

Existing 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, should 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.

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

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

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2012.

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