

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

**VETOED**  
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**Veto Message**

BY REPRESENTATIVES RITCHIE, ARNOLD, AUBERT,  
AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURRELL, DIXON,  
DOWNS, EDWARDS, FRANKLIN, HARDY, HENDERSON, HINES,  
HOFFMANN, HONORE, MICHAEL JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, LAFONTA,  
LEGER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES,  
AND WOOTON AND SENATORS DORSEY AND HEITMEIER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(B)(2) and Section 4 of Act No. 32 of the 2000 Regular  
3 Session of the Legislature, as amended and reenacted by Act No. 21 of the 2002  
4 Regular Session of the Legislature, and to enact R.S. 47:841(G), relative to the  
5 tobacco tax; to remove termination of the applicability of a certain portion of the tax  
6 levied on cigarettes; to provide for the use of the avails of the tax; to provide for an  
7 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:841(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:841(G)  
10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §841. Imposition of tax

12 There is hereby levied a tax upon the sale, use, consumption, handling, or  
13 distribution of all cigars, cigarettes, and smoking and smokeless tobacco, as defined  
14 herein, within the state of Louisiana, according to the classification and rates  
15 hereinafter set forth:

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17 B. Cigarettes.

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1           Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011; if vetoed by the governor  
2           and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
3           2011, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**VETO MESSAGE**

House Bill 591 repeals the June 30, 2012 sunset on the 4/20 of one cent tax on cigarettes and makes the tax permanent. I have made a commitment to the taxpayers of Louisiana to oppose all attempts to raise taxes.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 591 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.