

**453A.12 Use of stamping machines.**

The department 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, as evidence of the payment of the tax imposed by this division, in lieu of the purchase and affixation of stamps.

If the director decides to purchase the machines they shall be paid for upon order of the director out of any funds in the general fund of the state not otherwise appropriated.

The machines or devices shall be so constructed as to record or meter the number of impressions or indicia made and shall at all times be open for inspection by the department.

All of the provisions of this division 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.

[C39, §1556.07; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §98.12]

C93, §453A.12

[P] Inventory tax, §453A.40