

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Brief Description: The Department of Revenue proposes to adopt regulations changes in the area of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Tax to allow for the joint administration of tobacco tax collection and enforcement between the state Department of Revenue and Municipalities.

The Department of Revenue proposes to adopt regulations changes in Title 15, Chapter 50 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Tax including the following:

- (1) 15 AAC 50 will be amended by adding a new section providing for the joint administration of state and municipality cigarette and other tobacco taxes by the department. The section will address the reimbursement of costs to administer municipal taxes and outline requirements for written agreements between the department and participating municipalities. The section will detail prerequisites to the sharing of confidential taxpayer information.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Claire Lettow at the Department of Revenue at 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501. Additionally, the Department of Revenue will accept comments by electronic mail at [claire.lettow@alaska.gov](mailto:claire.lettow@alaska.gov). The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 2, 2015. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Claire Lettow by electronic mail or print at the addresses mentioned above. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Revenue will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available at [www.tax.state.ak.us](http://www.tax.state.ak.us). The Department of Revenue may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Claire Lettow at 907-375-7706, no later than May 26, 2015 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Claire Lettow at 907-375-7706, or go to [www.tax.state.ak.us](http://www.tax.state.ak.us) and select the appropriate link under Regulations, Other Taxes, Draft Regulations. The proposed regulation change is also available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Revenue will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 43.05.080 and AS 43.50.150  
**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 43.50.150  
**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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Date

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