1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to tobacco products; amending s. 3 210.25, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "tobacco products" to include nicotine dispensing 4 5 devices and nicotine products; republishing s. 6 210.276, F.S., relating to a surcharge on tobacco 7 products; republishing s. 210.30, F.S., relating to 8 tax on tobacco products; republishing s. 569.003(1) 9 and (4), F.S., relating to retail tobacco products dealer permits; providing an effective date. 10 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 210.25, Florida 15 Statutes, is amended to read: 210.25 Definitions.—As used in this part: 16 17 "Tobacco products" means loose tobacco suitable for 18 smoking; snuff; snuff flour; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; 19 fine cuts and other chewing tobaccos; shorts; refuse scraps; clippings, cuttings, and sweepings of tobacco, and other kinds 20 21 and forms of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for chewing; and nicotine dispensing devices and nicotine 22 products as defined in s. 877.112(1)(a) and (b); but "tobacco 23 24 products" does not include cigarettes, as defined by s.

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Section 2. Section 210.276, Florida Statutes, is republished to read:

210.276 Surcharge on tobacco products.-

- (1) A surcharge is levied upon all tobacco products in this state and upon any person engaged in business as a distributor of tobacco products at the rate of 60 percent of the wholesale sales price. The surcharge shall be levied at the time the distributor:
- (a) Brings or causes to be brought into this state from without the state tobacco products for sale;
- (b) Makes, manufactures, or fabricates tobacco products in this state for sale in this state; or
- (c) Ships or transports tobacco products to retailers in this state, to be sold by those retailers. A surcharge may not be levied on tobacco products shipped or transported outside this state for sale or use outside this state.
- (2) A surcharge is imposed upon the use or storage by consumers of tobacco products in this state and upon such consumers at the rate of 60 percent of the wholesale sales price. The surcharge imposed by this subsection does not apply if the surcharge imposed by subsection (1) on such tobacco products has been paid. This surcharge does not apply to the use or storage of tobacco products in quantities of less than 1 pound in the possession of any one consumer.
 - (3) Any tobacco product with respect to which a surcharge

has once been imposed under this section is not again subject to surcharge under this section.

- (4) No surcharge shall be imposed by this section upon tobacco products not within the taxing power of the state under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.
- (5) The exemptions provided for cigarettes under s.
 210.04(4) also apply to tobacco products subject to a surcharge under this section.
- (6) The surcharge levied under this section shall be administered, collected, and enforced in the same manner as the tax imposed under s. 210.30.
- (7) Revenue produced from the surcharge levied under this section shall be deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund within the Agency for Health Care Administration.
- Section 3. Section 210.30, Florida Statutes, is republished to read:
 - 210.30 Tax on tobacco products; exemptions.-
- (1) A tax is hereby imposed upon all tobacco products in this state and upon any person engaged in business as a distributor thereof at the rate of 25 percent of the wholesale sales price of such tobacco products. Such tax shall be imposed at the time the distributor:
- (a) Brings or causes to be brought into this state from without the state tobacco products for sale;
 - (b) Makes, manufactures, or fabricates tobacco products in

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- (c) Ships or transports tobacco products to retailers in this state, to be sold by those retailers.
- (2) A tax is hereby imposed upon the use or storage by consumers of tobacco products in this state and upon such consumers at the rate of 25 percent of the cost of such tobacco products. The tax imposed by this subsection shall not apply if the tax imposed by subsection (1) on such tobacco products has been paid. This tax shall not apply to the use or storage of tobacco products in quantities of less than 1 pound in the possession of any one consumer.
- (3) Any tobacco product with respect to which a tax has once been imposed under this part shall not again be subject to tax under this part.
- (4) No tax shall be imposed by this part upon tobacco products not within the taxing power of the state under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.
- (5) The exemptions provided for cigarettes under s. 210.04(4) shall also apply to tobacco products under this part.
- Section 4. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 569.003, Florida Statutes, are republished to read:
- 569.003 Retail tobacco products dealer permits; application; qualifications; fees; renewal; duplicates.—
- (1) (a) Each person, firm, association, or corporation that seeks to deal, at retail, in tobacco products within this state,

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or to allow a tobacco products vending machine to be located on its premises in this state, must obtain a retail tobacco products dealer permit for each place of business or the premises where tobacco products are sold. Each retail dealer owning, leasing, furnishing, or operating vending machines through which tobacco products are sold must obtain a permit for each machine and shall post the permit in a conspicuous place on or near the machine; however, if the dealer has more than one vending machine at a single location or if tobacco products are sold both over the counter and through a vending machine at a single location, the dealer need obtain only one permit for that location.

(b) Application for a permit must be made on a form furnished by the division and must set forth the name under which the applicant transacts or intends to transact business, the address of the location of the applicant's place of business within the state, and any other information the division requires. If the applicant has or intends to have more than one place of business dealing in tobacco products within this state, a separate application must be made for each place of business. If the applicant is a firm or an association, the application must set forth the names and addresses of the persons constituting the firm or association; if the applicant is a corporation, the application must set forth the names and addresses of the principal officers of the corporation. The

application must also set forth any other information prescribed by the division for the purpose of identifying the applicant firm, association, or corporation. The application must be signed and verified by oath or affirmation by the owner, if a sole proprietor, or, if the owner is a firm, association, or partnership, by the members or partners thereof, or, if the owner is a corporation, by an executive officer of the corporation or by any person authorized by the corporation to sign the application, together with the written evidence of this authority. The application must be accompanied by the annual permit fee prescribed by the division.

- (c) Permits shall be issued annually, upon payment of the annual permit fee prescribed by the division. The division shall fix the fee in an amount sufficient to meet the costs incurred by it in carrying out its permitting, enforcement, and administrative responsibilities under this chapter, but the fee may not exceed \$50. The proceeds of the fee shall be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund.
- (d) The holder of a permit may renew the permit each year, on or before January 15, upon payment of the annual permit fee. A dealer that does not timely renew its permit must pay a delinquent renewal fee of \$5 for each month or portion of a month occurring after expiration, and before renewal, of the dealer's permit. The division shall establish, by rule, a renewal procedure that, to the greatest extent feasible,

combines the application and permitting procedure for permits with the application and licensing system for alcoholic beverages.

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- (e) The division may not grant an exemption from the permit fees prescribed in this subsection for any applicant.
- (4) If a permit has been destroyed or lost, the dealer may apply to the division for the issuance of a duplicate permit. The division shall issue a duplicate permit upon payment of a \$15 fee, which the division shall deposit into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund.
 - Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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