

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2361
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8577
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Impact:	Not Required

Research Analysis

Introduced HB2361 prohibits the distribution or sale of cigarettes through any delivery method to any person in the state that is not an authorized retailer, distributor, wholesaler or export warehouse proprietor of cigarettes. The measure also allows up to 1,000 cigarettes to be transported to a home or residence by a person, except those under the employment of a common or contract carrier. The measure establishes the following civil penalties for a violation of these provisions:

- a fine of \$2500 for each violation of \$25 each pack of cigarettes shipped, whichever is greater;
- an injunction to restrain a threatened or actual violation;
- reimbursement for the costs of an investigation conducted by the state in relation to the violation; and
- reimbursement of attorney fees and cost.

All monies obtained as a result of the violation would be deposited into the Attorney General's Evidence Fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

Not required.

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Other Considerations

None.