

**453A.8 Sale and exchange of stamps.**

1. Stamps shall be sold by and purchased from the department. The department shall sell stamps to the holder of a state distributor's or manufacturer's permit which has not been revoked and to no other person. Stamps shall be sold to the permit holders at a discount of two percent of the face value. Stamps shall be sold in unbroken rolls of thirty thousand stamps or unbroken lots of any other form authorized by the director.

2. Orders for cigarette tax stamps, including the payment for such stamps, shall be made to the department electronically on a form to be prescribed by the director, except as provided in [subsection 6](#).

3. *a.* The department may make refunds on unused stamps to the person who purchased the stamps at a price equal to the amount paid for the stamps when proof satisfactory to the department is furnished that any stamps upon which a refund is requested were properly purchased from the department and paid for by the person requesting the refund. In making the refund, the department shall prepare a voucher showing the amount of refund due and to whom payable and shall authorize the department of administrative services to issue a warrant upon order of the director to pay the refund out of any funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

*b.* The director may promulgate rules providing for refunds of the face value of stamps, less any discount, 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 in the same manner as provided for unused stamps.

4. The department may in the enforcement of [this subchapter](#) recall any stamps which have been sold by the department and which have not been used, and the department shall, upon receipt of recalled stamps, issue a refund for tax stamps surrendered for the face value of the stamps less the amount of the discount. The purchaser of stamps shall surrender any unused stamps for refund upon demand of the department.

5. The department shall keep a record of all stamps sold by the department and of all refunds made by the department.

6. The director may authorize a bank as defined by [section 524.103](#) to sell stamps. A bank authorized to sell stamps shall comply with all of the requirements governing the sale of stamps by the department. [Section 453A.12](#) shall apply to any bank authorized to sell stamps.

[C24, §1574, 1575; C27, 31, 35, §1574-al, 1575; C39, **§1556.03**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §98.8; [81 Acts, ch 43, §2](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 165, §2](#); [92 Acts, ch 1163, §22](#)

C93, §453A.8

[99 Acts, ch 151, §76, 89](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1101, §60](#); [2011 Acts, ch 25, §143](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1041, §127](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1062, §3](#); [2025 Acts, ch 132, §3](#)

Referred to in [§453A.40](#)

Inventory tax, [§453A.40](#)

Subsection 2 amended