
DIGEST

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HB No. 721

Present law provides that every tobacco product manufacturer whose cigarettes are sold in La., whether directly or through a distributor, retailer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, shall execute and deliver on a form prescribed by the attorney general a certification to the secretary and attorney general no later than April 30 of each year.

Present law provides that certifying be made under penalty of perjury that, as of the date of such certification, such tobacco product manufacturer either: is a participating manufacturer or is in full compliance with the requirements for tobacco product manufacturers under the Master Settlement Agreement in present law, including all installment payments required by present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that for the initial certification submitted no later than April 30 each year, a manufacturer shall pay to the attorney general a fee of \$500.

Proposed law requires the \$500 fee to be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund and used solely and exclusively for purposes of enforcement of the Master Settlement Agreement.

(Amends R.S. 13:5073(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added a requirement for the fees to be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Enforcement Fund and used solely for the purposes of enforcement of the Master Settlement Agreement.