

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1470

Introduced by

Representatives Kerzman, Boucher, Froelich, Nicholas

Senators Krauter, Tomac

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-43.1-03.1, 57-43.2-03, and 57-43.2-18 of  
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the tax refund for fuel used for agricultural  
3 purposes, the special fuels special excise tax rate and allocation of a portion of revenues to the  
4 agricultural research fund; to provide for application; and to provide an effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-43.1-03.1 of the 1997 Supplement to the  
7 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **57-43.1-03.1. (Effective until December 31, 1999) Refund of tax for fuel used for**  
9 **agricultural purposes - Reductions.** Any consumer who buys or uses any motor vehicle fuel  
10 for an agricultural purpose on which the motor vehicle fuel tax has been paid may file a claim  
11 with the commissioner for a refund under this chapter. The amount of the tax refund under this  
12 section must be reduced by ~~seven~~ three cents per gallon [3.79 liters] except for those fuels  
13 used in aircraft or with respect to refunds claimed by aircraft fuel users. Two cents per gallon  
14 [3.79 liters] withheld from the refund must be deposited in the agricultural fuel tax fund; and one  
15 cent per gallon [3.79 liters] withheld from the refund must be retained in the highway tax  
16 distribution fund; ~~and four cents per gallon [3.79 liters] withheld from the refund must be~~  
17 ~~deposited in the agricultural research fund.~~

18 **(Effective January 1, 2000) Refund of tax for fuel used for agricultural purposes -**  
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~~gallon [3.79 liters] withheld from the refund must be deposited in the agricultural research fund.~~

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-43.2-03 of the 1997 Supplement to the North  
Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-43.2-03. Special excise tax levied.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a special excise tax of two and  
one-half percent is imposed on all sales of special fuels, which are exempted from  
the tax imposed under section 57-43.2-02.
2. The special excise tax applies to all special fuels taxed under section 57-43.2-02  
for which taxes are later refunded to any consumer.
3. A consumer importing special fuel into this state, for a purpose for which the  
special fuel is taxable under this section, is liable for the tax. The commissioner  
shall collect the tax from the consumer importing the fuel.
4. If any fuel subject to tax by this section was subject to tax in any other state or its  
political subdivisions, the tax in this section applies but at a rate measured by the  
difference between the rate imposed in this section and the rate imposed by the  
other state or its political subdivisions. If the tax imposed by the other state or its  
political subdivisions is the same or greater than the tax imposed by this section,  
no tax is due.
5. An invoice, sales ticket, or other sales document issued or created covering a sale  
taxable under this section must identify the consumer to whom the sale was made,  
specify the purpose for which the special fuel was sold, and specify whether the  
fuel was dyed for tax exemption purposes.
6. The dealer shall remit the tax imposed by this section on all sales to a consumer.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-43.2-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-43.2-18. Distribution of tax.** ~~All~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, all  
money collected by the commissioner under the provisions of this chapter must be transferred  
to the state treasurer who shall credit such money, interest, and penalties to the highway tax  
distribution fund to be distributed pursuant to section 54-27-19. Twenty percent of net revenues

1 from the tax imposed under section 57-43.2-03 must be deposited in the agricultural research  
2 fund.

3       **SECTION 4. APPLICATION.** Section 1 of this Act applies to refund claims for motor  
4 vehicle fuel taxes paid after December 31, 1998.

5       **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act are effective for taxable  
6 events occurring after June 30, 1999.