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Tobacco Tax Equity Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 19, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 19, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 729	Related bill	Jan 30, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the excise tax on tobacco products, to tax pipe tobacco, smokeless tobacco products, and large cigars at the same level as cigarettes.

The bill revises the definition of "tobacco products," for purposes of such tax, to include any other product determined to be a tobacco product by the Food and Drug Administration. The bill also specifies that such products must be taxed at a level equivalent to the rate for cigarettes on an estimated per use basis.

The bill also makes smokeless tobacco products sold in discrete single-use units subject to an excise tax of \$50.33 per thousand.

The tax rates for tobacco products must be adjusted for inflation after 2017.

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