

Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund House File 245

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Committee**
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Executive Summary Only

An Act appropriating moneys in the cigarette fire safety standard fund and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

**Fiscal Services Division
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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARD FUND

FUNDING SUMMARY

Permits the Department of Public Safety to spend money from the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund for fire safety and prevention programs, including entry level fire fighter training, equipment, and operations.

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BACKGROUND: As of February 18, 2013, there was \$142,600 in the Fund. Under current law, the Fund requires an appropriation by the General Assembly before money can be spent by the Department. Cigarettes are recertified every three years and the manufacturer is required to pay a fee of \$100 on each (Iowa Code section 101B.5). The civil penalties are listed in Iowa Code section 101B.8. The average estimated revenue received per year from certification fees and civil penalties is \$38,000.

MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

Beginning July 1, 2013 (FY 2014), all fees for certification received by the Department of Public Safety will be deposited in the State General Fund.

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Beginning July 1, 2013 (FY 2014), all moneys received from civil penalties assessed for making a false certification will be deposited in the State General Fund.

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All unobligated funds remaining in the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund at the end of FY 2013 will be transferred to the General Fund.

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SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

Repeals the Cigarette Fire Safety Standard Fund at the end of FY 2013.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

The statutory change that permits the Department of Public Safety to spend money currently in the Fund, and authorizes prior expenditures by the Department, is effective on enactment and retroactive to FY 2008 (beginning July 1, 2007).

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DETAIL: In FY 2011, the Department expended \$40,000 from the Fund. In FY 2012, \$20,000 was expended.