State Taxation of Inhalant Delivery Systems



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States taxing at distribution as Other Tobacco Products (OTP):

California: Effective April 1, 2017 the definition of tobacco products was revised to include products containing, made, or derived from tobacco, or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, including e-cigarettes. Tobacco tax is imposed on the first distribution at the rate of 62.78% of wholesale cost.

District of Columbia: Definition of tobacco products includes vapor products. Tax is imposed on sale or possession of tobacco products at rate of 96 percent of wholesale sales.

Minnesota: Definition of tobacco products includes vapor products by agency rule. Tax is imposed on distributor at rate of 95% of wholesale sales price. Minnesota is the only state that does this by rule and has since 2012.

Pennsylvania: Tobacco tax is imposed on electronic cigarettes at 40% of wholesale sales price when sold to retailer.

States taxing by measurement (milliliter):

Delaware: Imposes a sale or use tax upon the distributor on vapor products at a rate of 5-cents per fluid milliliter.

Kansas: imposes a tax upon distributor for the privilege of selling or dealing in electronic cigarettes at a rate of 5-cents per fluid milliliter.

Louisiana: Tax is levied upon the sale, use, consumption, handling, or distribution of vapor products and electronic cigarettes at a rate of 5-cents per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution, upon first distribution.

New Jersey: Liquid nicotine is taxed upon first distribution at rate of 10-cents per liquid milliliter.

North Carolina: Excise tax is imposed on vapor products at first distribution at the rate of 5-cents per fluid milliliter.

West Virginia: Excise tax is imposed on distributor for e-cigarette liquids at rate of 7.5-cents per milliliter.