By Senator Montford

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to exempt cigarettes for members of recognized Indian tribes; amending s. 210.1801, F.S.; providing for the annual total number of Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons to be given to the recognized governing body of an Indian tribe; revising the calculation for the number of Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons; requiring Indian reservation sellers to record transactions involving such coupons; adding to the information to be reported to the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 210.1801, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

 210.1801 Exempt cigarettes for members of recognized Indian tribes.—

(3) Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons shall be provided to the recognized governing body of each Indian tribe to ensure that each Indian tribe can obtain cigarettes that are exempt from the tax and surcharge which are for the use of the tribe or its members. The Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons shall be provided to the Indian tribes quarterly. It is intended that each Indian tribe will distribute the Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons to reservation cigarette sellers on such tribe's reservation. Only Indian tribes or reservation cigarette sellers on their reservations may redeem such Indian-

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tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons pursuant to this section.

- (a) The number of Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons to be given to the recognized governing body of each Indian tribe is the actual number of on-reservation sales to tribal members for the previous quarter shall be based upon the probable demand of the tribal members on the tribe's reservation plus the number needed for official tribal use. The annual total number of Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons to be given to the recognized governing body of each Indian tribe shall be calculated by multiplying the number of members of the tribe times five packs of cigarettes times 365.
- (b) Each wholesale dealer and reservation cigarette seller shall keep records of transactions involving Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupons and shall submit appropriate documentation to the division when claiming a refund as set forth in this section. Documentation must contain at least the following information:
- 1. The identity of the Indian tribe from which an Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupon is received;
- 2. The identity and the quantity of the product sold by the reservation cigarette seller; the identity of the purchaser and quantity of product purchased by tribal members, including the date of all purchases for which an Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupon is provided;
- 3. The date of issuance and the date of expiration of the Indian-tax-and-surcharge-exemption coupon; and
- 4. Any other information as the division may deem appropriate.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.