

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 495

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND DEFINITIONS USED UNDER THE ARKANSAS TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX ACT OF 1977; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "INVOICE" AND THE DEFINITION OF "INVOICE PRICE" USED UNDER THE ARKANSAS TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX ACT OF 1977; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-57-203(15) and (16), concerning the definitions to be used under the Arkansas Tobacco Products Tax Act of 1977, are amended to read as follows:

(15) "Invoice" means documentation that is:

(A) Made contemporaneously with a sale or purchase of tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products; ~~and~~

(B) Sufficient to show an itemized list of the specific merchandise or inventory shipped, purchased, or sold, including without limitation the quantity and prices charged; and

(C) Sufficient to identify the parties to the transaction,



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including without limitation:

(i) The physical address of the permitted wholesaler or the permitted manufacturer selling the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products;

(ii) The permit number of the permitted wholesaler or the permitted manufacturer selling the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products;

(iii) The physical address of the permitted retailer or wholesaler purchasing the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products; and

(iv) The permit number of the permitted retailer or wholesaler purchasing the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products;

(16)(A) “Invoice price” means the price that a wholesaler or retailer of tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products pays to a manufacturer, importer, distributor, or any other seller to acquire tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products that the purchaser subsequently sells in the state.

(B) In the absence of proof by the person possessing the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products of the price at which the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products were purchased, “invoice price” shall be the highest price, in the normal course of business and before any discount, at which: ~~the~~

(i) The manufacturer of the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products sells the tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products in question; or

(ii) In the absence of the information required under subdivision (16)(B)(i) of this section, a similar wholesaler or retailer that sells the same or comparable tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products sells the same or comparable tobacco products, vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or e-liquid products.