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Excise Tax

**Notification of Vapor Products and Electronic Cigarettes Tax Increase
Effective July 1, 2023**

Act 414 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature amended La. R.S. 22:831(B), La. R.S. 26:911(B)(1)(b), and La. R.S. 47:841(F) and enacted La. R.S. 26:911(E) and 926 and La. R.S. 39:100.210. The amendments to La. R.S. 47:841(F) increase the excise tax rate levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes from \$0.05 per milliliter to \$0.15 per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution or other material containing nicotine that is depleted as a vapor product is used. This excise tax increase is effective July 1, 2023.

Also effective July 1, 2023, is the change to La. R.S. 26:911(B)(1)(b) providing that alternative nicotine products, vapor products and electronic cigarette products may only be purchased from a wholesale dealer operating with a valid unsuspended Louisiana wholesale dealer permit and a valid stamping agent designation permit pursuant to La. R.S. 26:902(2)(a). However, the excise tax is due whether product is purchased from a permissible dealer or not.

Beginning October 1, 2023, every vapor product manufacturer and alternative nicotine product manufacturer whose products are sold in this state, whether directly or through a wholesale dealer, retail dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries must register each product with the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC). The Vapor Product and Alternative Nicotine Product Directory will be available on ATC's website by November 1, 2023.

Questions concerning the excise tax increase should be directed to the Louisiana Department of Revenue's Taxpayer Compliance-Sales, Severance, Excise and Withholding Tax Unit at 855-307-3893, option 2, then 1. Questions concerning the Stamping Agent Designation or the Vapor Product and Alternative Nicotine Product Directory should be directed to the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control at (225) 925-4041.

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