

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB212

Hearing Date: Friday January 31, 2025
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: Wordekemper
One Liner: Change tax provisions relating to cigars, cheroots, and stogies

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators von Gillern, Bostar, Dungan, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dave Wordekemper
Tony Goins
Sean Kelley

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Capital Cigar Lounge, Apiary Social Club
Cigar Association of America

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 212 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-4008 to cap the maximum sales tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies at a maximum of fifty cents for each item.

Section by Section.

Section 1. Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-4008 to classify cigars, cheroots, and stogies as its own separate category for tax purposes; except for the cap, applies the same currently existing regular tax standards as to all tobacco except snuff and electronic nicotine delivery systems; and further caps the tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies at fifty cents (\$0.50) per item.

Section 2. Operative Date.

Section 3. Repealer.



Explanation of amendments:

AM 319 is a white copy amendment that strikes the original sections and instead amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-4004 of the Tobacco Products Tax Act to redefine a first owner to include remote retail seller. A remote retail seller is defined as a retail seller that is 1) located outside the state; 2) sells cigars, cheroots, or stogies directly to consumers within the state; and 3) for purpose of sales and use taxes imposed under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, is engaged in business in this state as defined in section 77-2701.13.

R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

