

ENROLLED ACT NO. 15, SENATE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2019 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

Section 1.

(a) As directed by the governor, the state shall engage in negotiations with the business council of the Eastern Shoshone tribe and the business council of the Northern Arapaho tribe to enter into a compact for the purpose of making tobacco taxes equivalent across the state including tobacco sales made on the Wind River Reservation.

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

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

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

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(e) Any compact entered into by the governor and the business council of the Eastern Shoshone tribe or the business council of the Northern Arapaho tribe pursuant to this section shall not be binding upon the state of Wyoming until the compact has been ratified and approved by the legislature.

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk