

House Bill 714

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and  
2 taxation, so as to provide that retirement income received as retirement benefits from military  
3 service shall not be subject to state income tax; to increase the excise tax on cigarettes to  
4 offset the cost; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and  
5 applicability; to provide for an automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is  
10 amended in Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by adding  
11 a new paragraph to subsection (a) to read as follows:

12 "(12.2) Retirement income received as retirement benefits from the military services of  
13 the United States, including any survivor benefits derived therefrom;"

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 Said title is further amended in Code Section 48-11-2, relating to an excise tax on tobacco  
16 products, by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

17 "(3) Cigarettes: ~~37¢~~ 55¢ per pack of 20 cigarettes and a like rate, pro rata, for other size  
18 packages; and"

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
21 without such approval and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after  
22 January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2027. This Act shall stand repealed in its  
23 entirety on December 31, 2027.

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**SECTION 4.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.