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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to increasing the tax imposed on the sale of tobacco products and the retail sale of vapor products

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 471-b of the tax law, as amended by section 2 of part QQ-1 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008, paragraphs (a) and (b) as amended by section 18 of part D of chapter 134 of the laws of 2010 and paragraph (c) as amended by section 1 of part Q of chapter 59 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

1. There is hereby imposed and shall be paid a tax on all tobacco products possessed in this state by any person for sale, except that no tax shall be imposed on tobacco products sold under such circumstances that this state is without power to impose such tax, or sold to the United States, or sold to or by a voluntary unincorporated organization of the armed forces of the United States operating a place for the sale of goods pursuant to regulations promulgated by the appropriate executive agency of the United States, to the extent provided in such regulations and policy statements of such an agency applicable to such sales.

(a) Such tax on tobacco products other than [~~snuff and~~] little cigars shall be at the rate of [~~seventy-five~~] **one hundred twenty-nine** percent of the wholesale price, and is intended to be imposed only once upon the sale of any tobacco products other than [~~snuff and~~] little cigars.

(b) [~~Such tax on snuff shall be at the rate of two dollars per ounce and a proportionate rate on any fractional parts of an ounce, provided that cans or packages of snuff with a net weight of less than one ounce shall be taxed at the equivalent rate of cans or packages weighing one ounce. Such tax shall be computed based on the net weight as listed by~~

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

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~~the manufacturer, and is intended to be imposed only once upon the sale of any snuff.~~

~~(c)~~] The tax on each little cigar shall be at the rate of twenty-six and three-quarters cents and is intended to be imposed only once upon the sale of any little cigar.

It shall be presumed that all tobacco products within the state are subject to tax until the contrary is established, and the burden of proof that any tobacco products are not taxable hereunder shall be upon the person in possession thereof.

§ 2. Section 1181 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 92 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1181. Imposition of tax. In addition to any other tax imposed by this chapter or other law, there is hereby imposed a tax of [~~twenty~~] forty-eight percent on receipts from the retail sale of vapor products sold in this state. The tax is imposed on the purchaser and collected by the vapor products dealer as defined in subdivision (b) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article, in trust for and on account of the state. The taxes imposed under this section shall not apply to adult-use cannabis products subject to tax under article twenty-C of this chapter.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.