

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1121**

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the State Department of Health)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 19-10-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the retail sale of alternative fuels; and to amend and reenact sections 19-10-01 and  
3 19-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to petroleum product definitions and  
4 specifications.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-10-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **19-10-01. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise  
9 requires:

- 10 1. "Adulterated", when used to describe any petroleum product, denotes a petroleum  
11 product which fails to meet the specifications prescribed by this chapter.
- 12 2. "Alternative fuel" means a fuel for an engine or vehicle, or used as heating oil,  
13 other than a petroleum-based fuel.
- 14 3. "Biodiesel" means any non-petroleum-based diesel fuel made from renewable  
15 resources such as vegetable oils or animal fats.
- 16 4. "Department" means the state department of health.
- 17 ~~3.~~ 5. "Diesel fuel" is any petroleum product intended for use or offered for sale as a fuel  
18 for engines in which the fuel is injected into the combustion chamber and ignited by  
19 pressure without electric spark.
- 20 ~~4.~~ 6. "Gasoline" is a refined petroleum naphtha which by its composition is suitable for  
21 use as a carburant in internal combustion engines.
- 22 ~~5.~~ 7. "Heating oil" is any ~~petroleum~~ product intended for use or offered for sale as a  
23 furnace oil, range oil, or fuel oil for heating and cooking purposes to be used in

1 burners other than wick burners regardless of whether the product is designated as  
2 furnace oil, range oil, fuel oil, gas oil, or is given any other name or designation.

3 ~~6-~~ 8. "Kerosene" is a petroleum fraction which is free from water, additives, foreign or  
4 suspended matter, and is suitable for use as an illuminating oil.

5 ~~7-~~ 9. "Lubricating oil" is any petroleum, or other product, used for the purpose of  
6 reducing friction, heat, or wear in automobiles, tractors, gasoline engines, diesel  
7 engines, and other machines.

8 ~~8-~~ 10. "Misbranded", when used in connection with any petroleum product, denotes a  
9 petroleum product which is not labeled as required under the provisions of this  
10 chapter.

11 ~~9-~~ 11. "Sell" and "sale" includes the keeping, offering, or exposing for sale, transportation,  
12 or exchange of the restricted or prohibited article.

13 ~~40-~~ 12. "Tractor fuel" is any ~~petroleum~~ product, other than gasoline or kerosene, intended  
14 for use or offered for sale as a fuel for tractors, regardless of whether the product is  
15 designated as distillate, gas oil, fuel oil, or is given any other name or designation.

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 19-10-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
17 enacted as follows:

18 **19-10-03.3. Retail sale of alternative fuels - Notice required.** A dealer may not sell  
19 at retail alternative fuel unless the dispensing unit and price advertising contains the name and  
20 main components of the alternative fuel or alternative fuel blend. The disclosure must follow  
21 the same labeling specifications that apply for petroleum-based fuels. The department shall  
22 adopt rules under chapter 28-32 for labeling of petroleum products and alternative fuels. A  
23 producer of alternative fuels or alternative fuel blends may provide a retailer with a label  
24 promoting the benefits of the alternative fuel if the label meets the requirements of this section.

25 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 19-10-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **19-10-10. Specifications for petroleum products - Tests used.** Specifications for  
28 gasoline, kerosene, tractor fuel, diesel oil, heating oil, lubricating oil, alternative fuels, and  
29 liquefied petroleum gases, including propane, propylene, normal butane or isobutane, and  
30 butylene, must be determined by the department and must be based upon nationally  
31 recognized standards. When so determined by the department and adopted and promulgated

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- 1 as regulations and orders of the department in accordance with the provisions of chapter 28-32,
- 2 such specifications must be the specifications for such petroleum products sold in this state and
- 3 official tests of such petroleum products must be based upon test specifications so determined
- 4 adopted and promulgated.