To amend the District of Columbia Official Code to require that 10% of the proceeds from cigarette sales be deposited into the Smoking Cessation Fund for smoking cessation interventions and to remove the applicability clause of the Smoking Restriction Amendment Act of 2013 to allow the provisions of that law to be implemented. To increase the tax per cigarette.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “The Department of Health Smoking Cessation Fund Amendment Act of 2017”.

Sec. 2. Section 47-2402 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by striking the figure “$0.125” and inserting the figure “$0.225” in its place.

(b) Subsection (1)(2) is amended as follows:

(A) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) In addition to the revenue deposited in the Fund pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, such other revenue as may be appropriated from time to time;”
(B) Subsection (B) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase "; and" in its place.

(C) A new subparagraph (C) is added to read as follows:

"(C) Beginning October 1, 2018, 10% of the revenue from the tax imposed by this section shall be deposited into the Fund to support initiatives to prevent the sale of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 21.".

Sec. 3. Section 4 of the Smoking Restriction Amendment Act of 2013, effective December 13, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-48; 60 DCR 15145), is repealed.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.


Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813: D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.