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8	SYNOPSIS: This bill would amend Sections 9-13-84,		
9	22-9A-23, 22-21-24, 27-4A-3, 28-3-74, 28-3-184,		
10	28-3-201, 28-3-202, 28-3-204, 28-7-16, 38-4-12,		
11	38-4-12.1, 38-4-13, 40-1-31, 40-8-3, 40-21-51,		
12	40-21-87, $40-23-35$ , $40-23-50$ , $40-23-77$ , and		
13	40-25-23 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide		
14	further for the distribution of state tax revenues.		
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16	A BILL		
17	TO BE ENTITLED		
18	AN ACT		
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20	To amend Sections 9-13-84, 22-9A-23, 22-21-24,		
21	27-4A-3, 28-3-74, 28-3-184, 28-3-201, 28-3-202, 28-3-204,		
22	28-7-16, 38-4-12, 38-4-12.1, 38-4-13, 40-1-31, 40-8-3,		
23	40-21-51, 40-21-87, 40-23-35, 40-23-50, 40-23-77, and 40-25-23		
24	of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide further for the		
25	distribution of state tax revenues.		
26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:		

Section 1. Sections 9-13-84, 22-9A-23, 22-21-24, 27-4A-3, 28-3-74, 28-3-184, 28-3-201, 28-3-202, 28-3-204, 28-7-16, 38-4-12, 38-4-12.1, 38-4-13, 40-1-31, 40-8-3, 40-21-51, 40-21-87, 40-23-35, 40-23-50, 40-23-77, and 40-25-23 of the Code of Alabama 1975 are amended to read as follows:

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The taxes imposed by this article, and any other taxes imposed on the severance of forest products, shall be due and payable quarterly to the State Department of Revenue and shall, when collected, be paid by such department into the State Treasury and credited to the State General Fund. When so paid into the State Treasury, all such taxes shall be credited by the Treasurer to a special fund which is hereby created and There is hereby created a fund which shall be known as the Special State Forestry Fund of the State of Alabama, which fund shall be disbursed under the supervision of the State Forester, subject to the restrictions embodied in this article, for the purpose of carrying out the statewide forestry program as provided by law and for no other or different purposes. Not less than 85 percent of the taxes collected under and by virtue of this article shall be expended for forest protection. No portion of such fund shall revert to the General Fund of the state at the end of any fiscal year, and any surplus shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and be disbursed as exigencies of the statewide forestry program may require.

There is hereby continuously appropriated the receipts from the taxes levied in this article to the State Forestry Commission for the use of the State Forestry Commission. Such amount of money as shall be appropriated for each fiscal year by the Legislature to the Department of Revenue with which to pay the salaries, the cost of operation and the management of the said department shall be deducted, as a first charge thereon, from the taxes collected under and pursuant to said article; provided, however, that the expenditure of said sum so appropriated shall be budgeted and allotted pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 4, Title 41 and limited to the amount appropriated to defray the expenses of operating said department for each fiscal year; provided further, however, that for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1989, and September 30, 1990, the portion of the receipts allocated to the Forestry Commission is hereby appropriated for use in their fire control program.

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- (a) Fees to be paid to the Office of Vital Statistics State General Fund are as follows:
- (1) The fee for making any search of the records and reporting the findings or for making one certified copy of the record if found shall be fifteen dollars (\$15). If the search is made in a local registration district, the local office shall be entitled to retain the portion of this fee as prescribed by the board.

1 (2) The fee for each additional copy of the same 2 record ordered at the same time shall be six dollars (\$6). If 3 these copies are made in a local registration district, the 4 local office shall retain the portion of these fees as 5 prescribed by the board.

- (3) The fee for issuing an authenticated or exemplified copy shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25), and shall include the certification fee of the Secretary of State.
- (4) The fee for the preparation of an amendment to an original vital record and issuing a certified copy at the time it is amended shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
- (5) The fee for preparation of a new birth certificate after a legitimation or adoption and issuing a certified copy at the time it is prepared shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (6) The fee for preparation of a delayed certificate and issuing a certified copy at the time it is prepared shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
- (7) The fee for forwarding the legal documents for an adoption granted in this state for a person born in another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, shall be ten dollars (\$10).
- (8) An additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be added to the regular fee for non-routine, same day expedited service, and all special delivery mail that requires special attention.

(9) The State Registrar may prepare a special certificate of birth which shall be in a format that is suitable for framing or display. The fee for this special certificate of birth shall be forty-five dollars (\$45), of which seventeen dollars (\$17) shall be forwarded to the Children's Trust Fund.

- (10) The State Registrar shall determine the cost, including, but not limited to, staff time, computer time, copying cost, and supplies, for processing any non-routine statistical or research project or any other non-routine service other than those described above.
- (b) Applications for searches, copies, authentications, and reports shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee. Payments for special or presumptive searches, reports, and contract services may be postponed until the amount to be paid is determined.
- (c) Fees collected under this section, except as provided for local registration offices and the Children's Trust Fund, shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State General Fund Board of Health and are appropriated to the board to carry out the purposes of this chapter; however, the expenditure of the sums so appropriated shall be budgeted and allotted pursuant to the Budget

  Management Act and Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 41.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the board shall not charge a fee to any hospital in connection with this chapter.

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2 The application for a license to operate a hospital other than an assisted living facility or a specialty care 3 4 assisted living facility rising to the level of intermediate 5 care shall be accompanied by a standard fee of two hundred dollars (\$200), plus a fee of five dollars (\$5) per bed for 6 7 each bed over 10 beds to be licensed in accordance with regulations promulgated under Section 22-21-28. Increase in a 8 hospital's bed capacity during the calendar year is assessed 9 10 at the standard fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) plus five 11 dollars (\$5) each for the net gain in beds. The initial 12 licensure fee and subsequent annual licensure renewal fee for 13 an assisted living facility and for a specialty care assisted living facility rising to the level of intermediate care shall 14 be two hundred dollars (\$200) plus fifteen dollars (\$15) for 15 16 each bed. A license renewal application for any hospital, as 17 defined by this article, which is not received by the 18 expiration date in a properly completed form and accompanied 19 by the appropriate renewal fee shall be subject to a late 20 penalty equal to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or 100 percent of the renewal fee, whichever is greater. No fee shall 21 22 be refunded. All fees received by the State Board of Health 23 under the provision of this article shall be paid into the 24 State Treasury to the credit of the State General Fund Board 25 of Health and shall be used for carrying out the provisions of 26 this article. A license granted under this article shall 27 expire on December 31 of the year in which it was granted.

license certificate shall be on a form prescribed by the department, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. Licenses shall not be transferable or assignable and shall be granted only for the premises named in the application. Licenses may be renewed from year to year upon application, investigation, and payment of the required license fee, as in the case of procurement of the original license. All fees collected under this article are hereby appropriated for expenditure by the State Health Department. All hospitals which are accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals shall be deemed by the State Health Department to be licensable without further inspection or survey by the personnel of the State Department of Health. Further accreditation by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals shall in no way relieve that hospital of the responsibility of applying for licensure and remitting the appropriate licensure fee as specified in this article.

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- (a) Subject to the exceptions and exemptions hereinafter set forth, for the year beginning on January 1, 1995, and for each year thereafter, every insurer shall pay to the commissioner a premium tax equal to the percentage, as set out in this subsection (a), of the premiums received by the insurer for business done in this state, whether the same was actually received by the insurer in this state or elsewhere:
  - (1) PREMIUM TAX ON LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

a. Except as hereinafter provided, the rates of taxation on life insurance premiums shall be those amounts set out in the following schedule:

4	Year	Foreign Insurers	Domestic Insurers
5	1995	2.9	1.3
6	1996	2.8	1.6
7	1997	2.7	1.8
8	1998	2.5	2.1
9	Every Year Thereafter	2.3	2.3

b. Individual life insurance policies in a face amount of greater than \$5,000 and up to and including \$25,000, excluding group life insurance policies, shall be taxed at the rate of one percent per annum.

- c. Individual life insurance policies in a face amount of \$5,000 or less, excluding group life insurance policies, shall be taxed at the rate of one-half percent per annum.
- d. For the purposes of computing the face amount of life insurance policies, all life insurance policies issued within 60 days of another on the life of the same applicant or applicants shall be treated as one policy.
  - (2) PREMIUM TAX ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

a. Except as hereinafter provided, the rates of tax
ation on premiums for health insurance, and accident and

health insurance for which a separate premium is charged,

shall be those amounts set out in the following schedule:

5	Year	Foreign Insurers	Domestic Insurers
6	1995	2.9	1.3
7	1996	2.8	1.6
8	1997	2.4	1.6
9	1998	2.0	1.6
10	Every Year Thereafter	1.6	1.6

b. Premiums for hospital, medical, surgical, or other health care benefits provided pursuant to any employer-sponsored plan for groups with less than 50 insured participants shall be taxed at the rate of one-half percent per annum.

- c. Premiums for hospital, medical, surgical, or other health care benefits supplementary to Medicare and Medicaid, or provided pursuant to an employer-sponsored plan for governmental employees, shall be exempt from the premium tax levied pursuant to this chapter.
  - (3) PREMIUM TAX ON OTHER INSURANCE PREMIUMS.
- a. Except as hereinafter provided, the rate of taxation on insurance other than life insurance, health

- insurance, and accident health insurance shall be 3.6 percent 1 2 per annum. b. Premiums for all of the following types of 3 4 insurance shall be taxed at the rate of one percent per annum: 1. All property and multi-peril insurance written in 5 fire protection Classes 9 and 10. 6 7 2. Mobile homes, mobile homeowners, homeowners and low value dwelling policies in a face amount of \$40,000 or 8 less. 9 10 c. Premiums for medical liability insurance shall be 11 taxed at the rate of 1.6 percent per annum. 12 d. The tax imposed at the rate specified in 13 paragraph a. of this subdivision (3) shall be reduced by the 14 following credits for certain economic development activities 15 pursued in the State of Alabama. 1. Alabama Insurance Offices Facilities Credit. For 16 17 each office owned or leased by an insurer in the State of Ala-18 bama and used for insurance operations, an insurer shall be
- of this subdivision (3) according to the following schedule: 21 Number of Full-Time Employees in Credit as a % of Premiums Taxable 22 Office Under Paragraph a.

entitled to a credit against the tax imposed by paragraph a.

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The total credit allowable for Alabama insurance office facilities shall not exceed one percent of an insurer's Alabama premiums taxable at the rate specified in paragraph a. of this subdivision (3).

- 2. Alabama Real Property Investment Credit. For each \$1,000,000 in value of real property investments in the State of Alabama, an insurer shall be entitled to a credit of 0.10 percent of its Alabama premiums taxable at the rate specified in paragraph a. of this subdivision (3). The total credit allowable for Alabama real property investments shall not exceed 1 percent of an insurer's Alabama premiums taxable at the rate specified in paragraph a. of this subdivision (3).
- (i) Alabama real property investments which qualify for the Alabama real property investment credit include any improved Alabama real property owned by the insurer or an affiliate of the insurer on January 1, 1993, and any improved or unimproved Alabama real property acquired or new construction placed in service on or after January 1, 1993, by the insurer or an affiliate of the insurer.
- (ii) For purposes of determining the Alabama real property investment credit, Alabama real property investments shall be valued at cost and not at book value or fair market value. The cost of capital improvements to existing Alabama real property investments, such as the renovation of shopping

centers, hotels, or other buildings, completed and placed in service by the insurer or an affiliate of the insurer on or after January 1, 1993, shall be considered an Alabama real estate investment.

(iii) For purposes of determining the value of Alabama real property investments, funds borrowed to finance Alabama real property investments shall be subtracted from cost so that only the net cost in the investment properties borne from assets belonging to the insurer or an affiliate of the insurer qualifies for the Alabama real property investment credit. The cost of debt-financed Alabama real property investments of an insurer shall be increased pro tanto as the underlying debt is paid off by the insurer or an affiliate of the insurer.

(iv) The Alabama real property investment credit shall not be allowed for properties in the State of Alabama used in an insurer's insurance operations and for which the Alabama insurance office facilities credit is allowed or allowable, without regard to the 1 percent limitation on the credit. However, the cost of real property owned in the State of Alabama and used in part as an Alabama real property investment and in part for the insurer's insurance operations shall be allocated on a square-foot basis so that the cost allocated to that portion of the property not used for insurance operations shall qualify for the Alabama real property investment credit.

(v) Mortgages held by an insurer that are secured by real property located in the State of Alabama shall not be considered Alabama real property investments for purposes of the Alabama real property investment credit.

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- 3. Special Rules. The following special rules apply to the Alabama insurance office facilities credit and the Alabama real property investment credit.
- (i) For purposes of determining the economic development credits allowed under this section, the term "affiliate" shall mean any business entity, other than a life or health insurance company, which is wholly owned by the insurer subject to tax under paragraph a. of this subdivision (3) or any other insurer and its wholly owned subsidiaries, other than a life or health insurance company, which is part of a group of companies, including the insurer, which are under common control and management. For an insurer having affiliates, all premiums of the insurer and its insurance company affiliates subject to tax at the rate specified in paragraph a. of this subdivision (3) may be aggregated; all Alabama insurance office facilities and all Alabama real property investments may be aggregated; and, subject to the specific credit limitations, the total allowable tax credits may be determined as if all the aggregated premiums, office facilities, and Alabama real property investments were owned by one insurer. Once the total allowable credits have been determined, the credits may be allocated to the insurer and its insurance company affiliates at the sole discretion of the

insurer subject to the specific credit limitations on a per insurance company basis. The computation of allowable credits and their allocation to affiliates shall be made on forms to be supplied by the Alabama Department of Insurance, which forms shall be filed with the insurer's annual statement.

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including, but not limited to, Section 27-4-4 and Section 27-4-5, all premium tax payments made subsequent to passage of this chapter shall be remitted in accordance with this subsection (b). Beginning January 1, 1993, and all years thereafter, each insurer shall pay its premium taxes on a quarterly basis, as follows: on or before May 15, a payment estimated on the basis of 25 percent of its business done in this state during the preceding calendar year or, at the option of the insurer, on the basis of its actual business done in the state from January 1 through March 31 of the same calendar year; on or before August 15, a payment estimated on the basis of 45 percent of its business done in this state during the preceding calendar year or, at the option of the insurer, on the basis of 180 percent of its actual business done in this state from April 1 through June 30 of the same calendar year; on or before November 15, a payment estimated on the basis of 25 percent of its business done in this state during the preceding calendar year or, at the option of the insurer, on the basis of its actual business done in this state from July 1 through September 30 of the same calendar year; on or before March 1, a payment in the amount of the

remainder of the actual premium taxes due on its business done in the state during the preceding calendar year. Every authorized insurer shall file with the commissioner a statement, on a form as furnished or approved by the commissioner, setting forth the total amount of premiums received by it for business done in this state during the period covered by the tax payment. The statement shall be verified by an affidavit of an officer of the insurer having knowledge of the facts. It is the intent and meaning of this subsection (b) that any taxes paid on an estimated quarterly basis during the calendar year shall be reconciled to actual premiums received on risks in this state for such calendar year on the March 1 payment date in the succeeding calendar year.

- (c) The tax imposed by this section shall be subject to credit and deduction of the full amount, with 25 percent of the full amount paid, or estimated to be paid, being credited or deducted on each quarterly payment date, for all of the following:
- (1) Ad valorem property taxes paid by an insurer on any building and real estate in this state which is owned and occupied, in whole or in part, by the insurer for the full period of the tax year as its principal office in the State of Alabama.
- (2) All ad valorem taxes paid by an insurer during the calendar year on any other real estate and improvements

thereon in this state which is owned and at least 50 percent occupied by the insurer for the full period of the tax year.

- (3) Ad valorem property taxes paid by an insurer on the insurer's offices in this state during the calendar year, but with respect to the office apportioned to the square foot area occupied by the insured, whether the ad valorem taxes are paid directly by the insurer or in the form of rent to a third-party landlord.
- (4) All license fees and taxes paid to any county in this state during the calendar year for the privilege of engaging in the business of insurance within the county.
- (5) All expenses of examination of the insurer by the commissioner paid during the calendar year.
- (6) Sixty percent of the franchise or privilege taxes paid by the insurer to the State of Alabama for the calendar year.
- (7) All credits for assessments as provided under Sections 27-42-16 and 27-44-13, or assessments for any insurance guaranty fund or pool now or hereafter created by statute paid during the calendar year.
- (8) It is the intent of this subsection (c) that any estimated allowable credits or deductions claimed on quarterly returns be reconciled to actual expenditures made during the calendar year on the return due for March 1 in the succeeding calendar year.

- 1 (d) The premium taxes collected under this section 2 shall be deposited in the State Treasury and credited as 3 follows:
  - (1) To the credit of the State General Fund:

- a. One hundred percent of the premium tax paid by all health maintenance organizations, domestic and foreign.
- 5. Fifty percent of the premium tax paid by domestic life insurers.
- 9 c. No part of the premium tax paid by nonprofit 10 corporations organized pursuant to the provisions of Sections 11 10-4-100 to 10-4-115, inclusive.
- d. Twenty-five percent of the premium tax paid by all other domestic insurers.
- e. One hundred percent of the premium tax paid by foreign life insurers.
- f. Sixty-two and one-half percent of the premium tax paid by all foreign property insurers.
- g. Seventy-five percent of the premium tax paid by all other foreign insurers.
- 20 (2) To the credit of the Education Trust Fund:
- 21 a. Fifty percent of the premium tax paid by domestic 22 life insurers.
- b. No part of the premium tax paid by nonprofit

  corporations organized pursuant to the provisions of Sections

  10-4-100 to 10-4-115, inclusive.
- 26 c. Seventy-five percent of the premium tax paid by 27 all other domestic insurers.

- d. Thirty-seven and one-half percent of the premium tax paid by foreign property insurers.
  - e. Twenty-five percent of the premium tax paid by all other foreign insurers.
    - (3) To the credit of the Alabama Special Mental Health Trust Fund State General Fund 100 percent of the premium taxes paid by nonprofit corporations organized pursuant to Sections 10-4-100 to 10-4-115, inclusive.
    - (4) Any provision of this subsection (d) to the contrary notwithstanding, the amount credited to the Education Trust Fund in subsection (d) (2), and the Alabama Special Mental Health Trust Fund for any fiscal year after the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, under this subsection (d) shall be limited to no more than the amount so credited to the Education Trust Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992. Any premium tax that would have been credited to the Education Trust Fund or the Alabama Special Mental Health Trust Fund but for this limitation, shall be credited to the State General Fund.
    - (e) For the purposes of this section, the term "insurer" shall not include counties, municipalities, municipal corporations, political subdivisions of the state, instrumentalities of counties, municipalities, municipal corporations, or the State of Alabama, or corporations or associations owned solely by counties, municipalities or the State of Alabama.

27 "\$28-3-74.

1 (a) The net profits derived from the proceeds of the
2 Alabama liquor stores in each fiscal year, including all tax
3 levied upon the selling price of all spirituous or vinous
4 liquors, less all cost and expense of collecting said tax, up
5 to and including \$2,000,000, shall be paid out and applied as
6 follows:

- (1) Fifty Sixty-nine percent shall be covered into the General Fund of the Treasury of the state;
- (2) Nineteen percent shall be covered into the

  Treasury of the state to the credit of the State Department of

  Human Resources to be used, and the same is hereby

  appropriated exclusively, for old age assistance and for other

  purposes of the State Department of Human Resources;
- (3) (2) Ten percent shall be covered into the Treasury of the state to the credit of the wet counties of the state and shall be divided equally among each of said counties and shall be paid to them and shall be covered by them into their respective general funds;
- (4) (3) One percent shall be paid into the Treasury of the state to the credit of the wet counties of the state and shall be divided equally among each of said counties and shall be paid to them to be used by them exclusively for the purposes of public health; and
- (5) (4) Twenty percent shall be covered into the Treasury of the state and shall be paid to the incorporated municipalities in which Alabama liquor stores are located on the following basis: Each municipality in which an Alabama

liquor store is located shall receive as its percentage or portion of said 20 percent an amount equal to the ratio of the profits earned by such municipality's Alabama liquor store or stores to the total net profits of all Alabama liquor stores.

(b) If the net profits derived from the proceeds of said Alabama liquor stores in any such fiscal year, including all tax levied upon the selling price of all spirituous or vinous liquors, less all cost and expense of collecting said tax, shall exceed the sum of \$2,000,000 such excess, up to and including \$200,000, shall be apportioned among and paid to the several incorporated cities and towns in the wet counties, in the state on the basis of the ratio of the population of each such city or town to the total population of all such cities and towns.

Beginning October 1, 2002, any remainder of such excess over said \$200,000 shall be apportioned and paid out as follows:

- (1) Three and three-fourths percent of such remainder for each fiscal year thereafter shall be apportioned among and paid to the wet counties in the state for general purposes on the basis of the ratio of the population of each such county of the population of all such counties;
- (2) Six and one-fourth percent of such remainder for each fiscal year thereafter shall be apportioned among and paid to the aforesaid incorporated cities and towns in the wet counties in the state on the basis of the ratio of the

population of each such city or town to the total population of such cities and towns;

- each fiscal year thereafter shall be apportioned among and paid to such of said several cities and towns as may have one or more Alabama liquor stores therein upon the basis of the ratio of the population of each such liquor store city or town to the total population of all such liquor store cities and towns. Each and every amount received by any city or town out of said remainder shall be for general purposes; and
- (4) Three and three-fourths percent of such remainder shall be covered into the Treasury of the state to the credit of the State Department of Human Resources to be used for general welfare purposes; and
- (5) Eighty-five (4) Eighty-eight and three-fourths percent of such remainder for each fiscal year thereafter shall be paid to the state for general purposes.

Populations shall be ascertained for the purposes of distribution under this subsection according to the last decennial federal census preceding commencement of the fiscal year for which distribution is to be made.

(c) Distribution of net profits (including all taxes levied upon the selling price of spirituous or vinous liquors) under subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be made from time to time during the fiscal year for which net profits (including all taxes levied upon the selling price of spirituous liquors) are to be ascertained according to

reasonable estimates of profits (including all taxes levied upon the selling price of spirituous or vinous liquors) for such year and such amounts to be paid beneficiaries or recovered from beneficiaries at the end of the year as will net beneficiaries the correct amounts for the year prescribed for them by subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Payments to counties and municipalities will be made semiannually on or before February 1 and August 1 of each year.

- (d) Repealed by Acts 1982, No. 82-436, §3.
- (e) The board shall, on receipt of proof that a county has changed its status from a dry county to a wet county, accept such county as a beneficiary for participation in the ABC system profits as provided by law at the beginning of the next fiscal quarter of the board's fiscal year. The board shall, on receipt of proof of the incorporation of a newly created municipality in a wet county and the population thereof, accept the municipality as a beneficiary for participation in the ABC system profits as provided by law at the beginning of the next fiscal quarter of the board's fiscal year.

"\$28-3-184.

(a) Levy. In addition to the licenses provided for by Chapter 3A of this title, there is hereby levied a privilege or excise tax on every person licensed under the provisions of said Chapter 3A who sells, stores or receives for the purpose of distribution, to any person, firm, corporation, club or association within the State of Alabama

any malt or brewed beverages. The tax levied hereby shall be measured by and graduated in accordance with the volume of sales by such person of malt or brewed beverages, and shall be an amount equal to \$.05 for each 12 fluid ounces or fractional part thereof.

(b) Collection. The tax levied by subsection (a) of this section shall be collected by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and said tax shall be added to the sales price of all malt or brewed beverages sold, and shall be collected from the purchasers. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, club or association who is required to pay the tax in the first instance to fail or refuse to add to the sales price and collect from the purchaser the required amount of tax, it being the intent and purpose of this provision that the tax levied is in fact a tax on the consumer, with the person, firm, corporation, club or association who pays the tax in the first instance acting merely as an agent of the state for the collection and payment of the tax.

Except as hereinafter provided, the tax levied by subsection (a) of this section shall be collected by a return which shall be filed by the wholesaler or distributor with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board postmarked not later than the last day of the month following the month of receipt of the malt or brewed beverages by the wholesaler or distributor from the manufacturer, which return shall be accompanied by the remittance of the tax due. Provided, however, for malt or

brewed beverages received during the month of October, 1979, the return and remittance of tax shall be filed with the board postmarked not later than November 10, 1979, and for malt or brewed beverages received during the month of November, 1979, the return and remittance of tax shall be filed with the board postmarked not later than December 20, 1979.

The board shall have the authority to examine the books and records of any person, firm, corporation, club or association who sells, stores or receives for the purpose of distribution, any malt or brewed beverages, to determine the accuracy of any return required to be filed with the board.

- (c) Disposition of proceeds. The proceeds of the tax levied by subsection (a) of this section shall be paid into the State Treasury to be distributed as follows:
- (1) One-half cent of said proceeds shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the wet counties in the state and shall be divided and distributed equally on or before the fifteenth day of each month to said counties;
- (2) One cent of said proceeds shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the state Public Welfare Trust Fund and shall be used for general welfare purposes. As used in this section, the phrase "general welfare purposes" means:
- a. The administration of public assistance as set out in Sections 38-2-5 and 38-4-1;
- b. Services, including supplementation and supplementary services under the federal Social Security Act,

- to or on behalf of persons to whom such public assistance may

  be given under Sections 38-2-5 and 38-4-1;
- 3 c. Services to and on behalf of dependent, neglected
  4 or delinquent children; and
  - d. Investigative and referral services to and on behalf of needy persons.
  - (3) (2) Two cents of said proceeds shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Trust Fund, and so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose is hereby appropriated to pay the principal of and interest on bonds not exceeding \$30,000,000.00 in aggregate principal amount, issued and sold by the public corporation known as the Alabama Trade School and Junior College Authority.
  - $\frac{(4)}{(3)}$  The residue of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and one-half cents shall be paid into the State Treasury credited to the General Fund of the state.

"\$28-3-201.

In addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law and in addition to any marked-up price authorized or required by law, there is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax at the rate of 10 percent upon the selling price of all spirituous or vinous liquors sold by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The tax hereby imposed shall be collected by the board from the purchaser at the time the purchase price is paid. In computing the proceeds of this tax, the board shall divide the total sales of spirituous and vinous liquors made by it by a factor of 110

and multiply the quotient by 100 and by 10. An amount equal to the quotient multiplied by 100 shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Store Fund and an amount equal to the quotient multiplied by 10 shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Welfare Trust State General Fund and shall be used for general welfare purposes and is hereby appropriated therefor.

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- (a) Repealed by Acts 1986, No. 86-212, p. 264, §3.
- (b) Levy; collection; disposition of proceeds. In addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law and in addition to any marked-up price authorized or required by law, there is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax at the rate of 10 percent upon the selling price of all spirituous or vinous liquors sold by the board. The tax imposed by this subsection shall be collected by the board from the purchaser at the time the purchase price is paid and deposited into the State General Fund. One half of the proceeds derived from the tax shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Welfare Trust Fund and shall be used for general welfare purposes and is hereby appropriated therefor. The remainder of such proceeds from the tax levied by this subsection shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund which shall be designated the Alabama Special Mental Health Fund and shall be used only for mental health purposes, including the prevention

of mental illness, the care and treatment of the mentally ill and the mentally deficient and the acquisition, equipment, operation and maintenance of facilities for mental health purposes.

The markup as currently established by the board on spirituous or vinuous liquors shall not be reduced by the board for the purpose of absorbing the tax levied by this subsection, it being the intention of this provision that the said tax shall be passed on to the purchaser.

"\$28-3-204.

- (a) Repealed by Acts 1986, No. 86-212, p. 264, §3.
- (b) Levy and collection. In addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law and in addition to any marked-up price authorized or required by law, there is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax at the rate of three percent upon the selling price of all spirituous or vinous liquors sold by the board.

The board shall have the authority to examine the books and records of any wine wholesaler to determine the accuracy of any return required to be filed with the board.

The markup as currently established by the board on spirituous or vinous liquors shall not be reduced by the board for the purpose of absorbing the tax levied in this subsection, it being the intention of this provision that the said tax shall be passed on to the purchaser.

(c) Distribution of proceeds. <u>The proceeds derived</u> from the tax shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the

credit of the State General Fund. One half of the proceeds derived from the tax shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Welfare Trust Fund and shall be used for general welfare purposes and is hereby appropriated therefor. The remainder of such proceeds from the tax levied by this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund which shall be designated the Special Mental Health Fund and shall be used only for mental health purposes, including the prevention of mental illness, the care and treatment of the mentally ill and the mentally deficient and the acquisition, equipment, operation and maintenance of facilities for mental health purposes.

"\$28-7-16.

- (a) Levy. There is hereby levied in addition to the license taxes provided for by this chapter and municipal and county license taxes and in addition to any marked-up price made by the board on wine sold by the board a privilege or excise tax measured by and graduated in accordance with the volume of sales of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume and shall be an amount equal to forty-five cents (\$.45) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold to the wholesale licensee or board, to be collected from the purchaser by the board or by a licensed retailer.
- (b) Collection, Monthly Return, Remittance, Right to Examine Books and Records.

(1) The tax levied by subsection (a) shall be added to the sales price of all table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold and shall be collected from the purchasers. The tax shall be collected in the first instance from the wholesaler where table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume is sold or handled by wholesale licensees, and by the board from whomever makes sales when table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume is sold by the board. It shall be unlawful for any person who is required to pay the tax in the first instance to fail or refuse to add to the sales price and collect from the purchaser the required amount of tax, it being the intent and purpose of this provision that the tax levied is in fact a levy on the consumer. The person who pays the tax in the first instance is acting as an agent of the state for the collection and payment of the tax and as such may not collect a tax on table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume for any other level of government.

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(2) The tax hereby levied shall be collected by a monthly return, which shall be filed by the wholesale licensees as follows: A monthly return filed with the board not later than the 15th day of the second month following the month of receipt of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume by the wholesaler on a form prescribed by the board showing receipts by the wholesalers from manufacturer, importer, or other

wholesaler licensees during the month of receipt and the taxes due thereon at the rate of thirty-eight cents (\$.38) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold to the wholesale licensee or board; the taxes due at such rate shall be remitted to the board along with the return; a monthly return filed with the county or municipality within which the wine is sold at retail filed not later than the 15th day of each month showing sales by wholesalers during the preceding month and the county or municipality in which sold and the taxes due thereon at the rate of seven cents (\$.07) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold; and the taxes due at such rate shall be remitted to the county or municipality along with the return.

(3) The tax hereby levied shall be collected by the board on the table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold by the board and shall be paid as follows: Taxes at the rate of thirty-eight cents (\$.38) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold shall be remitted by the board to the State Treasurer and taxes at the rate of seven cents (\$.07) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold shall be remitted by the board to the county or municipality within which the wine was sold at retail not later than the last day of the month following the month of sale, as set forth in subsection (c).

(4) The board and the governing body of each county and municipality served by the wholesaler shall have the authority to examine the books and records of any person who sells, stores, or receives for the purpose of distribution any table wine, containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume to determine the accuracy of any return required to be filed with it.

- (c) Disposition of proceeds. The proceeds of the tax levied by subsection (a) shall be paid and distributed as follows:
- (1) Thirty-eight cents (\$.38) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold shall be collected by the board on its sales or paid to the board by wholesale licensees on their sales, and by the board paid to the State Treasurer to be credited as net profits from operation of the board to be distributed as provided by law.
- (2) Seven cents (\$.07) per liter of table wine containing not more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold shall be paid by the board on its sales or by wholesale licensees on their sales, either into the treasury of the municipality in which the table wine was sold at retail within its corporate limits, or, where sold outside the corporate limits of any municipality, into the treasury of the county in which the table wine was sold at retail.
- (d) There is hereby levied in addition to the license taxes provided for by this chapter and municipal and

county license taxes and in addition to any marked-up price made by the board on wine sold by the board a privilege or excise tax measured by and graduated in accordance with the volume of sales of table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume. The tax shall be an amount equal to two dollars and forty-two cents (\$2.42) per liter of table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold to the wholesale licensee or board, to be collected from the purchaser by the board or by a licensed retailer.

- (e) Collection, Monthly Return, Remittance, Right to Examine Books and Records.
- (1) The tax levied by subsection (d) shall be added to the sales price of all table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold and shall be collected from the purchasers. The tax shall be collected in the first instance from the wholesaler where table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume is sold or handled by wholesale licensees, and by the board from whomever makes sales when table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume is sold by the board. It shall be unlawful for any person who is required to pay the tax in the first instance to fail or refuse to add to the sales price and collect from the purchaser the required amount of tax, it being the intent and purpose of this provision that the tax levied is in fact a levy on the consumer. The person who pays the tax in the first

instance is acting as an agent of the state for the collection and payment of the tax and as such may not collect a tax on table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume for any other level of government.

- (2) The tax levied in subsection (d) shall be collected by a monthly return, which shall be filed by the wholesale licensees with the board not later than the 15th day of the second month following the month of receipt of table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume by the wholesaler on a form prescribed by the board showing receipts by the wholesalers from manufacturer, importer, or other wholesaler licensees during the month of receipt and the taxes due thereon at the rate of two dollars and forty-two cents (\$2.42) per liter of table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold to the wholesale licensee or board; the taxes due at such rate shall be remitted to the board along with the return.
  - (3) The tax levied in subsection (d) shall be collected by the board on table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold by the board and shall be paid as follows: Taxes at the rate of two dollars and forty-two cents (\$2.42) per liter of table wine containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by volume sold shall be remitted by the board to the State Treasurer.
  - (4) The board shall have the authority to examine the books and records of any person who sells, stores, or

receives for the purpose of distribution any table wine

containing more than sixteen and one-half percent alcohol by

volume, to determine the accuracy of any return required to be

filed with it.

- (f) Disposition of proceeds. The proceeds of the tax levied by subsection (d) shall be paid and distributed as follows:
- (1) Thirty-seven percent to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
  - (2) Thirty-four Sixty-three percent to the State General Fund.
  - (3) Twenty and eight-tenths percent to the Department of Human Resources.
- 14 (4) Eight and two-tenths percent to the Department
  15 of Mental Health.
  - exclusive and shall be in lieu of all other and additional taxes and licenses of the state, county, or municipality, imposed on or measured by the sale or volume of sale of table wine; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the retail sale of table wine from the levy of tax on general retail sales by the state, county, or municipality in the nature of, or in lieu of, a general sales tax.
  - (h) Trade between wholesalers exempt. The taxes levied by subsections (a) and (d) shall not be imposed upon the sale, trade, or barter of table wine by one licensed

wholesaler to another wholesaler licensed to sell and handle table wine in this state, which transaction is hereby made exempt from the tax; provided, however, the board may require written reporting of any such transaction in the form as the board may prescribe.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), there is appropriated, beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, <del>1998</del> 2017, to the state department, for old age pension purposes, out of the proceeds from the levy of the one mill tax for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, a sum not to exceed \$20,773,500 annually of the surplus or residue from the tax after the payment in full of the pensions to the widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors, other charges against the fund set out in the laws authorizing the payment of the pensions to the widows, and annually to the Department of Revenue, as a first charge against the proceeds of the one mill tax, funds for the annual costs of the Department of Revenue for administering the tax. In making this appropriation, it is declared to be the legislative policy that the Department of Human Resources shall expend its portion of the surplus or residue hereby appropriated and all moneys received by it from the federal government as matching funds for all funds expended for Confederate pensions or as matching funds for the surplus or residue hereby appropriated under this section, for old age pension purposes exclusively insofar as is possible under

existing laws and the rules and regulations of the federal government and of the Department of Human Resources in regard thereto, before any part thereof may be expended for any other purposes of the Department of Human Resources.

(b) Beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 2017, all of the remaining surplus or residue from the tax provided in (a) above, after deducting the amounts appropriated to the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Revenue under the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 2017, and under subsection (a) of this section for each year thereafter, is hereby appropriated to the State Veterans' Assistance Fund to be expended for veterans' programs approved by the State Board of Veterans' Affairs, including expenditures for emergencies and needs in the state's veterans' nursing homes deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State General Fund.

"§38-4-12.1.

- (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund to be known as the Alabama Veterans' Assistance Fund, into which shall be deposited receipts from the one mill ad valorem tax as authorized in Section 38-4-12. The expenditure of all monies deposited into the fund shall be budgeted and allotted pursuant to the Budget Management Act and Article 4 of Title 41.
- (b) All of the surplus or residue of the one mill tax for the relief of needy Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows remaining from its appropriation for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 through the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2016, shall be transferred and deposited

into the Alabama Veterans' Assistance Fund established by

subsection (a).

"§38-4-13.

There is hereby created a state public welfare trust fund. All receipts of the State Department of Human Resources shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of this trust fund, including general fund appropriations, sales tax receipts, liquor profit receipts, the surplus of the Confederate pension fund, federal funds and all other receipts, income or gifts to the state department.

Disbursements from the state public welfare trust fund shall be made on warrants drawn by the state comptroller on the state treasury, upon the authorization of the State Commissioner of Human Resources.

"\$40-1-31.

All revenues collected under the provisions of Sections 40-12-128, 40-12-310 through 40-12-319, 40-25-1 through 40-25-28 and 40-25-40 through 40-25-47 shall, after deduction of the cost of collection, be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Alabama Education Trust Fund. All revenues collected under the provisions of Sections 40-21-56, 40-21-57, 40-21-60, and 40-21-61 shall, after deduction of the cost of collection, be distributed in the following manner:

- (1) Fifty-eight percent of the balance remaining after deduction of the cost of collection shall be deposited in the Special Mental Health Fund to be used for mental health purposes State General Fund; and
  - (2) Forty-two percent of the balance remaining after deduction of the cost of collection shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Alabama Education Trust Fund to be used for educational purposes.

"\$40-8-3.

There is hereby levied for the purpose and upon the property hereinafter named and not specifically exempted from taxation annual taxes, as follows:

- (1) For the maintenance of the public schools of this state, \$.30 on each \$100 of the assessed value of taxable property.
- (2) For the relief of needy Confederate soldiers and sailors, resident citizens of Alabama and their widows, \$.10 on each \$100 of the assessed value of taxable property of which one percent of the gross amount collected will be expended by the Alabama Historical Commission to provide for capital improvements and maintenance at the Confederate

  Memorial Park at Mountain Creek, Chilton County, Alabama.
- (3) (2) For the use of the state and to raise revenue therefor, \$.25 35 on each \$100 of the assessed value of taxable property, of which one percent of the gross amount collected will be expended by the Alabama Historical

  Commission to provide for capital improvements and maintenance

3 "\$40-21-51.

All revenues collected under the provisions of Section 40-21-50 shall, after deduction of the cost of collection, be distributed in the following manner: to the State General Fund.

- (1) Eighty-five percent of the balance remaining after deduction of the cost of collection shall be deposited in the Special Mental Health Fund to be used for mental health purposes; and
- (2) Fifteen percent of the balance remaining after deduction of the cost of collection shall be deposited in the State General Fund.

15 "\$40-21-87.

All taxes or other funds received or collected by the Department of Revenue of the State of Alabama under the provisions of this article remaining after the payment of the expenses of administration and enforcement of this article shall be without delay deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of Education Trust Fund except that, beginning the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993, until the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, \$14,600,000 annually shall be deposited to the Special Mental Health Trust Fund, of which one-fourth is to be deposited quarterly. Beginning the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, \$14,600,000 annually shall be deposited to the State General Fund.

"\$40-23-35.

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(a) Such amount of money as shall be appropriated for each fiscal year by the Legislature to the Department of Revenue with which to pay the salaries, the cost of operation and management of said department shall be deducted, as a first charge thereon, from the taxes collected under the provisions of this division; provided, that the expenditure of said sum so appropriated shall be budgeted and allotted pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 4 of Title 41, and limited to the amount appropriated to defray the expenses of operating said department for each fiscal year. After the payment of the expenses, so much of the amount remaining as may be necessary, after first applying all sums of money received by reason of the application of the surplus in the income tax as provided by Section 40-18-58, for the replacement in the public school fund of the three-mill constitutional levy for schools and in the General Fund of the one-mill levy for soldiers' relief and the two and one-half mills for general purposes lost by exemption of homestead provided for in this division shall be first charges against the proceeds of said licenses, taxes or receipts levied or collected under this division. The Comptroller, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby directed to draw his warrants payable out of the total proceeds of said licenses, taxes or receipts levied or collected under this division as herein provided in such sum as shall be found necessary to take care of and replace the three-mill constitutional school levy, the one-mill soldiers'

relief levy and the two and one-half mill levy for general purposes of the state ad valorem taxes lost as above set forth.

- (b) Of the amounts of such collections in any fiscal year, remaining after the payment of the expenses of administration and replacement of the amounts in the several funds as herein provided there shall be paid into the Treasury sums to be credited as follows:
- (1) To the credit of the 67 counties of the state, to be divided and distributed as hereinafter provided, \$378,000;
- (2) To the <del>Department of Human Resources</del> <u>State</u> <u>General Fund</u>, \$1,322,000;
- (3) Beginning June 1, 2000, to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for capital outlay for acquisition of land contiguous to existing state parks and land acquired for lakes and or water reservoirs, provision, construction, improvement, renovation, equipping, and maintenance of the state parks system only and not for use by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for personnel or administrative use, the sum equal to the increase in receipts accruing to the State of Alabama due to the cap on discounts per license holder in Section 40-23-36(b), which increase shall be equal to the difference between the discount rate or amount allowed under Section 40-23-36(b) and the maximum discount rate allowable under Section 40-23-36(a); provided, however, if at any time any bonds of the Alabama

State Parks System Improvement Corporation or the Alabama Public Historical Sites and Parks Improvement Corporation are outstanding (excluding bonds that have been refunded by the establishment of an escrow trust for the payment thereof consisting solely of bonds or other obligations which as to principal and interest constitute direct obligations of, or are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America) there shall first be paid into the State General Fund from such collections an amount equal to the debt service (principal, interest, and premium, if any) payable on such bonds in the then current fiscal year of the state. Provided, however, that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of such increase in receipts per fiscal year shall be credited to the Department of Human Resources beginning October 1, 1996, until September 30, 2002, and shall be expended for the foster children program.

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(4)a. On October 1, 2002, to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for capital outlay, repairs and maintenance of the state parks system only, the minimum sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the increase in receipts accruing to the State of Alabama due to the cap on discounts per license holder in Section 40-23-36(b) as calculated in Section 40-23-35(b)(3). Beginning October 1, 2003, annually, to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for capital outlay, repairs, and maintenance of the state parks system only, the sum calculated by a fraction, the numerator of which is five million dollars (\$5,000,000) and

the denominator of which is equal to the increase in receipts as calculated in Section 40-23-35(b)(3) for fiscal year 2002 accruing to the State of Alabama multiplied by the increase in receipts as calculated in Section 40-23-35(b)(3) for the then current fiscal year, or the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), whichever is greater. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2012, and September 30, 2013, only, the five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be transferred to the State General Fund.

- b. Beginning October 1, 2002, to the credit of the State General Fund, the balance of the sum equal to the increase in receipts accruing to the State of Alabama due to the cap on discounts per license holder in Section 40-23-36 (b).
- (c) One-half of the amount deposited to the credit of the 67 counties as above provided, shall be divided and distributed proportionately among the 67 counties of the state according to the population of the said counties as shown by the last federal census as proclaimed, published or certified by the Director of the Bureau of the Census; and one-half of said proceeds shall be divided or distributed equally among 67 counties; provided, that the funds divided and distributed to the several counties of the state as hereinabove provided for shall be used exclusively for full-time health service in cooperation with the State Board of Health or the federal government, and for extension services in cooperation with the Alabama Agriculture Extension Service or the federal

government, at the discretion of the county commissions of the several counties of the state.

- (d) The amounts provided in subsection (b) for the Department of Human Resources shall be used for general welfare purposes. For purposes of this division, "general welfare purposes" means:
- (1) The administration of public assistance as set out in Sections 38-2-5 and 38-4-1;
- (2) Services, including supplementation and supplementary services under the federal Social Security Act, to or on behalf of persons to whom such public assistance may be given under said Section 38-4-1;
- (3) Services to and on behalf of dependent, neglected or delinquent children; and
- (4) Investigative and referral services to and on behalf of needy persons.

(e) (d) In addition, there shall be paid, commencing on January 1, 1978 October 1, 2016, and on the first day of each fiscal quarter thereafter, to the Department of Human Resources for a statewide, state-administered food stamp program, as authorized by the Food Stamp Act of 1964, Public Law 88-525, 88th Congress, and amendments thereto, State General Fund an amount equal to five percent of the value of food stamp benefits issued statewide in excess of the amount paid by recipients (bonus or free stamps) during the immediate prior fiscal quarter, which sum so appropriated shall be paid quarterly to the State General Fund. Department of Human

Resources Trust Fund for administration of the food stamp program in conformity with rules and regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture and in conformity with Sections 38-1-1 through 38-6-9. Such administrative funds shall be limited to and based on fiscal year 1976-77 administrative costs, normal inflationary increases and mandated administration requirements of the Alabama Legislature and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Department of Human Resources will not staff any county food stamp office at a level which exceeds the average staff-to-recipient ratios which existed in Alabama during fiscal year 1976-77. This restriction will apply in coordination with those provided hereinabove and, should conflict occur, the lesser amount of expenditure shall be required. At the end of each fiscal year, an accounting shall be made of said sum so that any unexpended and unencumbered balance of funds may be determined for the purpose of paying such balance to the Education Trust Fund.

(f) (e) The amount of the proceeds of all taxes levied by this division remaining after the payment of the expenses of administration and enforcement and the replacement in the several funds of the amount lost by any homestead exemptions and the distribution as provided in subsections (b) and (d), shall be paid into the Education Trust Fund except as provided in subdivision (4) of Section 40-23-2 and subsection (c) of Section 40-23-61.

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(a) There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected, as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities engaged in and in the amount to be determined by the application of rates against gross receipts, as follows:

Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within this state in the business of contracting to construct, reconstruct or build any public highway, road, bridge, or street, an amount equal to five percent of the gross receipts derived from performance of such contracts. The term "gross receipts" is herein defined to include only those amounts derived and received by the contractor from the performance of such contracts.

- (b) The proceeds of the taxes levied by this section, after deduction of the cost of administration and collection of such taxes, shall be distributed as follows: to the State General Fund.
- (1) Fifteen percent of the residue remaining after deduction of the cost of administration and collection shall be paid into the State Treasury and shall be credited to the Pensions and Security Trust Fund to be used for general welfare purposes, and
- (2) Eighty-five percent of the residue remaining

  after deduction of the cost of administration and collection

  shall be paid into the State Treasury and shall be credited to

the Alabama Special Mental Health Fund to be used for mental health purposes.

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(c) The taxes imposed pursuant to this section shall constitute a debt due the state and may be collected by civil action, in addition to all other methods provided by law and in this section. The said taxes, together with interest and penalties with respect thereto, shall constitute and be secured by a lien upon the property of any person from whom said taxes are due or who is required to pay said taxes. All provisions of the revenue laws of this state which apply to the enforcement of liens for license taxes due the state shall apply fully to the collection of the taxes levied herein, and the Department of Revenue shall collect such taxes and enforce this section and shall have and exercise for such collection and enforcement all rights and remedies that this state or the department has for collection of the state sales tax. All provisions of the state sales tax, with respect to definitions, except the definition of "gross receipts" contained therein, payment and assessment of the state sales tax, making of reports and keeping and preserving records with respect thereto, interest after the due date of tax, penalties for failure to pay tax or otherwise complying with the state sales tax statutes, the promulgation of rules and regulations and the administration and enforcement of the state sales tax statutes, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section when applied to the tax levied pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall apply to the tax levied

herein. The Commissioner of Revenue and the state Department of Revenue shall have and exercise the same powers, duties and obligations with respect to the taxes levied herein as are imposed on the commissioner and the department by the state sales tax statutes. All provisions of the state sales tax statutes that are made applicable in this section to the taxes levied herein and to the administration of this section are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein; provided, that the provisions of the state sales tax with respect to the collection by the taxpayer of the tax levied therein shall not apply, the taxes levied herein being levied against the person required to pay the tax to the state.

(d) The taxes levied herein shall not apply with respect to contracts made by the contractor with any county or incorporated city or town, except that contracts in which the State of Alabama is a joint party with the city, town or county shall be subject to the tax, nor to that portion of the gross receipts received by the contractor constituting additional amounts paid to the contractor under contractual escalation provisions allowing for an increase in the contract price for escalations in the cost of fuels, materials, and/or labor.

"\$40-23-77.

A discount of three percent of the taxes levied by this article due and payable to the state shall be allowed to the seller or vendor; provided, that the taxes due by such seller are paid before same becomes delinquent, as in this article provided.

Effective June 1, 2001, the Governor may, by executive order, authorize the Department of Revenue to provide by proper rules and regulations for the allowance of a discount, not to exceed three percent (3%) of the taxes levied by this article due and payable to the state by the seller or vendor; provided that the taxes due by such seller are paid before same becomes delinquent, as in this article provided.

For any taxes collected by the seller or vendor on or after June 1, 2001, the Governor may, by executive order, authorize the Department of Revenue to provide by proper rules and regulations for a maximum discount amount or rate for each seller or vendor regardless of the number of locations of that seller or vendor within the state.

Beginning June 1, 2001, until September 30, 2002, the balance of the sum equal to the increase in receipts due to any maximum discount amount or rate as provided herein shall first be credited to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for (1) the sum equal to the interest the Game and Fish Fund and the Seafood Fund would have earned on the sale of hunting and/or fishing licenses, which is required to be credited to the funds by Federal Regulation 50 CFR 80.4a(3), and (2) a sum equal to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the Coastal Programs; and any remaining balance shall be credited to the State General Fund.

Beginning October 1, 2002 2016, and each fiscal year thereafter the lesser of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or the entire amount of the sum equal to the increase in receipts due to any maximum discount amount or rate as provided herein shall be credited to the Department of Human Resources and expended for the foster children program State General Fund. Any remaining balance shall first be credited to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to be allocated in whole or in part to the following: (1) To the Game and Fish Fund and the Seafood Fund in an amount at least equal to the interest that each fund would have earned on the sale of hunting and/or fishing licenses which is required to be credited to the funds by the Federal Regulation 50 CFR 80.4a(3), and (2) to the Coastal Programs, a sum equal to one million dollars (\$1,000,000); and any remaining balance shall be credited to the State General Fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2012, and September 30, 2013, only, the one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that would otherwise be distributed to the Coastal Programs shall instead be distributed to the State General Fund.

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All revenues collected under the provisions of this article, except as otherwise provided, shall be paid to the Department of Revenue by check or draft made payable to the Treasurer of Alabama, and shall be distributed in the following manner:

1	(1) All of the revenue derived from the tax levied
2	upon cigarettes by Sections 40-25-2 and 40-25-41 shall be
3	deposited in the State Treasury and 38.82 percent of such
4	revenue shall be divided as follows:
5	a. Six and six one-hundredths percent to the credit
6	of the State Public Welfare Trust Fund, which is hereby
7	appropriated for general welfare purposes. In this section,
8	"general welfare purposes" means:
9	1. The administration of public assistance as set
10	out in Sections 38-2-5 and 38-4-1;
11	2. Services, including supplementation and
12	supplementary services under the federal Social Security Act,
13	to or on behalf of persons to whom such public assistance may
14	be given under Section 38-4-1;
15	3. Services to and on behalf of dependent,
16	neglected, or delinquent children; and
17	4. Investigative and referral services to and on
18	behalf of needy persons.
19	$\frac{b.}{a.}$ Nine and nine one-hundredths percent shall be
20	set apart and used for the following purposes only and in the
21	following order:
22	1. So much thereof as may be necessary for such
23	purpose is hereby appropriated and shall be used by the State
24	Treasurer to pay at their respective maturities the principal

and interest that will mature during the then current fiscal

year on all bonds at the time outstanding that may have been

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issued by the State Industrial Development Authority under the 1 2 provisions of the following acts: (i) Acts 1967, No. 231; 3 (ii) Acts 1971, No. 1420; (iii) Acts 1973, No. 1039; (iv) Acts 1975, No. 1217; (v) Acts 1978, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 99; (vi) Acts 1981, No. 81-843; (vii) Acts 1983, No. 83-925; and 9 10 (viii) Acts 1987, No. 87-550. 11 2. The balance thereafter remaining during each 12 fiscal year shall be paid into the State General Fund. - a 13 special fund in the State Treasury to be designated the "General and Mental Health Fund," and is hereby appropriated 14 and shall be distributed as follows: 15 (i) Thirty-six percent of the said balance shall be 16 17 expended by the State Health Officer, with the approval of the state Board of Health, for salaries, other expenses and 18 19 equipment purchases, incident to general health work; 20 (ii) Fifty-eight percent of the said balance shall 21 be paid to the Department of Mental Health created in Chapter 50 of Subtitle 2 of Title 22, to be expended by the said 22 23 department for such purposes as it may designate for the 24 provision of mental health services; and 25 (iii) Six percent of said balance shall be paid to

the Alabama Mental Health Board to be expended by said board

for such purposes as it may designate for the provision of services to people with an intellectual disability.

- e. b. Twelve and twelve one-hundredths percent shall be set apart and used for the following purposes only and in the following order:
  - 1. So much thereof as may be necessary for such purpose is hereby appropriated to the purpose of acquiring and constructing mental health facilities in the state, and to that end shall be used by the State Treasurer to pay, at their respective maturities, the principal and interest that will mature during the then current fiscal year on whichever of the following may be issued:
  - (i) Any bonds of the state that may be issued for acquisition and construction of mental health facilities under Amendment 266 of the Constitution of Alabama; or
  - (ii) Any bonds that may be issued by the Alabama Mental Health Finance Authority under the provisions of Acts 1988, Act No. 88-475.
  - 2. The balance thereafter remaining during each fiscal year shall be paid into the State General Fund.a special fund in the State Treasury, designated the "General and Mental Health Fund," and is hereby appropriated and shall be distributed as follows:
  - (i) Thirty percent of said balance shall be expended by the State Health Officer, with the approval of the state

    Board of Health, for salaries, other expenses, and equipment purchases incident to general health work; and

(ii) Seventy percent of the said balance shall be paid to the Department of Mental Health created in Chapter 50 of Subtitle 2 of Title 22, and shall be used by the said department for mental health purposes in the state.

- $\frac{d\cdot}{c\cdot}$  Six and six one-hundredths percent shall be set apart and used for the following purposes only and in the following order:
- 1. So much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes is hereby appropriated and shall be used by the State Treasurer to pay, at their respective maturities, the principal and interest that will mature during the then current fiscal year on all bonds that may be issued by the State Parks Development Authority under the provisions of Acts 1967, No. 272, which provided for the creation of said authority and also provided for the submission of a constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds by said authority.
- 2. The balance thereafter remaining during each fiscal year shall be deposited into a special fund in the State Treasury to be designated the "State Parks Fund" and is hereby appropriated and shall be distributed as follows: Said fund may be expended by the State Director of Conservation at his discretion and with the approval of the Governor for salaries, other expenses, land acquisitions, equipment purchases, capital additions or improvements, or other lawful expenses relating to the state division of parks, monuments, and historical sites.

e. Sixty-six and sixty-seven d. Seventy-two and seventy-three one-hundredths percent to the credit of the General Fund.

- (2) The remaining 61.18 percent of the revenue derived from the tax levied on cigarettes by Sections 40-25-2 and 40-25-41 shall be deposited into the State Treasury and allocated as follows:
- a. Up to \$2 million received annually shall be allocated to the various counties of the state levying a cigarette tax to offset the administrative expenses of obtaining local stamps to affix to cigarettes sold in their jurisdiction for the purpose of collecting their local cigarette tax and to provide a discount to wholesalers and jobbers for affixing such stamps. These funds shall be distributed by the Comptroller pro rata based on the actual administrative expenses reported to the Comptroller by the counties at the conclusion of each quarter of the fiscal year. The Comptroller shall insure that such funds are distributed as soon as possible following the receipt of such reports. Failure of any county to submit such a report shall not prohibit the Comptroller from distributing funds to the remaining counties.
- b. Remaining revenues to the General Fund to be used for Medicaid services.
- (3) All of the revenue derived from the tax levied by Sections 40-25-2 and 40-25-41 upon tobacco products other

than cigarettes shall be deposited in the State Treasury to 1 2 the credit of the State General Fund. 3 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict 4 with this act are repealed. Section 3. This act is effective October 1, 2017, 5 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its 6 otherwise becoming law.