Date Introduced: 17 April 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Tobacco Charge Act (No. 3) 1955 (the Principal Act) in order to provide for the continued funding of the Australian Tobacco Board from tobacco levies.

Background

The Principal Act imposes a levy on tobacco leaf grown and processed by a manufacturer. The current rate of charge is set at 3.5 cents per kilogram.

For information regarding the purposes of the levies and the new arrangements for rural research, refer to the Bills Digest for the Tobacco Charge (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1985.

Main Provisions

The existing arrangements for raising tobacco charges under section 6 of the Principal Act are to continue until levies imposed by the Tobacco Charge Acts, for the purpose of research, are prescribed under the Rural Industries Research Act 1985 (clause 2).

The new arrangements will then operate whereby the rate of charge is equal the aggregate of the amount that is prescribed by the Tobacco Charge Act (No. 1) 1955 for the Australian Tobacco Board and the Tobacco Research Trust Fund (section 6 repealed and substituted by new provisions under clause 3).

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