

SENATE FILE NO. SF0051

Tobacco tax equivalence.

Sponsored by: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to tobacco taxes; providing for the state to  
2 enter into negotiations with the business council of the  
3 Eastern Shoshone tribe and the business council of the  
4 Northern Arapaho tribe for tobacco tax equivalence across the  
5 state; requiring a report; and providing for an effective  
6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) As directed by the governor, the state shall engage  
13 in negotiations with the business council of the Eastern  
14 Shoshone tribe and the business council of the Northern  
15 Arapaho tribe to enter into a compact for the purpose of

1 making tobacco taxes equivalent across the state including  
2 tobacco sales made on the Wind River Reservation.

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4 (b) The compact may include provisions for the  
5 retention of tobacco tax revenues by the appropriate  
6 governments on and off the Wind River Reservation and for the  
7 affixing stamps as necessary to ensure that tobacco taxes are  
8 equivalent across the state without regard to the location  
9 where the sales were made.

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11 (c) The compact may include a process detailing how to  
12 approach any potential revisions to the tobacco tax rate if  
13 requested by one (1) or more parties to the compact.

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15 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020 the governor's  
16 office shall report to the joint revenue interim committee on  
17 the negotiations under this section. The report shall include  
18 any requests for legislation necessary to implement any  
19 compact.

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21 (e) Any agreement or compact entered into by the  
22 governor and the business council of the Eastern Shoshone  
23 tribe or the business council of the Northern Arapaho tribe

1 shall not be binding upon the state of Wyoming until the  
2 agreement or compact has been ratified and approved by the  
3 legislature.

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5 (f) The compact authorized in this section may be in  
6 any form of written agreement determined by the attorney  
7 general to be compatible with the laws of this state and the  
8 United States.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as  
12 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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