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An act relating to cigarette taxes; providing a short title; amending s. 210.20, F.S.; increasing that portion of the revenues from the cigarette tax to be paid monthly to the Board of Directors of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to finance a cancer research facility at the University of South Florida; amending s. 210.201, F.S.; providing for the use of the transferred moneys; authorizing, rather than requiring, replacement of such moneys by tobacco settlement proceeds; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Stevens Act."
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Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 210.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

210.20 Employees and assistants; distribution of

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funds.--

(2) As collections are received by the division from such cigarette taxes, it shall pay the same into a trust fund in the State Treasury designated "Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund" which shall be paid and distributed as follows:

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(b)  $\underline{1}$ . Beginning January 1, 1999, and continuing for 10 years thereafter, the division shall from month to month certify to the Comptroller the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, less the service charges

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provided for in s. 215.20 and less 0.9 percent of the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, which 2 shall be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco 3 4 Trust Fund, specifying an amount equal to 2.59 percent of the net collections, and that amount shall be paid to the Board of 5 Directors of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research 6 7 Institute, established under s. 240.512, by warrant drawn by the Comptroller upon the State Treasury. These funds are 9 hereby appropriated monthly out of the Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund, to be used for the purpose of 10 constructing, furnishing, and equipping a cancer research 11 12 facility at the University of South Florida adjacent to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute. In fiscal 13 14 years 1999-2000 and thereafter with the exception of fiscal 15 year 2008-2009, the appropriation to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute authorized by this subparagraph 16 17 paragraph shall not be less than the amount that which would have been paid to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and 18 19 Research Institute for fiscal year 1998-1999 had payments been made for the entire fiscal year rather than for a 6-month 20 21 period thereof.

2. Beginning July 1, 2002, and continuing through June 30, 2004, the division shall, in addition to the distribution authorized in subparagraph 1., from month to month certify to the Comptroller the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, less the service charges provided for in s. 215.20 and less 0.9 percent of the amount derived from the cigarette tax imposed by s. 210.02, which shall be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund, specifying an amount equal to 0.2632 percent of the net collections, and that amount shall be paid to the Board of Directors of the H.

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    an amount equal to 1.47 percent of the net collections, and
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    that amount shall be paid to the Board of Directors of the H.
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    Research Institute in fiscal year 2001-2002, had this
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    subparagraph been in effect.
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           Section 3. Section 210.201, Florida Statutes, is
    amended to read:
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           210.201 Cancer research facility at the University of
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    South Florida; establishment; funding. -- The Board of Directors
    of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute
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    shall construct, furnish, and equip, and shall covenant to
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complete, the cancer research facility at the University of
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   Research Institute. Moneys transferred to the Board of
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    Directors of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research
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    Institute pursuant to s. 210.20 shall be used to secure
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    financing to pay costs related to constructing, furnishing,
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    and equipping the cancer research facility. Such financing
    may include the issuance of tax exempt bonds by a local
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    authority, municipality, or county pursuant to parts II and
    III of chapter 159. Such bonds shall not constitute state
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    bonds for purposes of s. 11, Art. VII of the State
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    Constitution, but shall constitute bonds of a "local agency,"
    as defined in s. 159.27(4). The cigarette tax dollars pledged
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    to this facility pursuant to s. 210.20 may shall be replaced
    annually by the Legislature from tobacco litigation settlement
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   proceeds.
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           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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