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ARKANSAS LAW HAS CHANGED! PLEASE READ!!



Steve Goode
Director

DATE: MAY 1, 2015

TO: ALL CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE PERMIT HOLDERS

FROM: DIRECTOR STEVE GOODE

RE: CHANGES MADE BY ACT 1235 OF 2015

The Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed Act 1235 into law. It will take effect on July 21, 2015. Since that date falls after the normal renewal season, it will not affect the fiscal year 2016 renewal process that began on May 1.

LATE RENEWALS: If you are late renewing your retail permit and your renewal is not post marked or received in the ATC Office by July 20, 2015, **your late renewal fee will be \$150.00.**

All NEW Retail Cigarette, Tobacco, Vapor Product and Alternative Nicotine Product Permits issued on or after July 21, 2015 will be \$50.00.

Like last year, permit holders may renew their permit online by visiting our website at www.atc.ar.gov and following the online renewal link from there or by returning the completed renewal form in the mail with payment by check or money order.

If you have an existing Retail Cigarette & Tobacco Permit, Wholesale Tobacco Permit or Manufacturer Tobacco Permit, those permits automatically include vapor products and alternative nicotine products effective July 21, 2015.

Effective July 21, 2015, retailers **MUST** purchase ALL vapor products, e-liquids and alternative nicotine products from Arkansas licensed wholesalers, Arkansas licensed manufacturers, or fellow Arkansas licensed retailers.

Also effective July 21, 2015, vapor product, e-liquid and alternative nicotine product invoices must be maintained just like cigarette and tobacco product invoices.

Retailers should notify their clerks that ATC will begin including vapor products, e-liquids and alternative nicotine products during sale-to-minor compliance checks performed after July 21, 2015.

Retailers who are **NOT RENEWING** their permit due to either closing their business or because they are selling their business should complete and mail in the Permit Cancellation Request form available on ATC's website.