Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section fifteen hundred forty-six-a one (1546-a1), Code, 2 3 1935, is hereby amended by striking out all of the first paragraph thereof and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"No such person, firm; or corporation shall charge a fee for the 5 furnishing or procurement of any situation or employment which shall exceed ten per cent (10%) of the wages offered for the first month of 7 any such employment or situation furnished or procured."

Section fifteen hundred forty-six (1546), Code, 1935, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following: 3 "The provisions of this section, however, shall not apply to registration fees of one dollar (\$1.00) or less."

Approved May 10, 1939.

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CHAPTER 72 CIGARETTES

S. F. 128

AN ACT to repeal all of chapter seventy-eight (78), code, 1935, except sections one thousand five hundred fifty-three (1553), to one thousand five hundred fifty-six (1556), inclusive, sections one thousand five hundred eighty-five (1585) and one thousand five hundred eighty-six (1586), code, 1935, all relating to the tax and restrictions upon the sale of cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes, and to enact a substitute therefor relating to the same subject matter; to impose a stamp tax upon cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes and provide for the collection of the tax by the affixation of stamps or impressing of indicia by means of a stamping macine upon individual packages of cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes; to provide for the purchase of stamping machines; to require permits and bonds for dealers in cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes; to provide for the enforcement and administration of said tax; to define certain unlawful acts relating to the manner of sale, intrinsicularly activities and solvent and administration of said tax; to define certain unlawful acts relating to the manner of sale, intrinsicularly activities and solvent acts of the same of distribution, and solicitation for the sale of cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes; and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Definition of words, terms and phrases. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall, for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them.

(a) "Cigarette" shall mean and include any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of tobacco being flavored, adulterated, or mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of paper or any other material. Provided the definition herein shall not be construed to include cigars. Excepting where the context clearly shows that cigarettes alone are intended, the term "cigarettes" shall mean and include cigarettes, cigarette papers or wrappers, and tubes

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upon which a tax is imposed by section two hereof.

(b) "Individual packages of cigarettes" shall mean and include 14 15 every package of cigarettes ordinarily sold at retail, and shall include any and every package of cigarettes upon which a federal stamp or

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token is required. "Packages of cigarettes" shall also include books 17 and sets of papers, wrappers, or tubes. 18

(c) "Person" shall mean and include every individual, firm, association, joint stock company, syndicate, copartnership, corporation,

trustee, agency or receiver, or respective legal representative.
(d) "Place of business" is construed to mean and include any place where cigarettes are sold or where cigarettes are stored or kept for the purpose of sale or consumption; or if sold from any vehicle or train, the vehicle or train on which or from which such cigarettes are sold shall constitute a place of business.

(e) "Stamps" shall mean the stamp or stamps printed, manufactured or made by authority of the treasurer, as hereinafter provided, and issued, sold or circulated by him and by the use of which the tax levied hereunder is paid. It shall also mean any impression, indicium, or character fixed upon packages of cigarettes, cigarette papers, or tubes by metered stamping machine or device which may be authorized by the treasurer to the holder of state or manufacturers' permits

and by the use of which the tax levied hereunder is paid.

(f) "Counterfeit stamp" shall mean any stamp, label, print, indicium or character which evidences, or purports to evidence the payment of any tax levied by this act, and which stamp, label, print, indicium or character has not been printed, manufactured or made by authority of the treasurer as hereinafter provided, and issued, sold or

40 circulated by him.

(g) "Previously used stamp" shall mean and include any stamp which is used, sold, or possessed for the purpose of sale or use, to evidence the payment of the tax herein imposed on an individual package of cigarettes after said stamp has, anterior to such use, sale or possession, been used on a previous or separate individual package of cigarettes to evidence the payment of tax as aforesaid.

(h) "First sale" shall mean and include the first sale or distribution of cigarettes in intrastate commerce, or the first use or consump-

tion of cigarettes within this state.

(i) "Drop-shipment" shall mean and include any delivery of cigarettes received by any person within this state when payment for such cigarettes is made to the shipper or seller by or through a person other than the consignee.

(j) "Treasurer" shall mean the state treasurer of Iowa or his duly

authorized assistants and employees.*

(k) "Attorney General" shall mean the attorney general of the state of Iowa or his duly authorized assistants and employees.

(1) "Distributor" shall mean and include every person in this state who manufactures or produces cigarettes or who ships, transports, or imports into this state or in any manner acquires or possesses cigarettes without stamps affixed for the purpose of making a "first sale" of the same within the state.

(m) "Wholesaler" shall mean and include every person other than a distributor or distributing agent who engages in the business of selling or distributing cigarettes within the state, for the purpose of resale.

^{*}Note: Amended by H. F. 502, 48th G.A. substituting "State Tax Commission" for "State Treasurer" or "Treasurer" wherever said words appear in this act.

- (n) "Retailer" shall mean and include every person in this state who shall sell, distribute, or offer for sale for consumption or possess for the purpose of sale for consumption, cigarettes irrespective of quantity or amount or the number of sales.
- (o) "Distributing agent" shall mean and include every person in this state who acts as an agent of any manufacturer outside of the state by storing cigarettes received in interstate commerce from such manufacturer subject to distribution or delivery to distributors upon orders received by said manufacturer in interstate commerce and transmitted to such distributing agent for fulfillment from such place of storage.

(p) "Manufacturer" shall mean and include every person who ships cigarettes into this state from outside the state.

79 (q) "State permit" shall mean and include permits issued by the 80 81 treasurer to distributors, wholesalers, and retailers within the state.

(r) "Retail permit" shall mean and include permits issued to retailers.

(s) "Manufacturer's permit" shall mean and include permits issued by the treasurer to a manufacturer.

(t) "Distributing agent's permit" shall mean and include permits 86 87 issued by the treasurer to distributing agents.

Tax imposed.

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- 1. There is hereby levied, assessed, and imposed, and shall be collected and paid to the treasurer the following taxes on all cigarettes used or otherwise disposed of in this state for any purpose whatsoever:
- Class A. On cigarettes weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, one mill on each such cigarette.
- Class B. On cigarettes weighing more than three pounds per thousand, two mills on each such cigarette.
- Class C. On cigarette papers or wrappers or any papers made or prepared for the purpose of making cigarettes, made up in packages, books, or sets, on each such package, book, or set, containing:
 - a. Fifty (50) papers or less, one-half $(\frac{1}{2})$ cent.
- b. More than fifty (50) papers but not more than one hundred (100) papers, one (1) cent.
- c. More than one hundred (100) papers, one-half (1/2) cent for each fifty or fractional part thereof.
- 18 On tubes, one (1) cent for each fifty (50) tubes or frac-19 tional part thereof.
 - 2. The said tax shall be paid only once by the person making the "first sale" in this state, and shall become due and payable as soon as such cigarettes are subject to a first sale in Iowa, it being intended to impose the tax as soon as such cigarettes are received by any person in Iowa for the purpose of making a "first sale" of same. If the person making the "first sale" did not pay such tax, it shall be paid by any person into whose possession such cigarettes come until said tax has been paid in full. No person, however, shall be required to pay a tax on cigarettes brought into this state on or about his person in quantities of forty (40) cigarettes or less, when such cigar-
- 29 30 ettes have had the individual packages or seals thereof broken and

when such cigarettes are actually used by said person and not sold or offered for sale.

3. Payment of such tax shall be evidenced by stamps purchased from the treasurer and securely affixed to each individual package of cigarettes in amounts equal to the tax thereon as imposed by this act, or by the impressing of an indicium upon individual packages of cigarettes, under regulations prescribed by the treasurer.

4. The tax imposed shall be in lieu of any other occupation or excise tax imposed by the state or any political subdivision thereof

on cigarettes.

SEC. 3. Printing and custody of stamps. The state printing board shall be and is hereby required to design and have printed or manufactured, cigarette tax stamps of such size, denomination, and type and in such quantities as may be determined by the treasurer. The stamps shall be so manufactured as to render them easy to be securely attached to each individual package of cigarettes or cigarette papers. Such stamps shall be in the possession of and under the control of the comptroller.

Upon requisition of the treasurer, the comptroller shall deliver to him the stamps designated in such requisition, and shall charge the treasurer with the stamps so delivered, and shall keep an accurate

record of all stamps coming into and leaving his possession.

SEC. 4. Sale and exchange of stamps.

1. Stamps shall be sold by and purchased from the treasurer only. The treasurer shall sell stamps to the holder of a state or manufacturer's permit which has not been revoked and to no other person. Stamps shall be sold to such permit holders at a discount of not to exceed five per cent from the face value. Stamps shall be sold in unbroken sheets of one hundred (100) stamps only.

2. Orders for cigarette tax stamps shall be sent direct to the treasurer, and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to invoice the stamps ordered to the purchaser upon a form of invoice to be prescribed by

11 the treasurer.

3. Stamps in unbroken sheets of one hundred (100) stamps may be exchanged, with the treasurer, for stamps of a different denomination. The treasurer shall be authorized to make refunds on unused stamps to the person who purchased said stamps at a price equal to the amount paid for such stamps when proof satisfactory to said treasurer is furnished that any stamps upon which a refund is requested were properly purchased from said treasurer and paid for by the person requesting such refund. In making such refund, the treasurer shall prepare a voucher showing the amount of refund due and to whom payable and the comptroller shall then issue a warrant on the treasurer for same.

The treasurer may promulgate rules and regulations providing for refunds of the face value of stamps affixed to any cigarettes which have become unfit for use and consumption, unsalable, or for any other legitimate loss which may occur, upon proof of such loss. Refund shall be made by issuing new stamps of an aggregate value of the tax paid on the cigarettes adjudged to be unfit for use, consumption, unsalable, or any other loss suffered.

4. The treasurer shall have the power and authority in the enforcement of this act to recall any stamps which have been sold by

- him and which have not been used, and it shall be the duty of said 33 treasurer, upon receipt of such recalled stamps to issue stamps of 34 other serial numbers therefor. The purchaser of any stamps shall be required to surrender any unused stamps for exchange upon de-35 36 mand of the said treasurer.
- 37 5. The treasurer shall keep a record of all stamps sold by him or 38 under his direction, of all stamps exchanged by him, and of all 39 refunds made by him.

SEC. 5. Change of design.

- 1 2 1. The design of the stamps used may be changed as often as the 3 treasurer may deem necessary for the best enforcement of the provi-4 sions of this act.
- 1 SEC. 6. Affixing of stamps by distributors. Except as provided in 2 section thirteen (13) hereof, every distributor in this state shall 3 cause to be affixed upon every individual package of cigarettes re-4 ceived by him, upon which no sufficient tax stamp is already affixed, 5 a stamp or stamps of an amount equal to the tax due thereon. Such stamps shall be affixed within forty-eight hours, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, from the hour the cigarettes were received, and shall be affixed before such distributor sells, offers for sale, consumes, 9 or otherwise distributes or transports the same. It shall be unlawful 10 for any person, other than a distributing agent or distributor, bonded pursuant to section ten (10) hereof, or common carrier to receive or accept delivery of any cigarettes without stamps affixed to evidence 11 12 the payment of the tax, or without having in his possession the requisite amount or number of stamps necessary to stamp such 13 cigarettes, and the possession of any unstamped cigarettes, without 15 the possession of the requisite amount or number of stamps, shall 16 be prima facie evidence of the violation of this provision. 17
 - SEC. 7. Cancellation of stamps. No stamps affixed to a package of cigarettes shall be cancelled by any letter, numeral or other mark 3 of identification or otherwise mutilated in any manner that will prevent or hinder the treasurer in making an examination as to the genuineness of said stamp; provided, however, that the treasurer may direct and require such cancellation of the tax stamps affixed to packages of cigarettes or cigarette papers which, in his judgment, 7 8 is necessary and essential to carry out properly the provisions of 9 this act.
 - Use of stamping machines. The treasurer, with the consent of the executive council, may purchase and supply suitable machines or devices to the holders of a state or manufacturer's permit, or authorize the leasing by the permit holder of such machines or the metering device or both, and provide under proper regulation and direction for the impression of a distinctive imprint, indicium or character upon individual packages of cigarettes, cigarette papers and tubes as evidence of the payment of the tax imposed by this act, in lieu of the purchase and affixation of stamps as provided herein.

In the event the treasurer and executive council decide to purchase 10 11 such machines they shall be paid for out of the revenue derived from

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The machines or devices shall be so constructed as to record or 13 meter the number of impressions or indicia made and shall at all times

be open for inspection by the Treasurer.

All of the provisions of this act relating to the collection of the tax by means of the sale and affixation of stamps shall apply in the use of the stamping machines or devices, including the right of refund as provided herein.

SEC. 9. Distributor's, wholesaler's and retailer's permits.

1. Every distributor, wholesaler, and retailer in this state, now engaged or who desires to become engaged in the sale or use of cigarettes, upon which a tax is required to be paid, shall obtain a state and/or retail cigarette permit as a distributor, wholesaler, or retailer, as the case may be, and all permits authorizing the sale of cigarettes issued under the provisions of chapter seventy-eight (78),

Code, 1935, shall terminate as of June 30th, 1939.

2. The treasurer shall issue state permits to distributors, wholesalers, and retailers subject to the conditions hereinafter provided. Cities and towns, including special charter cities and cities operating under a commission form of government, may issue retail permits to dealers within their respective limits. County boards of supervisors may issue retail permits to dealers in their respective counties, outside of the corporate limits of cities and towns. Upon issuance of a retail permit by a city or town council or board of supervisors, such council or board shall forthwith certify to the treasurer the

action so taken.

3. All permits provided for in this chapter shall expire on June 30th of each year. No permit shall be granted or issued until the applicant shall have paid for the period ending June 30th next, to the treasurer of state or the city, town or county granting such permit, the fees provided for in this act. The annual state permit fee for a distributor and wholesaler shall be one hundred (100) dollars when the permit is granted during the months of July, August, or September, provided that whenever a state permit holder shall operate more than one place of business, a duplicate state permit shall be issued for each additional place of business on payment of five (5) dollars for each such duplicate state permit, but refunds as provided in this act shall not apply to any duplicate permit issued.

The fee for retail permits to be issued under the provisions of this act shall be as follows when the permit is granted during the months

of July, August, or September:

In towns and other places outside any city or town fifty (50) dollars.

In cities of the second class seventy-five (75) dollars. In cities of the first class one hundred (100) dollars.

If any permit is granted during the months of October, November, or December, the said fee shall be three-fourths (3/4) of the above maximum schedule; if granted during the months of January, February or March, one-half $(\frac{1}{2})$ of said maximum schedule, and if granted during the months of April, May, or June, one fourth $(\frac{1}{4})$ of the said maximum schedule.

· 4. An unrevoked permit for which the holder has paid the full annual fee may be surrendered during the first nine months of said year to the officer issuing it, and the treasurer, of state, or the city, town, or county granting the permit shall make refunds to the said holder as follows:

Three-fourths $(\frac{3}{4})$ of the annual fee if the surrender is made during July, August, or September.

One-half $(\frac{1}{2})$ of the annual fee if the surrender is made during October, November, or December.

One-fourth $(\frac{1}{4})$ of the annual fee if the surrender is made during January, February, or March.

An unrevoked permit for which the holder has paid three-fourths of a full annual fee may be so surrendered during the first six months of the period covered by said payment and the said treasurer of state, city, town, or county shall make refunds to the holder as follows:

A sum equal to one-half $(\frac{1}{2})$ of an annual fee if the surrender is made during October, November, or December.

A sum equal to one fourth $(\frac{1}{4})$ of an annual fee if the surrender is made during January, February, or March.

An unrevoked permit for which the holder has paid one-half $(\frac{1}{2})$ of a full annual fee may be so surrendered during the first three months of the period covered by said payment, and the said treasurer of state, city, town or county, shall refund to the holder a sum equal to one-fourth $(\frac{1}{4})$ of an annual fee.

- 5. Said permits shall be issued only upon applications accompanied by the fee indicated above, and by an adequate bond as provided in section ten (10) hereof, and upon forms furnished by the treasurer upon written request. The failure to furnish such forms shall be no excuse for the failure to file the same unless absolute refusal is shown. Said forms shall set forth:
- a. The manner under which such distributor, wholesaler, or retailer, transacts or intends to transact such business as distributor, wholesaler or retailer.
- b. The principal office, residence, and place of business in Iowa, for which the permit is to apply.
- c. If the applicant is not an individual, the principal officers or members thereof, not to exceed three (3), and their addresses.
- d. Such other information as the treasurer shall by rules and regulations prescribe.
- 6. No distributor, wholesaler or retailer shall sell any cigarettes until such application has been filed and the fee prescribed paid for a permit and until such permit is obtained and only while such permit is unrevoked and unexpired.
- 7. An application shall be filed and a permit obtained for each place of business owned or operated by a distributor, wholesaler, or retailer, excepting that no permit need be obtained for a delivery or sales truck of a distributor or wholesaler holding a permit, provided that the treasurer may by regulation require that said truck bear the distributor's or wholesaler's name, and that the permit number of the place of business for and from which it operates be conspicuously displayed on the outside of the body of the truck, immediately under the name.
- 8. Any person who operates both as a distributor and wholesaler in the same place of business shall only be required to obtain a state permit for the particular place of business where such operation of

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99 said business is conducted. A separate retail permit, however, shall be required if any distributor or wholesaler sells cigarettes at both 100 101 retail and wholesale.

- 9. Each permit issued shall describe clearly the place of business for which it is issued, shall be nonassignable, consecutively numbered, designating the kind of permit, and shall authorize the sale of cigarettes in this state subject to the limitations and restrictions herein contained. The retail permits shall be upon forms furnished by the treasurer.
- 108 10. The permit shall, at all times, be publicly displayed by the distributor, wholesaler, or retailer, at his place of business, so as to be 109 easily seen by the public and the persons authorized to inspect the 110 The proprietor or keeper of any building or place wherein 111 112 cigarettes shall be kept for sale, or with intent to sell, shall upon request of the treasurer or any peace officer exhibit his permit to so 113 keep and sell. His refusal or failure to so exhibit such permit shall 114 115 be prima facie evidence that such cigarettes are kept for sale or with 116 intent to sell in violation of the provisions of this chapter.
 - SEC. 10. Bonds. No retail permit, state permit, or manufacturer's permit shall be issued until the applicant therefor shall file a bond, with good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the treasurer or the body granting the permit, which bond shall be in favor of the state of Iowa and for the benefit of the county, city, or town, as the case may be, and conditioned upon the payment of taxes, damages, fines, penalties, and costs adjudged against the permit holder for violation of any of the provisions of this act.

Said bonds shall be on forms prescribed by the treasurer and in the following amounts:

- a. Retail permit, not less than five hundred (500) dollars. b. State permit, not less than five hundred (500) dollars.
- c. Manufacturer's permit, not less than five thousand (5,000) dol-

No distributor or person shall engage in interstate business unless he files a bond, with good and sufficient surety in an amount of not less than one thousand (1,000) dollars. The amount of the bond required of such distributor or other person shall be fixed by the treasurer, subject to the minimum limitation herein provided. Said bond shall be approved by the treasurer and payable to the State of Iowa in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, and conditioned upon the payment of taxes, damages, fines, penalties, and costs adjudged against the permit holder for violation of any of the requirements of this act affecting said distributor or other person, on a form prescribed by the treasurer.

An additional bond or a new bond may be required by the treasurer at any time an existing bond becomes insufficient or the surety thereon becomes unsatisfactory, which additional bond, or new bond, shall be supplied within ten days after demand. On failure to supply a new bond or additional bond within ten days after demand, the treasurer shall have the power and the authority to cancel any existing bond made and secured by and for said distributor or other person. In the event said bond is cancelled, said distributor or other person. shall within forty-eight hours after receiving cigarettes or forty-eight

hours after said cancellation, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, cause any cigarettes in his possession to have the requisite amount of stamps affixed to represent the tax as herein provided.

SEC. 11. Records and reports of permit holders.

1. The treasurer is authorized to prescribe such forms as may be necessary for the efficient administration of this act and is authorized to require such uniform books and records to be used and kept by each permit holder as he deems necessary. The treasurer may also require each permit holder to keep and retain in his possession evidence on prescribed forms of all transactions involving the purchase and sale of cigarettes or the purchase and use of stamps as herein provided. All of such evidence shall be kept for a period of two years from the date of each transaction, for the inspection at all times by the treasurer.

2. Where a state permit holder sells cigarettes at retail, he shall be required to issue an invoice to his retail department for cigarettes to be sold at retail and such cigarette invoices shall be kept separate and apart.

3. The treasurer may by regulation require every holder of a manufacturer's or state permit to make and deliver to the treasurer on or before the 10th day of each month a report or reports for the preceding calendar month, upon a form or forms prescribed by the treasurer, and may require that such reports shall be properly sworn to and executed by the permit holder or his duly authorized representative.

4. Every permit holder shall, when requested by the treasurer, make such additional reports as the treasurer deems necessary and proper and shall at the request of the treasurer furnish full and complete information pertaining to any transaction of the permit holder involving the purchase or sale or use of cigarettes or purchase of cigarette stamps.

5. Every person engaged in the business of selling cigarettes in interstate commerce only, who has, by furnishing the bond required in section ten (10) of this act, been permitted to set aside or store cigarettes in this state for the conduct of such interstate business without the stamps affixed thereto, shall be required to keep such records and make such reports to the treasurer as are required by him.

6. If any distributor or other person fails or refuses to pay any tax, penalties, or cost of audit hereinafter provided, and it becomes necessary to bring suit or to intervene in any manner for the establishment or collection of said claims, in any judicial proceedings, any report filed in the office of the treasurer by such distributor or other person, or his representative, or a copy thereof, certified to by the treasurer, showing the number of cigarettes sold by such distributor or his representative, upon which such tax, penalty or cost of audit has not been paid, or any audit made by the treasurer or his representative from the books or records of said distributor or other person when signed and sworn to by such representative as being made from the records of said distributor or persons from or to whom such distributor or other person has bought, received, or delivered cigarettes, whether from a transportation company or otherwise, such

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report or audit shall be admissible in evidence in such proceedings and shall be prima facie evidence of the contents thereof; provided, however, that the incorrectness of said report or audit may be shown.

SEC. 12. Manufacturer's permits. The treasurer may, at his discretion, and upon application of any manufacturer, issue without charge to such manufacturer a manufacturer's permit. Such application shall contain such information as the treasurer shall prescribe. The holder of such manufacturer's permit shall be authorized to purchase stamps from the treasurer, and to affix such stamps to individual packages of cigarettes outside of this state, prior to their shipment into the state.

SEC. 13. Distributing agent's permits.

1. Every distributing agent in the state, now engaged, or who desires to become engaged, in the business of storing unstamped cigarettes which are received in interstate commerce for distribution or delivery only upon order received from without the state or to be sold outside the state, shall file with the treasurer, an application for a distributing agent's permit, on a form prescribed by the treasurer, to be furnished upon written request, the failure to furnish shall be no excuse for the failure to file the same unless an absolute refusal is shown. Said form shall set forth the name under which such distributing agent transacts or intends to transact such business as a distributing agent, the principal office and place of business in Iowa to which the permit is to apply, and if other than an individual, the principal officers or members thereof and their addresses. The treasurer may require any other information he may desire in said application. No distributing agent shall engage in such business until such application has been filed and fee in the sum of one hundred (100) dollars paid for the permit and until the permit has been obtained. Such permit shall expire on June 30th following the date of issuance. All of the provisions of the last two (2) paragraphs of section ten (10) hereof, relative to bonds, are incorporated herein and by this reference made applicable to distributing agents. Upon failure to furnish adequate bond as required, the permit shall be revoked without hearing. An application shall be filed and a permit obtained for each place of business owned or operated by a distributing agent.

2. Upon receipt of the application and bond and the permit fee herein provided for, the treasurer may issue to every distributing agent for the place of business designated a nonassignable consecutively numbered permit, authorizing the storing, and distribution of unstamped cigarettes within this state when such distribution is made upon interstate orders only. A distributing agent may also transport unstamped cigarettes in his own conveyances to the state boundary for distribution outside the state, and any nonresident customer of such distributor may purchase and convey unstamped cigarettes to the state line for distribution outside the state. Such nonresident purchaser shall be required to have in his possession an invoice evidencing the purchase of such unstamped cigarettes, which must be exhibited upon request to any peace officer or agent charged with the

0 enforcement of this act.

- 3. Cigarettes set aside for interstate business must be kept separate from intrastate stock and those not so kept shall be considered as intrastate stock and subject to the same requirements as cigarettes possessed for the purpose of a "first sale".
- 45 4. It shall be unlawful for any distributing agent to sell at retail cigarettes, cigarette papers or tubes from automobiles, trucks, or any similar conveyances.
 - SEC. 14. Forms for records and reports. The treasurer shall furnish, without charge, to holders of the various permits, such forms in sufficient quantities as will enable such permit holders to make the reports required to be made under this act. The permit holders shall furnish at their own expense such books, records, and invoices, as are required to be used and kept, but such books, records, and invoices shall be in exact conformity to the forms prescribed for that purpose by the treasurer, and shall be kept and used in the manner prescribed by the treasurer; provided that the treasurer may, in his discretion, by express order in certain cases, authorize permit holders to keep their records in a manner and upon forms other than those so prescribed. Such authorization may be revoked at any time.

SEC. 15. Examination of records and premises.

- 1. For the purpose of enabling the treasurer to determine the tax liability of permit holders or any other person dealing in cigarettes or to determine whether a tax liability has been incurred, he shall have the right to inspect any premises where cigarettes are manufactured, produced, made, stored, transported, sold, or offered for sale or exchange, and to examine all of the records required to be kept or any other records that may be kept incident to the conduct of the cigarette business of said permit holder or any other person dealing in cigarettes.
- 2. The said authorized officers shall also have the right as an incident to determining the said tax liability, or whether a tax liability has been incurred, to examine all stocks of cigarettes and cigarette stamps and for the foregoing purpose said authorized officers shall also have the right to remain upon said premises for such length of time as may be necessary to fully determine said tax liability, or whether a tax liability has been incurred.
- 3. It shall be unlawful for any of the foregoing permit holders to fail to produce upon demand of the treasurer any records required herein to be kept or to hinder or prevent in any manner the inspection of said records or the examination of said premises.
- SEC. 16. Subpoena for witnesses and papers. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this act and of detecting violations thereof, the treasurer shall have the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of all relevant books, papers and records. Such attendance and production may be required at the state house at Des Moines, Iowa, or at any place convenient for such investigation. In case any person fails or refuses to obey a subpoena so issued, the treasurer may procure an order from the district court in the county where such person resides, or where such person is found, requiring such person to appear for examination and/or to produce such books,

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papers, and records as are required in the subpoena. Failure to obey such order shall be punished by such court as contempt thereof.

SEC. 17. Cigarettes retailer may not sell. Unless a retail permit holder shall also hold a state permit, it shall be unlawful for a retailer to sell or have in his possession, cigarettes, upon which the stamp tax has not been affixed.

SEC. 18. Revocation of permit.

1. If any person holding a permit issued by the treasurer under the provisions of this act, including a retailer permit for railway car, has violated any provision of this act, or any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder, the treasurer may revoke the permit issued to said person, after giving such permit holder an opportunity to be heard upon five days written notice stating the reason for such contemplated revocation and the time and place at which he may appear and be heard. The said hearing shall be held in the county of the permit holder's place of business, or in a county in or through which it transacts business. Such notice shall be given by mailing a copy thereof by registered mail to the permit holder's place of business as the same appears on his application for a permit. If, upon such hearing, the treasurer shall find that such violation has occurred, he may revoke the permit or permits.

2. If any retailer has violated any of the provisions of this act, the board of supervisors or the city or town council which issued the permit may revoke his permit or permits upon the same hearing and

notice as is prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

3. If a permit is revoked no new permit shall be issued to the permit holder for any place of business, or to any other person for the place of business at which such violation occurred, until one year has expired from the date of revocation, unless good cause to the contrary is shown to the issuing authority.

SEC. 19. Retailer's permit for railway car.

1. Subject to the provisions of this act, a retailer's permit may be issued by the treasurer to any dining car company, sleeping car company, railroad or railway company. Such permit shall authorize the holder thereof to keep for sale, and sell, cigarettes at retail on any dining car, sleeping car or passenger car operated by such applicant in, through or across the state of Iowa, subject to all of the restrictions imposed upon retailers under this act. The application for such permit shall be in such form and contain such information as may be required by the treasurer. Each such permit shall be good throughout the state. Only one such permit shall be required for all cars operated in this state by such applicant, but a duplicate of such permit issued as herein provided, shall be posted in each car in which such cigarettes are sold and no further permit shall be required or tax levied for the privilege of selling cigarettes in such cars. No cigarettes shall be sold in such cars without having affixed thereto stamps evidencing the payment of the tax as provided in this act.

2. As a condition precedent to the issuing of a retailer's permit for railway car, the applicant shall file with the treasurer a bond in favor of the state of Iowa for the benefit of all parties interested in the amount of five hundred (500) dollars conditioned upon the payment

of all taxes, fines and penalties and costs in this act provided.

- 3. The annual fee for a retailer's permit for railway car shall be twenty-five (25) dollars and two (2) dollars for each duplicate thereof, which fee shall be paid to the treasurer. The treasurer shall issue duplicates of such permits from time to time as applied for by such companies.
- 4. The provisions of subsections one and three of section eighteen (18) shall apply to the revocation of such permit and the issuance of a new one.
 - SEC. 20. Carrier to permit access to records. Every common carrier in this state having custody of books or records showing the transportation of cigarettes both interstate and intrastate shall give and allow the treasurer free access to such books and records.

SEC. 21. Administration.

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- 1. The treasurer shall administer the provisions of this act, and it is hereby made the duty of the treasurer to collect, supervise and enforce the collection of all taxes and penalties that may be due under the provisions of this act.
- 2. Said treasurer also shall have the power and authority to make and publish rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this act, necessary and advisable for its detailed administration, to enforce the provisions thereof, and to collect the taxes and fees herein imposed. The treasurer may promulgate rules and regulations hereunder providing for the refund on stamps which by reason of damage become unfit for sale or use.
- 3. The state treasurer is hereby authorized to appoint an assistant, whose sole duty it shall be to administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter, including the collection of all taxes provided for herein. In such enforcement the state treasurer may call to his aid the attorney general, the special agents of the state, any county attorney or any peace officer. The treasurer is authorized to appoint such clerks and additional help as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this chapter.
- SEC. 22. Liens and actions. All of the provisions for the lien of the tax, its collection, and all actions as provided in the sales tax act shall apply to the tax imposed by this act, except that where the sales tax and the cigarette tax may become conflicting liens, they shall be of equal priority.
- SEC. 23. Venue of actions to collect. Venue of any civil proceedings filed under the provisions of this act to collect the taxes, fees and penalties levied herein shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Polk County, Iowa, or in any court having jurisdiction.
- SEC. 24. Assessment of tax by treasurer. If after any audit, examination of records, or other investigation the treasurer finds that any person has sold cigarettes, without stamps affixed thereto as required by this act, or that any person has failed to pay any tax herein imposed upon such person, the treasurer shall fix and determine the amount of tax due, and shall assess such tax against such person, together with a penalty, which is hereby imposed, equal to the amount of said tax. If any person fails to furnish evidence satisfactory to the treasurer showing purchases of sufficient stamps

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to stamp unstamped cigarettes purchased by him, the presumption shall be that such cigarettes were sold without the proper stamps affixed thereto.

SEC. 25. Notice and appeal. The treasurer shall notify any person assessed pursuant to section twenty-four (24) by sending a written notice of such determination and assessment by registered mail to the principal place of business of such person as shown on his application for permit, if any, and in case no such application was filed by such person, to his last known address. Such person may appeal from such determination and assessment to the district court in the same manner and subject to the same procedure as is provided in section six thousand nine hundred forty three-f twenty-five (6943-f25), Code, 1935, as amended, in the case of appeals from determination by the state board of assessment and review.

SEC. 26. Assessment of cost of audit. The treasurer may employ auditors or other persons to audit and examine the books and records of any permit holder or other person dealing in cigarettes to ascertain whether such permit holder or other person has paid the amount of the taxes required to be paid by him under the provisions of this act. If such taxes have not been paid, as required, the treasurer shall assess against such permit holder or other person, as additional penalty, the reasonable expenses and costs of such investigation and audit.

SEC. 27. Civil penalty for certain violations. If a permit holder shall (a) fail to keep any of the records required to be kept by the provisions of this act, or (b) if a permit holder shall sell any cigarettes upon which a tax is required to be paid by this act without at the time having a valid permit, or (c) if any distributor, wholesaler, or distributing agent shall fail to make any reports to the treasurer required herein to be made, or (d) make a false or incomplete report to said treasurer, or (e) if any distributing agent shall store any unstamped cigarettes in the state or distribute or deliver any unstamped cigarettes within this state without at the time of said storage or delivery having a valid permit, or (f) if any person affected by this act shall fail or refuse to abide by the provisions hereof or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, or violate the same, he shall be civilly liable to the state as a penalty in the sum of fifty (50) dollars for each offense. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense, and the same violation shall constitute a separate offense for each day it continues.

SEC. 28. Seizure and forfeiture; procedure.

1. All cigarettes on which taxes are imposed by this act, which shall be found in the possession or custody, or within the control of any person, for the purpose of being sold or removed by him in violation of this act, and all cigarettes which are removed or are deposited or concealed in any place with intent to avoid payment of taxes levied thereon, and any automobile, truck, boat, conveyance or other vehicle whatsoever, used in the removal or transportation of such cigarettes for such purpose, and all equipment or other tangible personal property incident to and used for such purpose, found in the place, building or vehicle where such cigarettes are found, may be seized by the

12 treasurer, with or without process and the same shall be from the 13 time of such seizure forfeited to the state of Iowa, and a proceeding 14 in the nature of a proceeding in rem shall be filed in a court of com-15 petent jurisdiction in the county of seizure to maintain such seizure and declare and perfect such forfeiture as hereinafter provided. All 16 17 such cigarettes, vehicles and property so seized as aforesaid, remaining in the possession or custody of the treasurer, sheriff or other 18 19 officer for forfeiture or other disposition as provided by law, shall be 20 deemed to be in the custody of law and irreplevable.

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2. The treasurer, when taking the seizure aforesaid, shall immediately make a written report thereof showing the name of the agent or representative making the seizure, the place and person where and from whom such property was seized and an inventory of same and appraisement thereof at the reasonable value of the article seized, which report shall be prepared in duplicate, signed by the agent or representative so seizing, the original of which shall be given to the person from whom said property is taken, and a duplicate copy of which shall be filed in the office of the treasurer and shall be open to public inspection.

3. The county attorney of the county of seizure, shall at the request of the treasurer, file in the county and court aforesaid forfeiture proceeding in the name of the state of Iowa as plaintiff, and in the name of the owner or person in possession as defendant, if known, and if unknown, then in the name of said property seized and sought to be forfeited. Upon the filing of said proceeding, the clerk of said court shall issue notice to the owner or person in possession of such property to appear before such court upon the date named therein, which shall not be less than two (2) days from service of such notice, to show cause why the forfeiture aforesaid should not be declared, which notice shall be served by the sheriff of said county. In the event the defendant in said proceeding is a nonresident of the state or his residence is unknown, or in the event the name of such defendant is unknown, upon affidavit by the treasurer to this effect, notice shall be given as ordered by the court.

4. In the event final judgment is rendered in the forfeiture proceedings aforesaid, maintaining the seizure, and declaring and perfecting the forfeiture of said seized property, the court shall order and decree the sale thereof to the highest bidder, by the sheriff at public auction in the county of seizure after notice is given in the manner provided in the case of the sale of personal property under execution, and the proceeds of such sale, less expense of seizure and

court costs, shall be paid into the state treasury.

5. In the event the cigarettes seized hereunder and sought to be sold upon forfeiture, shall be unstamped, the officers selling the same shall be furnished by the treasurer, sufficient stamps which shall be affixed to the cigarettes prior to the sale thereof.

SEC. 29. Seizure not to affect criminal prosecution. The seizure. forfeiture and sale of cigarettes and other property under the terms and conditions hereinabove set out, shall not constitute any defense to the person owning or having control or possession of such property from criminal prosecution for any act or omission made or offense

6 committed under this law or from liability to pay penalties provided 7 by this law.

SEC. 30. Restrictions on injunction.

1. Any person who shall invoke the power and remedies of injunction against the treasurer of the state of Iowa to restrain or enjoin him from enforcement of the collection of the tax levied herein upon any grounds for which an injunction may be issued shall file such proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction in Polk County, Iowa, and venue for such injunction is hereby declared to be in Polk County, Iowa.

SEC. 31. Tax and fees paid to general fund. The proceeds derived from the sale of stamps and the payment of taxes, fees and penalties provided for under this act, and the permit fees received by the treasurer from all permits issued by him, shall be credited to the general fund of the state of Iowa. All permit fees provided for in this act and collected by cities and towns in the issuance of permits granted by such municipalities shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or town wherein the permit is effective and credited to the general fund of said city or town. Permit fees so collected by counties shall be paid to the county treasurer and credited to the general fund of such county.

SEC. 32. Certain unlawful acts enumerated.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession for sale, distribution, or use, or for any other purpose, in excess of forty cigarettes, or to sell, distribute, use, or present as a gift or prize cigarettes upon which a tax is required to be paid by this act, without having affixed to each individual package of cigarettes or cigarette papers, the proper stamp evidencing the payment of such tax and the absence of said stamp on said individual package of cigarettes shall be notice to all persons that the tax has not been paid and shall be prima facie evidence of the nonpayment of said tax.

2. No person, other than a common carrier and a distributor's truck bearing the distributor's name and permit number in plain view on the outside of such truck, shall transport within this state cigarettes upon which a tax is required to be paid, without having stamps affixed to each individual package of said cigarettes; and no person shall fail or refuse, upon demand of the treasurer, or any peace officer to stop any vehicle transporting cigarettes for a full and complete inspection of the cargo carried.

3. No person shall use, sell, offer for sale, or possess for the purpose of use or sale, within this state, any previously used stamp or stamps, or attach any such previously used stamps to an individual package of cigarettes, nor shall any person purchase stamps from any person other than the treasurer of state or sell stamps purchased from said treasurer.

4. No person shall knowingly use, consume, or smoke, within this state, cigarettes upon which a tax is required to be paid, without said tax having been paid.

5. No person, unless he be the holder of a permit, or his representative, shall solicit the sale of cigarettes, provided that this section shall

- 31 not prevent solicitation by a nonpermit holder for the sale of cigar-32 ettes to any state permit holder.
- 33 6. It shall be unlawful to sell or vend cigarettes by means of a 34 device known as a vending machine.
- It shall be unlawful for a person other than a holder of a retail permit to sell cigarettes at retail. Violation of this section by the holder of a distributor's, wholesaler's, or manufacturer's permit shall be grounds for the revocation of such permit.
- SEC. 33. Certain offenses and penalties provided. Whoever shall violate any provision of this act for which a fine and/or imprisonment is not elsewhere specifically provided, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (10) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars or by imprisonment for not to exceed thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.
 - SEC. 34. Counterfeiting and previously used stamps. Any person who shall print, engrave, make, issue, sell, or circulate, or shall possess or have in his possession with intent to use, sell, circulate, or pass, any counterfeit stamp or previously used stamp, or who shall use, or consent to the use of, any counterfeit stamp or previously used stamp in connection with the sale, or offering for sale, of any cigarettes, or who shall place, or cause to be placed, on any individual package of cigarettes, any counterfeit stamp or previously used stamp, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one hundred (100) dollars nor more than one thousand (1,000) dollars or by imprisonment not more than one year or both such fine and imprisonment.

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- SEC. 35. Manufacturer's samples. The treasurer may, in his discretion, authorize a manufacturer to distribute in the state through his factory representative, free sample packages of cigarettes containing five cigarettes or less, when such individual packages bear a stamp equal to the tax herein imposed. Such packages shall bear the word "Sample" in letters easily read. Such authority may be withdrawn at any time in the discretion of the treasurer.
- SEC. 36. All of chapter seventy-eight (78), Code, 1935, excepting sections one thousand five hundred fifty-three (1553) to one thousand five hundred fifty-six (1556), inclusive, sections one thousand five hundred eighty-five (1585) and one thousand five hundred eighty-six (1586), Code, 1935, are hereby repealed. The sections expressly named in this section are not repealed.
- SEC. 37. Reservations as to taxes and penalties under repealed provisions. All mulct tax, occupation or excise taxes, penalties, and interest accruing to the state of Iowa, or to any city, town, or county, by any of the repealed provisions before the effective date of this act shall be and remain valid and binding obligations, and all such taxes, penalties, and interest, now or hereafter becoming delinquent before the effective date of this act, are hereby expressly preserved and declared to be legal and valid obligations.
- SEC. 38. Prosecutions under repealed law. The passage of this act shall not affect offenses committed, or prosecutions begun under

- any law repealed hereby and any such offenses or prosecutions may be prosecuted under the law as it existed at the time of the commission of the offense.
- SEC. 39. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase of this act or the application thereof to any person or set of circum-3 stances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such 4 decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this 5 act, or its application to any other person or circumstances. The 6 legislature hereby declares that the provisions of this act are sever-7 able, and that it would have passed this act and each section, subsection, clause, sentence or phrase hereof, irrespective of whether any one or more of the sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, or 9 10 phrases be declared unconstitutional, and irrespective of whether it 11 be declared unconstitutional or invalid as applied to any person or set 12 of circumstances.

Approved March 28, 1939.

CHAPTER 73

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO TAX

H. F. 502

AN ACT to amend sections fifteen hundred sixty-six (1566), fifteen hundred seventy (1570), fifteen hundred seventy-b one (1570-b1), fifteen hundred seventy-b two (1570-b2), fifteen hundred seventy-one (1571), fifteen hundred seventy-four (1574), fifteen hundred seventy-four-a one (1574-a1), fifteen hundred seventy-five (1575), and fifteen hundred seventy-six (1576), chapter seventy-eight (78), code, 1935, relating to the tax on cigarettes and tobacco and the collection thereof.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- SECTION 1. Section fifteen hundred sixty-six (1566), Code, 1935, is hereby amended by changing the words "treasurer of state" to "state tax commission" in line six (6) thereof.
- SEC. 2. Section fifteen hundred seventy (1570), Code, 1935, is hereby amended by changing the words "treasurer of state" to "state tax commission" in line three (3) thereof.
- SEC. 3. Section fifteen hundred seventy-b one (1570-b1), Code, 1935, is hereby amended by changing the words "treasurer of state" to "state tax commission" in lines four (4) and five (5), and by changing the word "treasurer" to "commission" in lines eight (8) and ten (10) and by changing the word "officer" to "commission" in line six (6) thereof.
- SEC. 4. Section fifteen hundred seventy-b two (1570-b2), Code, 1935, is hereby amended by changing the word "treasurer" to "commission" in line seven (7) and by changing the word "his" to "its" in line eight (8) thereof.
- SEC. 5. Section fifteen hundred seventy-one (1571), Code, 1935, is hereby amended by changing the word "treasurer of state" to "state tax commission" in line thirteen (13) thereof.