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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2011-19

RE: Increase in the Little Cigar Tax on July 1, 2011 and Correction to Department of Tax Announcement 2011-07

Act 59, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 (Act 59), increases the excise tax per little cigar sold in Hawaii.

Section 245-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was amended by increasing the excise tax per little cigar to 16.00 cents per little cigar sold, used, or possessed by a cigarette and tobacco wholesaler or dealer on and after July 1, 2011.

The tax is collected by the Department of Taxation (Department) when a cigarette and tobacco wholesaler or dealer files Form M-19, Cigarette and Tobacco Products Monthly Return. The Department has revised Form M-19 to reflect the increase in the tax rate for sales, use, or possession of little cigars on or after July 1, 2011.

In addition, this announcement corrects the total price of a roll of light gray cigarette tax stamps stated in Department of Taxation Announcement 2011-07, dated May 19, 2011. The total price of a roll of light gray stamps is $48,624.00.

Current forms and other tax information are available at the Department's website at: www.hawaii.gov/tax. Forms and publications may be ordered by calling the Department's Customer Call Center at: (808) 587-4242. Persons who are calling from outside of Oahu may call: 1-800-222-3229 (toll-free) to receive forms and publications by mail.



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HRS Section Explained: HRS Sections 245-3.