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AN ACT to amend the tax law and the state finance law, in relation to the creation of the cigarette tax enforcement fund; and making an appropriation therefor

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 472 of the tax law, as amended by  
2 chapter 629 of the laws of 1996, and as further amended by section 104  
3 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
4 follows:  
5     1. The commissioner shall prescribe, prepare and furnish stamps of  
6 such denominations and quantities as may be necessary for the payment of  
7 the tax on cigarettes imposed by this article, PLUS THE PAYMENT BY THE  
8 AGENT OF A CONCURRENT EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR THE CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCE-  
9 MENT FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-SEVEN-~~QQQQ~~ OF THE STATE  
10 FINANCE LAW OF FOUR CENTS PER STAMP WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO  
11 SUBDIVISION (C) OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, and  
12 may from time to time and as often as he deems advisable provide for the  
13 issuance and exclusive use of stamps of a new design and forbid the use  
14 of stamps of any other design, in the manner and with the effect  
15 provided in section two hundred seventy-four of this chapter. The  
16 commissioner shall make provisions for the sale of such stamps at such  
17 places and at such times as he may deem necessary and may license agents  
18 for such purpose. The commissioner may license dealers in cigarettes,  
19 who maintain separate warehousing facilities for the purpose of receiv-  
20 ing and distributing cigarettes and conducting their business, who have  
21 received commitments from at least two cigarette manufacturers whose  
22 aggregate market share is at least forty percent of the New York state  
23 cigarette market, and importers, exporters and manufacturers of ciga-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 rettes, and other persons within or without the state as agents to buy  
2 or affix stamps to be used in paying the tax herein imposed, but an  
3 agent shall at all times have the right to appoint the person in his  
4 employ who is to affix the stamps to any cigarettes under the agent's  
5 control. The fee for filing such application for an agent's license  
6 shall be one thousand five hundred dollars, unless such fee has been  
7 paid during the preceding twelve months, in which case, the fee for a  
8 new license shall be one thousand dollars. All of the provisions of  
9 section four hundred eighty OF THIS ARTICLE relating to wholesale deal-  
10 ers' licenses, including the procedure for suspension, revocation,  
11 refusal to license and for hearings, except for paragraphs (c) and (g)  
12 of subdivision one of such section, shall be applicable to agents'  
13 licenses applied for or granted pursuant to this section, as if such  
14 provisions had been set forth in full in this subdivision and had  
15 expressly referred to the applicant for, or the holder of, an agent's  
16 license. Whenever the commissioner shall sell and deliver to any such  
17 agent any such stamps, such agent shall be entitled to receive as  
18 compensation for his services and expenses as such agent in selling or  
19 affixing such stamps, and to retain out of the moneys to be paid by him  
20 for such stamps, a commission on the par value thereof. The commissioner  
21 is hereby authorized to prescribe a schedule of commissions, not exceed-  
22 ing five per centum, allowable to such agent for buying and affixing  
23 such stamps. Such schedule shall be uniform with respect to the differ-  
24 ent types of stamps used, and may be on a graduated scale with respect  
25 to the number of stamps purchased. The commissioner may, in his  
26 discretion, permit an agent to pay for such stamps within thirty days  
27 after the date of purchase and may require any such agent to file with  
28 the department [of taxation and finance] a bond issued by a surety  
29 company approved by the superintendent of financial services as to  
30 solvency and responsibility and authorized to transact business in the  
31 state or other security acceptable to the commissioner, in such amount  
32 as the commissioner may fix, to secure the payment of any sums due from  
33 such agent pursuant to this article. If securities are deposited as  
34 security under this subdivision, such securities shall be kept in the  
35 custody of the commissioner and may be sold by the commissioner if it  
36 becomes necessary so to do in order to recover any sums due from such  
37 agent pursuant to this article, but no such sale shall be had until  
38 after such agent shall have had opportunity to litigate the validity of  
39 any tax if it elects so to do. Upon any such sale, the surplus, if any,  
40 above the sums due under this article shall be returned to such agent.

41 S 2. Section 482 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision  
42 (c) to read as follows:

43 (C) FROM THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
44 FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEPOSIT  
45 IN THE CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
46 NINETY-SEVEN-XXXX OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW THE CONCURRENT EXPENSE ALLOW-  
47 ANCE FOR THE CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND OF FOUR CENTS PER STAMP.

48 S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-xxxx  
49 to read as follows:

50 S 97-XXXX. CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED  
51 IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF  
52 TAXATION AND FINANCE AN ACCOUNT OF THE MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE  
53 FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND".

54 2. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY,  
55 THE STATE COMPTROLLER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO RECEIVE FOR  
56 DEPOSIT TO THE CREDIT OF THE CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND MONIES

RECEIVED FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE FROM THE CONCURRENT EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAID PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO OF THE TAX LAW, MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE FROM THE SALE OF FORFEITED CIGARETTES AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FORTY-SIX OF THE TAX LAW, AND OTHER MONIES APPROPRIATED, CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE.

3. THE PROCEEDS OF THE CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND SHALL BE USED SOLELY TO ENFORCE (I) THE COLLECTION OF THE CIGARETTE TAX IMPOSED BY ARTICLE TWENTY OF THE TAX LAW OR (II) THE CIGARETTE MARKETING STANDARDS ACT, AS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE TWENTY-A OF THE TAX LAW.

4. MONIES IN THE CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE AND APART AND SHALL NOT BE COMMINGLED WITH ANY OTHER MONEYS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE COMPTROLLER AND SHALL ONLY BE EXPENDED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

5. MONIES OF THE FUND SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION (J) OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THE TAX LAW AND SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE FUND ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS CERTIFIED OR APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE.

6. IN THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE BALANCE OF THE FUND EXCEEDS SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL, UPON RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF ALLOCATION ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THE BUDGET, TRANSFER SIX MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE TO SUPPORT THE DIVISION'S CIGARETTE TAX, AS IMPOSED BY ARTICLE TWENTY OF THE TAX LAW, AND THE CIGARETTE MARKETING STANDARDS ACT, AS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE TWENTY-A OF THE TAX LAW, ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. THESE FUNDS MAY BE APPORTIONED TO EITHER THE PATROL ACTIVITIES OR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, MAY BE TRANSFERRED OR SUBALLOCATED TO ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY OR PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR THEIR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE CIGARETTE TAX OR THE CIGARETTE MARKETING STANDARDS ACT, AND MAY BE USED TO CONTRACT WITH LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR CIGARETTE TAX AND/OR CIGARETTE MARKETING STANDARDS ACT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

S 4. Subdivisions (a), (b) and (c) of section 1846 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 556 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Whenever a police officer designated in section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law or a peace officer designated in subdivision four of section 2.10 of such law, acting pursuant to his or her special duties, shall discover any cigarettes subject to tax provided by article twenty of this chapter or by chapter thirteen of title eleven of the administrative code of the city of New York, and upon which the tax has not been paid or the stamps not affixed as required by such article or such chapter thirteen, they are hereby authorized and empowered forthwith to seize and take possession of such cigarettes, together with any vending machine or receptacle in which they are held for sale. Such cigarettes, vending machine or receptacle seized by a police officer or such peace officer shall be turned over to the commissioner. Such seized cigarettes, vending machine or receptacle, not including money contained in such vending machine or receptacle, shall be forfeited to the state. The commissioner may, within a reasonable time thereafter, upon publication of a notice to such effect for at least five successive days, before the day of sale, in a newspaper published or circulated in the county where

1 the seizure was made, sell such forfeited vending machines or recepta-  
2 cles at public sale and pay the proceeds into the state treasury to the  
3 credit of the general fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
4 section, the commissioner may enter into an agreement with any city of  
5 this state which is authorized to impose a tax similar to that imposed  
6 by article twenty of this chapter to provide for the disposition between  
7 the state and any such city of the proceeds from any such sale. All  
8 cigarettes forfeited to the state [shall be destroyed or used for law  
9 enforcement purposes], except [that] cigarettes that violate, or are  
10 suspected of violating, federal trademark laws or import laws shall [not  
11 be used for law enforcement purposes. If the commissioner determines the  
12 cigarettes may not be used for law enforcement purposes], UPON PUBLICA-  
13 TION IN THE STATE REGISTRY, BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE MANUFAC-  
14 Turer WHO SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH CIGARETTES ARE OF SALEABLE QUALI-  
15 TY AND SUCH CIGARETTES SHALL BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO SUCH MANUFACTURERS.  
16 ANY CIGARETTES THAT ARE EITHER NOT INSPECTED BY THE MANUFACTURER WITHIN  
17 FIVE DAYS OF THE PUBLICATION IN THE STATE REGISTRY OR ARE NOT PURCHASED  
18 BY THE MANUFACTURER AFTER BEING DETERMINED TO BE OF SALEABLE QUALITY  
19 SHALL, UPON PUBLICATION IN THE STATE REGISTRY, BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO  
20 AGENTS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF SECTION FOUR  
21 HUNDRED SEVENTY OF THIS CHAPTER, TO A PRICE EQUALING TWO DOLLARS AND  
22 TWENTY CENTS PER PACK OF TWENTY CIGARETTES. ANY SUCH CIGARETTES THAT ARE  
23 EITHER NOT SOLD WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AFTER BEING OFFERED  
24 FOR SALE TO AGENTS OR DEEMED UNSALEABLE BY THE MANUFACTURER SHALL, UPON  
25 PUBLICATION IN THE STATE REGISTRY, BE DESTROYED OR USED FOR LAW ENFORCE-  
26 MENT PURPOSES. IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THE CIGARETTES MAY NOT BE  
27 OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE MANUFACTURERS OR AGENTS, OR USED FOR LAW  
28 ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES BECAUSE SUCH CIGARETTES VIOLATE, OR ARE SUSPECTED  
29 OF VIOLATING, FEDERAL TRADEMARK LAWS OR IMPORT LAWS, the commissioner  
30 must, within a reasonable time after the forfeiture of such cigarettes,  
31 upon publication in the state registry, destroy such forfeited ciga-  
32 rettes. The commissioner may, prior to any destruction of cigarettes,  
33 permit the true holder of the trademark rights in the cigarettes to  
34 inspect such forfeited cigarettes in order to assist in any investi-  
35 gation regarding such cigarettes. THE REVENUE FROM ALL SALES OF CIGA-  
36 RETTES MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE CIGA-  
37 RETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND, AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION NINETY-SEVEN-XXXX  
38 OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

39 (b) [In the alternative] PRIOR TO MAKING FORFEITED CIGARETTES AVAIL-  
40 ABLE FOR INSPECTION OR PURCHASE BY THE MANUFACTURER, OFFERING SUCH CIGA-  
41 RETTES FOR SALE TO AGENTS, OR USING SUCH CIGARETTES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT  
42 PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION, the tax  
43 commission, on reasonable notice by mail or otherwise, may permit the  
44 person from whom said cigarettes were seized to redeem the said ciga-  
45 rettes, and any vending machine or receptacle seized therewith, by the  
46 payment of the tax due, plus a penalty of fifty per centum thereof, plus  
47 interest on the amount of tax due for each month or fraction thereof  
48 after such tax became due (determined without regard to any extension of  
49 time for filing or paying) at the rate applicable under subparagraph  
50 (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section four hundred eight-  
51 y-one of this chapter and the costs incurred in such proceeding, which  
52 total payment shall not be less than five dollars; provided, however,  
53 that such seizure and sale or redemption shall not be deemed to relieve  
54 any person from fine or imprisonment provided for in this article for  
55 violation of any provision of article twenty of this chapter.

(c) [In the alternative] AFTER MAKING FORFEITED CIGARETTES AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION OR PURCHASE BY THE MANUFACTURER AND OFFERING SUCH CIGARETTES FOR SALE TO AGENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION, the tax commission may dispose of any cigarettes seized pursuant to this section, except those that violate, or are suspected of violating, federal trademark laws or import laws, by transferring them to the department of corrections and community supervision for sale to or use by inmates in such institutions.

S 5. Subdivision (b) of section 483 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 860 of the laws of 1987, subparagraph (A) of paragraph 1 and subparagraph (B) of paragraph 3 as amended by chapter 744 of the laws of 1990, subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 1999 and subparagraph (B) of paragraph 2 as amended by chapter 4 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

(b) 1. (A) The term "cost of the agent" shall mean the basic cost of cigarettes plus the cost of doing business by the agent as evidenced by the accounting standards and methods regularly employed by said agent in his determination of costs for the purpose of federal income tax reporting for the total operation of his establishment, and must include, without limitation, labor, including salaries of executives and officers, rent, depreciation, selling costs, maintenance of equipment, delivery costs, interest payable, all types of licenses, taxes, insurance and advertising expressed as a percentage and applied to the basic cost of cigarettes. Any fractional part of a cent in the cost to the agent per carton of cigarettes shall be rounded off to the next higher cent. In the case of sales at retail by an agent, the "cost of the agent" shall be the same as the "cost of the retail dealer". In the case of sales of cigarettes to a chain store having fifteen or more retail outlets, excluding vending machine operators, which are delivered to a central warehouse owned and operated by such chain store and which are delivered to its retail outlets by the chain store, the "cost of the agent" shall be presumed to be the basic cost of cigarettes. There shall be determined a separate cost of the agent for sales to wholesale dealers and for sales to retail dealers.

(B) In the absence of the filing with the commissioner of satisfactory proof of a lesser cost of doing business of the agent making the sale, the cost of doing business by the agent shall be presumed to be [seven-eighths of one] TWO AND ONE-QUARTER percent of the basic cost of cigarettes for sales to wholesale dealers plus one cent per package of ten cigarettes, two cents per package of twenty cigarettes and in the case of a package containing more than twenty cigarettes, two cents and one-half of a cent for each five cigarettes in excess of twenty cigarettes, [one and one-half] FIVE AND THREE-QUARTER percent of the basic cost of cigarettes for sales to chain stores plus one cent per package of ten cigarettes, two cents per package of twenty cigarettes and in the case of a package containing more than twenty cigarettes, two cents and one-half of a cent for each five cigarettes in excess of twenty cigarettes and [three and seven-eighths] FIVE AND THREE-QUARTER percent of the basic cost of cigarettes with respect to sales to retail dealers plus one cent per package of ten cigarettes, two cents per package of twenty cigarettes and in the case of a package containing more than twenty cigarettes, two cents and one-half of a cent for each five cigarettes in excess of twenty cigarettes and the foregoing cents per pack shall be included in the "cost of doing business by the agent" referred to in paragraphs two and three of this subdivision.

1 2. (A) The term "cost of the wholesale dealer" shall mean the basic  
2 cost of cigarettes plus the cost of doing business by the wholesale  
3 dealer as evidenced by the accounting standards and methods regularly  
4 employed by said wholesale dealer in his determination of costs for the  
5 purpose of federal income tax reporting for the total operation of his  
6 establishment, and must include, without limitation, labor, including  
7 salaries of executives and officers, rent, depreciation, selling costs,  
8 maintenance of equipment, delivery costs, interest payable, all types of  
9 licenses, taxes, insurance and advertising expressed as a percentage and  
10 applied to the basic cost of cigarettes, plus the cost of doing business  
11 by the agent with respect to sales of cigarettes to wholesale dealers.  
12 Any fractional part of a cent in the cost to the wholesale dealer per  
13 carton of cigarettes shall be rounded off to the next higher cent. In  
14 the case of sales at retail by a wholesale dealer, the "cost of the  
15 wholesale dealer" shall be the same as the "cost of the retail dealer".  
16 There shall be determined a separate cost of the wholesale dealer for  
17 sales to chain stores and for sales to retail dealers.

18 (B) In the absence of the filing with the tax commission of satisfac-  
19 tory proof of a lesser cost of doing business of the wholesale dealer  
20 making the sale, the cost of doing business by the wholesale dealer with  
21 respect to sales to retail dealers shall be presumed to be three AND  
22 ONE-HALF per centum of the basic cost of cigarettes, and with respect to  
23 sales to chain stores, [five-eighths of one] THREE AND ONE-HALF percent  
24 of the basic cost of cigarettes.

25 3. (A) The term "cost of the retail dealer" shall mean the basic cost  
26 of cigarettes plus the cost of doing business by the retail dealer as  
27 evidenced by the accounting standards and methods regularly employed by  
28 said retail dealer in his determination of costs for the purpose of  
29 federal income tax reporting for the total operation of his establish-  
30 ment, and shall include, without limitation, labor, including salaries  
31 of executives and officers, rent, depreciation, selling costs, mainte-  
32 nance of equipment, delivery costs, interest payable, all types of  
33 licenses, taxes, insurance and advertising expressed as a percentage and  
34 applied to the basic cost of cigarettes, plus the cost of doing business  
35 by the agent with respect to sales of cigarettes to retail dealers. Any  
36 fractional part of a cent in the cost to the retail dealer per package  
37 or per carton shall be rounded off to the next higher cent.

38 (B) In the absence of the filing with the commissioner of taxation and  
39 finance of satisfactory proof of a lesser cost of doing business by the  
40 retail dealer making the sale, the cost of doing business by the retail  
41 dealer shall be presumed to be [seven] TEN per centum of the sum of the  
42 basic cost of cigarettes plus the cost of doing business by the agent  
43 with respect to cigarettes sold to retail dealers.

44 S 6. Section 1814 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
45 sion (j) to read as follows:

46 (J) REWARDS. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW, RULE OR REGU-  
47 LATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO  
48 ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO SUBMIT A SWORN STATEMENT AFFIRMING THE OBSERVATION  
49 OF A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE TWENTY OF THIS CHAPTER AND, WHERE THE COMMIS-  
50 SIONER DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE, ALLOW FOR A REWARD FOR ANY SUCH SWORN  
51 STATEMENT. WHERE ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE OR  
52 ARTICLE TWENTY OF THIS CHAPTER BASED UPON A SWORN STATEMENT BY ONE OR  
53 MORE INDIVIDUALS AND WHERE THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES, IN THE EXERCISE  
54 OF HIS OR HER DISCRETION, THAT SUCH SWORN STATEMENT, EITHER ALONE OR IN  
55 CONJUNCTION WITH THE TESTIMONY OF THE PERSON SUBMITTING SUCH SWORN  
56 STATEMENT CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTY

1 UPON ANY PERSON FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, OR ARTICLE TWENTY OF  
2 THIS CHAPTER, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL OFFER AS A REWARD TO SUCH INDIVID-  
3 UAL OR INDIVIDUALS AN AMOUNT THAT, IN THE AGGREGATE, IS FIVE DOLLARS. NO  
4 PEACE OFFICER, POLICE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT, EMPLOYEE OF  
5 ANY COMPANY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT, OR EMPLOYEE OF ANY  
6 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, CONDUCTS  
7 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY RELATING TO A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE OR ARTICLE  
8 TWENTY OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF ANY  
9 SUCH REWARD WHEN ACTING IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS OR HER OFFICIAL DUTIES.

10 (2) ALL REWARDS PAID PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID FROM THE  
11 CIGARETTE TAX ENFORCEMENT FUND, AS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION NINETY-SEVEN-  
12 QQQQ OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

13 S 7. Beginning the month immediately following the month in which the  
14 cigarette tax enforcement fund, as established in section 97-qqqq of the  
15 state finance law, is established, there is hereby appropriated to the  
16 division of state police the amount of six million dollars (\$6,000,000)  
17 from the cigarette tax enforcement fund to support cigarette tax, as  
18 imposed by article 20 of the tax law, and cigarette marketing standards  
19 act, as established by article 20-A of the tax law, enforcement activ-  
20 ities. This appropriation may be apportioned to either the patrol activ-  
21 ities or criminal investigation activities programs of the division of  
22 state police, may be transferred or suballocated to any other state  
23 agency or public authority for their costs associated with the enforce-  
24 ment of the cigarette tax or the cigarette marketing standards act, and  
25 may be used to contract with local enforcement agencies for cigarette  
26 tax and/or cigarette marketing standards act enforcement activities. No  
27 monies shall be available from this appropriation absent a certificate  
28 of allocation from the director of the budget.

29 S 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sales tax  
30 quarterly period, as described in subdivision (b) of section 1136 of the  
31 tax law, next succeeding the thirtieth day after it shall have become a  
32 law and shall apply in accordance with the applicable transitional  
33 provisions of sections 1106 and 1217 of the tax law.