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## DIGEST

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HB 249 Reengrossed

2015 Regular Session

Leger

**Abstract:** Extends the excise tax exemption from Dec. 31, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2025, for cigars or pipe tobacco sampled during the convention of the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association.

Present law provides for the levy of an excise tax on all cigars, cigarettes, and smoking tobacco sold, used, consumed, handled, or distributed in this state. The excise tax is required to be collected when dealers give away cigars, cigarettes, or smoking tobacco for advertising or other purposes.

Present law provides for an excise tax exemption until Dec. 31, 2016, for cigars or pipe tobacco sampled on the premises of convention facilities during the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association convention.

Proposed law extends the excise tax exemption for cigars or pipe tobacco from Dec. 31, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 47:854(B))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Extend expiration of the excise tax exemption from Dec. 31, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2025.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.