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H. R. 4404

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax for waterpipe tobacco, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2025

Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hookah Clarification
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. WATERPIPE TOBACCO TAX.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5701(f) of the Internal
8 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

9 “(f) PIPE TOBACCO.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On pipe tobacco, manufac-
2 tured in or imported into the United States, which
3 is not waterpipe tobacco, there shall be imposed a
4 tax of \$2.8311 per pound (and a proportionate tax
5 at the like rate on all fractional parts of a pound).

6 “(2) WATERPIPE TOBACCO.—On waterpipe to-
7 bacco, manufactured in or imported into the United
8 States, there shall be imposed a tax of \$0.5662 per
9 pound and (a proportionate tax at the like rate on
10 all fractional parts of a pound).”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 5702 of
12 such Code is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new subsections:

14 “(q) WATERPIPE TOBACCO.—The term ‘waterpipe
15 tobacco’ means a tobacco product consumed or intended
16 to be consumed in a waterpipe, including hookah tobacco,
17 shisha, maassel, narghile, and argileh.”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to tobacco manufactured or im-
20 ported after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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