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**AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX IMPOSED ON SOFT DRINKS,
DEDICATING REVENUE THEREFROM; AND ESTABLISHING AN
EARLIER EFFECTIVE DATE; AMENDING SECTION 11.1002
A.S.C.A.**

Preamble:

Due to the urgent need to provide This bill appropriates revenues for the operation of the Fono to finance, to supplement funding for expense allowances for the Legislature, supplement funding for the Scholarship and Financial Aid Program; fund salary increases for the elected officials of the executive branch; fund allowances for former Governors; fund salary increases for District Governors and Local Government officers, and to supplement personnel costs for Associate Judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

Section 1. Section 11.1002 is amended to read:

"11.1002 Amount of tax on certain items:

(a) The tax on each item is:

(1) beer, malt extract, alcoholic beverage, tobacco products and smoking accessories:

(A) One hundred ninety percent of the basis of beer as defined in 27.0501(6), and malt extract, except that any person 21 years of age or over

2004; and twenty percent (20%) shall be deposited in an account earmarked for and dedicated to the repayment of the government loan approved in 7.1444.3. Upon full repayment of said loan, the assessment and collection of this twenty percent (20%) tax shall be reverted into the general fund subject upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(2) one hundred fifty percent of the basis of firearms and firearm ammunition;

(3) motor vehicles;

(A) twenty-five percent of the basis of motor bicycles, automobiles, trucks, and vans, to be used for commercial purposes;

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (A), the tax levied on motor bicycles, automobiles, trucks, and vans, imported into American Samoa for personal or family use shall be 10 percent of the basis thereof. If a motor bicycle, automobile, truck or van are converted to commercial use after being imported for personal or family use, it shall then be subject to the balance of the applicable tax imposed under paragraph (A);

(C) No tax exemption, including that provided by Title 11, Chapter 16, shall be granted for any motor vehicle. All other motor vehicles not taxed under this subsection shall be subjected to the tax under 11.1002(a)(7).

(4) Petroleum products:

(A) Twenty-five cents a gallon on fuel manufactured for use in motor vehicles, other than diesel fuels, 1.5 cents of this to be used for revenue for the driver's training control school and 10 cents of it to be placed in an earmarked revenue fund for road maintenance; and 13.5 cents shall be appropriated for the payment of the government's prior years' obligations as provided for in 10.0801 et seq., and shall be available until September 30, 2004;

(B) Three and one-half cents a gallon on fuel manufactured for use in diesel engines, other than aircraft fuels;

(C) One and one-half cents a gallon on kerosene and similar petroleum products;

(D) Fifteen percent of the basis of lubricating oils;

(E) One cent a gallon on jet and other aircraft fuels, to be placed in the enterprise fund for the operation of Pago Pago international airport;

(F) Three cents a pound of liquefied petroleum gas such as butane and propane or mixtures; thereof, and ethane, which shall be deposited into the deficiency reduction fund and is appropriated for the payment of the

may bring into American Samoa tax free an amount of any alcoholic beverage as defined in 27.0501(1) or 27.0501(5) not to exceed 1 liter per trip if such alcohol beverage is for his personal use and consumption and not for resale; and except further that any alcoholic beverage and tobacco products brought into American Samoa for export at the duty free shop at Pago Pago International Airport is also tax free, one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the basis of beer or malt extract shall be deposited in the general fund and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature; and forty percent (40%) of the basis of beer or malt extract shall be deposited in the general fund in an account earmarked for and dedicated to the repayment of the government loan approved in 7.1444.3. Upon full repayment of said loan, the assessment and collection of this forty percent (40%) tax shall be repealed;

(B) Alcoholic beverages as defined in 27.0501(1) shall be taxed as follows:

fifteen (0.15) cents per one percent (1%) of alcohol by weight per liter, with a minimum tax of two dollars (\$2.00) per liter.

Of the revenues collected from the tax on alcoholic beverages, fifty percent (50%) shall be appropriated to fund the Feleti Barstow Public Library; twenty-five percent (25%) shall be appropriated to fund the Office of Administrative Law Judge; twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be deposited in the general fund and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature; and twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) shall be deposited in the general fund in an account earmarked for and dedicated to the repayment of the government loan approved in 7.1444.3. Upon full repayment of said loan, the twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) dedicated to repayment of the loan shall be deposited in the general fund and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature.

(C) Twelve point five cents per cigarette, per cigar, or per 10 grams of smoking tobacco, except that any person 21 years of age or over may bring into American Samoa tax free tobacco products not to exceed either 200 cigarettes or 100 cigars and or 2 kilograms of smoking tobacco per trip if such tobacco products are for his personal use and consumption and not for resale. Of the revenues collected from the tax on tobacco products and smoking accessories, sixty percent (60%) shall be deposited in the general fund and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature; twenty percent (20%) shall be deposited into the deficiency reduction fund and is appropriated for payment of the government's prior year's obligations as provided for in 10.0801 et.seq., and shall be available until September 30.

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(5) Forty percent of the basis of all construction materials, as defined in 26.1501 et seq., which are of a lesser quality than the standard grades established under such chapter;

(6) ~~four~~ Fifteen cents per 12 fluid ounces or fraction thereof on all soft drinks or nonalcoholic carbonated beverages, to be applied to the measure of the container in which it is offered for sale by the importer; three cents of the ~~four~~ fifteen cents shall be deposited in the deficiency reduction fund and is appropriated for the payment of the government's prior years' obligations provided for in 10.0801 et seq., and shall be available until September 30, 2004; three cents of the fifteen cents shall be placed in an earmarked revenue fund and appropriated to supplement the funding of expense allowances of the legislators; one cent shall be appropriated to fund the salary increases for the Governor and Lt. Governor and allowances for former Governors; seven cents shall be appropriated to fund salary increases for District Governors and local government officers; and one cent shall be appropriated to supplement personnel costs for Associated Judges.

(7) Five percent of the basis of all items not listed in subsections (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section or exempted by this section which are imported for commercial use or resale purposes. The revenues received from the three percent excise tax shall be deposited in the general fund and shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature, except that ~~\$150,000~~ \$500,000 is appropriated for the student financial aid provided for in 11.0605.

(b) The minimum tax shall be 25 cents.

(c) Items otherwise taxable under subsection (a)(1) and (a)(7) of this section are exempted from the taxes imposed by this section when they are brought into American Samoa for export sale for consumption outside American Samoa; provided that importation and sale of these items are made pursuant to rules promulgated by the Treasurer under the Administrative Procedures Act, 4.1001 et seq., that require, among other things, separate storage of these items clearly identified for export sale and a system of delivery to the purchaser ensuring their exportation.

(d) Payment of the taxes imposed by this section on items brought into American Samoa for consumption within American Samoa may be postponed pursuant to rules promulgated by the Treasurer under the Administrative Procedures Act, 4.1001 et seq., that require, among other

Administrative Procedures Act, 4.1001 et seq., that require, among other things, separate storage of those items clearly identified for domestic sale and consumption and a system of delivery to the importer ensuring payment of the taxes at the time of delivery.

(e) The Treasurer shall promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Act, 4.1001 et seq., to ensure that the taxes imposed when the exception set forth in subsection (a)(7) of this section is inapplicable are paid.


(f) The five percent excise tax shall be earmarked as follows:


(1) Three percent (3%) of five percent shall be deposited in the general fund; one percent (1%) shall be used to pay prior years obligations; the oldest obligation to be paid first.

(2) One percent (1%) of the five percent shall be earmarked for the repairs, renovations and upgrading of all public schools facilities and equipment in American Samoa beginning in the fiscal year 1995."

Sec 2. Effective date.

Due to the urgent need to provide revenues for the operation of the Fono, to supplement for the expense allowances of the Legislators, fund the Scholarship and Financial Aid Program; fund salary increases for elected officials of the executive branch; fund allowances for former Governors; fund salary increases for District Governors and Local Government officers, and to supplement personnel costs for Associate Judges, this bill shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Legislature and approval by the Governor.


Lutu Tenari S. Fuimaono
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


Matagi R. Ma'ilo McMoore
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Hereby Approved this 11th day of April, 2001


Governor of American Samoa

NOFOAIGA LUASEFULU-FITU FONO FAITULAFONO O AMERIKA SAMOA

Fono Tele Muamua

**Nofoia ma usua i Fagatogo, Tutuila, Amerika Samoa
Aso Gafua, asovalu o Ianuari
luc afe ma le tasi**

**O SE TULAFONO E FA'AOPOPOO AI LE LAFOGA E FA'AE'E ATU I
MEAINU SUAMALIE; FA'AAGAAGA AI TUPE MAUA E MAUA MAI
AI; MA FA'ATULAGA AI SE ASO TAUALOA VAVE; SUIA AI LE
MAGA 11.1002 T.T.A.S.**

Fu'atomuaga:

Taluai ona o se mana'oga fa'anatinati e saunia ai O lenei pili e
fa'asoasoa atu ai tupemaua mo le fa'agaoioiga o le Fono Faitulafono e
fa'atupe ai, e fa'alava ai le fa'atupeina o alauni o tupefa'aaoga, mo le Fono
Faitulafono, fa'alava ai le fa'atupeina mo le Porokalama o Fesoasoani tau
Tupe ma Sikolasipi; fa'atupe ai si'itaga o totogi fa'aletausaga mo
ali'imautofi palotaina o le lala fa'amalositulafono; fa'atupe ai alauni mo
Kovana muamua; fa'atupe ai si'itaga o totogi mo Kovana Falelima ma
ali'imautofi o le Malo Lotoifale, ma fa'alava ai le tau o tagatafaigaluega mo
Fa'amasino Lagolago.

IA FA'ATULAFONOINA E LE FONOFAITULAFONO O AMERIKA SAMOA:

Maga 1. 11.1002 ua suia e faitauina:

"11.1002 Aofa'iga o le lafoga i mea ta'itasi:

(a) O le lafoga i mea ta'itasi e:

(1) pia, molo fa'amama, meainu alakaholo, oloa tapa'a ma oloa ulaula:

(A) selau ivasefulu pasene o le fa'avae o pia e pei ona fa'amatalaina i le 27.0501(6), ma le molo fa'amama selau ivasefulu pasene o le fa'avae o se meainu alakaholo e pei ona fa'amatalaina i le 27.0501(1), vagana ai e fa'apea o so'o se tagata ua 21 tausaga o le olaga pe matua atu e mafai e ia ona aumai i Amerika Samoa se aofo'iga o se mainu alakaholo e lē silia i le litala e 1 ma e le fa'ae'e i ai se lafoga i le malaga e tasi pe afai o ia meainu alakaholo e fa'aaoga mo ia lava ma e le toe fa'atau atu; ma vagana ai fo'i e fa'apea o se meainu alakaholo ma oloa tapa'a ua aumaia i Amerika Samoa e fa'atau atu i fafo i le faleoloa e leai se lafoga i le malaeva'alele fa'a-va-o-malo o Pago Pago e leai se lafoga; selau limasefulu pasene (150%) o le fa'avae o pia; molo fa'amama ma meainu alakaholo o le a teuina i le teugatupe lautele ma o le a fa'aavanoaina mo fa'asoasoga a le Fono Faitulafono; ma o le fasefulu pasene (40%) o le fa'avae o pia, molo fa'amama ma meainu alakaholo o le a teuina i le teugatupe i se fa'aputugatupe fa'aleoleo mo ma e fa'aagaaga mo le toe totogiina o nogatupe a le malo na fa'amaonia i le 7.1444.3. Pe a uma ona totogi atoa lena nogatupe, o le a fa'ae'eina atu ma le aoina o lenei fasefulu pasene(40%) o le a soloia.

(E) lua selau limasefulu pasene o oloa tapa'a ma oloa ulaula, vagana ai e fa'apea o so'o se tagata ua 21 tausaga le matua pe sili atu e mafai e ia ona aumai i Amerika Samoa oloa tapa'a e lē sili atu i le 200 sikaleti, 100 sikā ma le 2 kilokalama o tapa'a i le malaga e tasi pe afai o ia oloa tapa'a e fa'aaoga e ia lava ma e le toe fa'atauina atu; selau limasefulu pasene (150%) o le fa'avae o oloa tapa'a ma oloa ulaula o le a teuina i le teugatupe lautele ma o le a avanoa mo le fa'asoaga a le Fono Faitulafono; ma o le limasefulu pasene (50%) o le fa'avae o oloa tapa'a ma oloa ulaula o le a teuina i le teugatupe e fa'aaititia ai aitalafu ma e fa'asoaina atu mo le totogiina o aitalafu a le malo i tausaga ua tuana'i e pei ona aiaia ai i le 10.0801 ma isi., ma o le a fa'aavanoaina sei'a o'o ia Setema 30, 2004; limasefulu pasene (50%) o le fa'avae o oloa tapa'a ma oloa ulaula o le a teuina i se fa'aputugatupe e fa'aleoleoina mo ma fa'aagaaga mo le toe totogiina o nogatupe a le malo na fa'amaonia i le 7.1444.3. Afai e mae'a ona totogi atoa lea nogatupe, o le fa'ae'eina atu ma le aoina o lenei limasefulu pasene (50%) o le a soloia.

(2) e selau limasefulu pasene o le fa'avae o fana ma ututau o fana;

(3) ta'avale afi;

(A) luasefulu-lima pasene o le fa'avae o uila afi, ta'avale afi, loli, ma veni, e fa'aaogaina mo fa'amoemoega tau fefa'ataua'iga;

(E) e lē afaina ai aiaiga o soaparakalafa (A) o le lafoga ua fa'ae'eina atu i pasika afi, ta'avale afi, loli, ma veni, ua auina mai i Amerika Samoa mo le fa'aaogaina e se tagata po'o se aiga o le a 10 pasene o lona fa'avae. Afai o se pasika afi, ta'avale afi, loli, po'o se veni, ua liua e fa'aaoga mo pisinisi ina ua uma ona auina mai e fa'aaoga e se tagata po'o se aiga, o le a a'afia loa i le paleni o le lafoga fuafuaina ua fa'ae'eina atu i lalo o le soaparakalafa (A).

(I) E leai se fa'agafuaga o lafoga, e aofia ai ma le lafoga ua fa'atulagaina i le Ulutala 11, Mata'upu 16, e tu'uina atu mo so'o se ta'avale afi. O isi ta'avale afi uma e lē o fa'alafogaina i lalo o lenei soamaga o le a a'afia i le lafoga i lalo o le 11.1002(a)(7).

(4) Oloa tau suau'u:

(A) luasefululima sene i le kalone o suau'u gaosi mo le fa'aaogaina ia ta'avale afi, e 'ese mai ai suau'u tise 1.5 sene o lenei lafoga o le a fa'aaogaina mo tupe mo a'oa'oga ave ta'avale ma le 10 sene o lenei tupe o le a teuina i se teugatupe fa'ailogaina ma'oti mo le teuteuina o auala; ma le 13.5 sene o le a fa'asoasoina mo le totogia o aitalafu a le malo i tausaga ua mavae e pei ona fa'atulagaina mai i le 10.0801 ma isi, mo le fa'aavanoaina e o'o ia Setema 30, 2004.

(E) tolu ma le afa sene i le kalone suau'u gaosi mo le fa'aaogaina i afi tise, e 'ese i lo suau'u va'alele;

(I) tasi ma le afa sene i le kalone kalasini ma oloa suau'u fa'apena;

(O) sefululima pasene o le fa'avae o suau'u e fa'asuau'u ai mea;

(U) tasi sene i le kalone suau'u va'alele saosaoa ma isi va'alele, ia teuina i se teugatupe galue mo le fa'agaoioiga o le malae va'alele fa'a-va-o-malo o Pago Pago;

(F) tolu sene i le pauna o kesi suau'u suāvaia e pei o potane ma poropane po'o le tu'ufa'atasiga o ia kesi ma le etane, o le a teuina i se teugatupe e fa'aitiiti ai aitalafu ma e fa'asoasoina e totogi ai aitalafu o tausaga ua mavae a le malo e pei ona aiaia i le 10.0801 ma isi, ma o le a fa'aavanoaina ia Setema 30, 2004;

(5) fasefulu pasene o le fa'avae o mea faufale uma, e pei ona fa'amatala i le 26.1501 ma isi., e maualalo lona anagatā nai lo fua tausisia ua aiaia ia lalo o lea mata'upu;

(6) ~~fa~~-Sefululima sene i le 12 aunese suavaia po'o lona vaegamea i meainu suamalie uma po'o meainu e leai se kasa alakaholo, e fa'atatau i le fua o le fagu ua tu'uina mai ai mo fa'atauga e faioloa e okaina; tolu sene o

le fa sefululima sene o le a teuina i le teugatupe a le malo i tausaga ua mavae e pei ona aiaia i le 10.0801, ma isi., ma o le a fa'aavanoaina e o'o ia Setema 30, 2004; tolu sene o le sefululima sene o le a fa'aagaaga i se teugatupemaua ma e fa'asoasoaina e fa'alava ai le fa'atupeina o alauni o tupefa'aalu a faipule o le fono faitulafono; tasi le sene o le a fa'asoasoaina e fa'atupe ai le si'itaga o totogi fa'aletausaga mo le Kovana ma Kovana Lutena ma alauni a Kovana muamua; fitu sene o le a fa'asoasoaina e fa'atupe ai si'itaga o totogi mo Kovana Falelima ma ali'i-ofisa maufofi o le malo lotoifale; ma o le tasi sene o le a fa'asoasoaina e fa'alava ai le tau o galuega mo Fa'amasino Lagolago.

(7) Lima pasene o le fa'avae o mea uma ta'itasi e le'i lisiina i le soamaga (a)(1) e o'o i le (a)(6) o lenei maga pe ua fa'agafuaina fo'i e lenei maga ua auina mai mo fa'amoemoega tau pisinisi e toe fa'atau atu. O tupe e maua mai i le tolu pasene o lafoga o oloa o le a teuina i le teugatupe lautele, ma o le a avanoa mo fa'asoaga a le Fono Faitulafono, vagana ai o le ~~\$150,000~~ \$500,000 ua fa'asoasoaina atu mo fesoasoani tupe mo tamaiti a'oga e pei ona aiaia mai i le 11.0605.

(e) o le lafoga maualalo e 25 sene.

(i) O mea ua fa'alafogaina i lalo o soamaga (a)(1) ma le (a)(7) o lenei maga e fa'agafua mai lafoga ua fa'ae'eina atu i lenei maga pe afai sa aumaia i Amerika Samoa mo le fa'atauina atu i fafo o Amerika Samoa; pe afai o le auina atu mo le fa'atauina atu i fafo o ia oloa ua faia e tusa ma le poloa'iga ua aiaia e le teutupe i lalo o le tulafono Pulega Lautele, 4.1001 e mana'omia-fa'atonuina, i le tele o isi mea, ia fa'asinoina ma'oti le teu'eseina o ia oloa mo le fa'atauina atu i fafo ma le auala e tiliva ai i tagata e fa'atauina ia ma'otino lo latou auina atu i fafo.

(o) Mo le totogia o lafoga ua fa'ae'eina atu e lenei maga i oloa e aumai i Amerika Samoa mo le fa'aaogaina i totonu o Amerika Samoa e mafai ona tolopo e tusa ma tulafono ua aiaia e le teutupei lalo o le Tulafono o Taualumaga tau Pulega, 4.1001 ma isi, e mana'omia fa'atonuina ai, i le tele o isi mea, ina ia teu'ese na oloa ua fa'ailogaina ma'oti mo le fa'atauina atu i fafo ma se tulaga e ave ai i le teagata na auina mai ina ia ma'otino ai le totogiina o lafoga i le taimi e tiliva ai.

(u) O le teutupe o le a aiaia tulafono galue i lalo o le Tulafono o Taualumaga tau Pulega, 4.1001 ma isi; e mana'omia fa'atonuina ai lafoga fa'ae'eina atu, ua totogi, pe afai o le fa'aagafuaga ua fa'atulagaina i soamaga (a)(7) o lenei maga e lē fa'asino i ai, ua totogia.

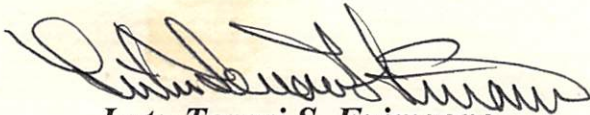
(f) O le lima pasene o le lafoga o oloa o le a fa'ailogaina fa'apitoa e pei ona fa'aalia i lalo:

(1) Tolu pasene (3%) o le lima pasene o le a teuina i le teugatupe lautele; tasi pasene (1%) o le a fa'aaogaina e totogi ai aitalafu o tausaga ua mavae; o le aitalafu e sili atu ona leva o le a mua'i totogi;

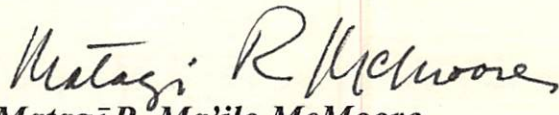
(2) Tasi pasene (1%) o le lima pasene o le a fa'ailogaina fa'apitoa mo ripea, toefa'afouga ma le fa'aleleia o falea'oga uma a le malo ma meafaigaluega i Amerika Samoa e amata i le tausaga tupe 1995."

Maga 2. Aso taualoa.

Ona o se mana'oga fa'anatinati e saunia ai tupemaua mo le fa'agaoioiga o le Fono, e fa'atupe ai alauni o tupefa'aalu fa'aopoopo a Faipule Faitulafono, e fa'atupe ai le Porokalama Tupe Fesoasoani ma Sikolasipi; fa'atupe ai si'itaga o totogi mo ali'imautofi palotaina o le lala fa'amalositulafono; fa'atupe ai alauni mo Kovana muamua; fa'atupe ai si'itaga o totogi mo Kovana Falelima ma ali'imautofi o le Malo Lotoifale, ma fa'aopoopo ai le tau mo tagatafaigaluega mo Fa'amasino Lagolago, ma o lenei pili o le a taualoa vave pe a pasia e le Fono Faitulafono ma fa'amaoniaina e le Kovana.

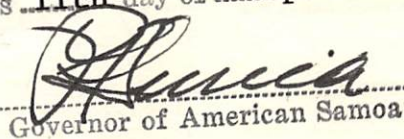


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