
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2015 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Original House Bill No. 119 by Representative Ritchie

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 47:841(B)(6)" and before the comma "," insert "and 841.2"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, after "levied on cigarettes;" and before "to provide"
5 insert the following:

6 "to establish the Tobacco Tax Medicaid Match Fund as a special treasury fund; to
7 provide for the deposit, use, and investment of the monies in the fund;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 7, after "R.S. 47:841(B)(6)" and before "hereby" delete "is" and insert "and
10 841.2 are"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, at the beginning of line 19, after "tax of" and before "of one cent" change "five
13 and eighteen-twentieths" to "one and twelve-twentieths"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 5

15 On page 1, after line 20, insert the following:

16 "§841.2. Tobacco Tax Medicaid Match Fund

17 A. There is hereby created as a special fund within the state treasury the
18 "Tobacco Tax Medicaid Match Fund", hereinafter referred to as the "fund". After
19 satisfying the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of
20 Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and after a sufficient
21 amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full
22 faith and credit of the state which becomes due and payable within any fiscal year,
23 the state treasurer shall annually deposit into the fund an amount equal to the avails
24 of the tax imposed under the provisions of R.S. 47:841(B)(6).

25 B. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the
26 fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the
27 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and all
28 earnings on investment of the fund shall be deposited into the fund. Monies
29 appropriated from the fund shall be used solely as provided in Subsection C of this
30 Section.

31 C. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the Department of Health and
32 Hospitals for the medical assistance program administered by the state in accordance
33 with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, also known as Medicaid.

34 D. No amount appropriated as required in this Section shall displace, replace,
35 or supplant appropriations from the state general fund for the Department of Health
36 and Hospitals. This shall mean that no appropriation for any fiscal year from the
37 Tobacco Tax Medicaid Match Fund shall be made for any purpose for which a

1 general fund appropriation was made in the previous year unless the total
2 appropriations for the fiscal year from the state general fund for such purpose exceed
3 general fund appropriations for the previous year."