

ACT No. 266

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT, DESHOTEL, JACKSON, MCCORMICK, AND
NEWELL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(A)(2), relative to tobacco taxes; to provide with respect
3 to the rate of the tax levied on certain cigars; to provide for application of the tax on
4 certain cigars in the inventory of certain retail and wholesale dealers; to provide for
5 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:841(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §841. Imposition of tax

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

13 A. Cigars.

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15 (2)(a) ~~Upon~~ Before January 1, 2026, upon cigars invoiced by the
16 manufacturer at more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand, a tax of twenty
17 percent of the invoice price as defined in this Chapter.

18 (b)(i) Beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, upon cigars
19 invoiced by the manufacturer at more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand
20 but less than two thousand five hundred dollars per thousand, a tax of twenty percent
21 of the invoice price as defined in this Chapter.

(ii) Beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at two thousand five hundred dollars or more per thousand, a tax of fifty cents per cigar.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2028, and thereafter, upon cigars invoiced by the manufacturer at more than one hundred twenty dollars per thousand, a tax of twenty percent of the invoice price as defined in this Chapter.

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Section 2. The change in the tax imposed on cigars by this Act shall apply to all cigar products purchased by retail dealers and wholesale dealers on and after January 1, 2026. All wholesale and retail dealers shall file an inventory with the secretary of the Department of Revenue of all cigars on hand as of December 31, 2025. The inventory shall be filed by February 1, 2026. The secretary of the Department of Revenue shall have authority to adopt rules and regulations as to the filing of the inventory report.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2026.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____