the wholesale
190 price of the tobacco products.

200 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

210 Mandates:

220 Governor Robert Ehrlich

230 Lt. Governor Michael Steele

240 Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller

250 Speaker of the House Michael Busch

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