

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Note that this draft deletes from 1997 AB-590 the increase in the forfeiture that may be imposed on a delinquent as nongermane to the central focus of the draft, which is to deal with cigarettes and tobacco products. The inclusion of the increased forfeiture for delinquents was based on my advice last session which I now rescind. My thinking last session was that a large forfeiture for cigarettes and a small forfeiture for a delinquent act depreciates the seriousness of the delinquent act. While that may be true when comparing only the relative weight of the forfeitures, that advice did not take into account the various other, some quite serious, dispositions that may be imposed on a delinquent. Accordingly, this draft does not affect the amount of a forfeiture that may be imposed on a delinquent.

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