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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend section 3 of the Tobacco Settlement Model Act of 2000 to modify the circumstances under which funds shall be released from escrow and revert back to a tobacco product manufacturer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Tobacco Settlement Model Amendment Act of 2005".

Sec. 2. Section 3(2)(B)(ii) of the Tobacco Settlement Model Act of 2000, effective July 18, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-139; D.C. Official Code § 7-1801.02(2)(B)(ii)) ("Act"), is amended to read as follows:

Amend § 7-1801.02

"(ii) To the extent that a tobacco product manufacturer establishes that the amount it was required to place into escrow on account of units sold in the District of Columbia in a particular year was greater than the Master Settlement Agreement payments, as determined pursuant to section IX(i) of the Master Settlement Agreement, including after final determination of all adjustments that the manufacturer would have been required to make on account of such units sold had it been a participating manufacturer, the excess shall be released from escrow and revert back to the tobacco product manufacturer; or".

Sec. 3. If this act, or any portion of the amendment to section 3(2)(B)(ii) made by this act, is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, then such section 3(2)(B)(ii) shall be deemed to be repealed in its entirety. If section 3(2)(B) shall thereafter be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, then this act shall be deemed repealed, and section 3(2)(B)(ii) be restored as if no such amendment had been made. Neither any holding of unconstitutionality nor the repeal of section 3(2)(B)(ii) shall affect, impair, or invalidate any other portion of the Tobacco Settlement Model Act of 2000, or the application of the Act to any other person or circumstance, and such

remaining portions of the Act shall at all times continue in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor District of Columbia