

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

SENATE BILL NO. 2454  
(Senators Wanzek, Kroeplin)  
(Representatives Brandenburg, Monson, Nicholas)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-43.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of biodiesel fuel; to amend and reenact section 24-02-01.5, subsection 1 of section 57-43.2-02, and subsection 1 of section 57-43.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a special fuels tax reduction for sales of diesel fuel blended with biodiesel fuel; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-02-01.5 of the 1999 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**24-02-01.5. Department of transportation - Administrative rules.** The department of transportation may adopt the administrative rules necessary to carry out its responsibilities and functions as created and transferred by sections 24-02-01.1 through 24-02-01.5. Rules adopted by the agencies whose functions relate to the functions or agencies created, transferred, or covered by sections 2-05-03, 24-02-01.1 through 24-02-01.5, subsections 7 and 11 of section 24-01-01.1, sections 24-02-13, 24-16-02, 24-17-02, subsections 8, 12, and 13 of section 39-01-01, subsection 1 of section 39-16-01, subsection 7 of section 39-24-01, subsection 2 of section 49-17.1-01, subsection 1 of section 54-06-04, subsection 1 of section 54-27-19, subsection 6 of section 57-40.3-01, subsection 1 of section 57-43.1-01, section 57-43.1-44, subsection 5 6 of section 57-43.2-01, and section 57-43.2-37 remain in effect until they are specifically amended or repealed by the department.

**SECTION 2.** A new subsection to section 57-43.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

"Biodiesel" means a biodegradable, combustible liquid fuel that is derived from vegetable oil or animal fat and which is suitable for blending with diesel fuel for use in internal combustion diesel engines.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-43.2-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an excise tax of twenty-one cents per gallon [3.79 liters] is imposed on the sale or delivery of all special fuel sold or used in this state. For the purpose of determining the tax upon compressed natural gas under this section, one hundred twenty cubic feet [3.40 cubic meters] of compressed natural gas is equal to one gallon [3.79 liters] of other special fuel. The tax under this subsection is reduced by one and five-hundredths cents per gallon [3.79 liters] on the sale or delivery of diesel fuel that contains at least two percent biodiesel fuel by weight.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-43.2-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a special excise tax of two percent is imposed on all sales of special fuels, which are exempted from the tax imposed under section 57-43.2-02. The tax under this subsection is reduced to one and nine-tenths percent on all sales of diesel fuel that contains at least two percent biodiesel fuel by weight.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on the first day of the first month after the tax commissioner certifies to the governor and the office of the legislative council that a refining facility is operational in this state which has a production capacity of at least ten million gallons [37854000 liters] of biodiesel per year.

**SECTION 6. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is for taxable events occurring from the effective date of this Act under section 5 of this Act through June 30, 2003, and is thereafter ineffective.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2454.

Senate Vote:      Yeas    44          Nays    5          Absent    0

House Vote:      Yeas    94          Nays    4          Absent    0

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001,

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Secretary of State