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SYNOPSIS

Provides 60-day reduction in highway fuel taxes; makes appropriation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT providing temporary reduction in highway fuel taxes and
2 making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the "Petroleum
8 Products Gross Receipts Tax Act," P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et
9 seq.) to the contrary, including the rate adjustment provisions set
10 forth in subsection c. of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3),
11 during the period provided in subsection b. of this section, the rate
12 of tax imposed on highway fuel under paragraph (1) of subsection a.
13 of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3) shall equal 2.75 percent
14 of the gross receipts derived from the first sale of highway fuel
15 within the State.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the "Petroleum Products
17 Gross Receipts Tax Act," P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.) to the
18 contrary, during the period provided in subsection b. of this section,
19 no tax shall be imposed on highway fuel under paragraph (2) of
20 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3).

21 b. The taxes imposed on highway fuel under paragraphs (1) and
22 (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3)
23 shall be reduced or suspended, as provided under subsection a. of
24 this section, beginning on the 10th calendar day following the
25 effective date of this act and concluding on the 70th calendar day
26 following the effective date of this act.

27 c. The benefit of the reduction of taxation provided under this
28 section shall be passed on to the consumers of highway fuel, and the
29 retail price of highway fuel sold in this State shall be reduced to
30 reflect the reduction of taxation.

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32 2. a. On or before the fifth calendar day following the effective
33 date of this act, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the
34 Department of the Treasury shall provide written notice to each
35 person who shall be otherwise liable for the payment of tax on
36 highway fuel under the "Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax
37 Act," P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.). In addition to any other
38 information that the director may deem appropriate, the written
39 notice shall inform each person of the provisions of this act.

40 b. For any month in which the tax imposed on highway fuel
41 under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of
42 P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3) is reduced or suspended pursuant to
43 section 1 of this act, any person otherwise liable for the payment of
44 that tax shall submit a written report to the director on or before the
45 22nd day of the following month. In addition to any other
46 information that the director may deem appropriate, the report shall
47 indicate the:

48 (1) amount of tax paid on highway fuel under paragraph (1) of

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1 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3); and
2 (2) total amount of tax on highway fuel that would have been
3 owed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection a. of section 3 of
4 P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3) if the tax was not reduced pursuant to
5 this act.

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7 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund for deposit into
8 the "Transportation Trust Fund Account," established pursuant to
9 section 20 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-20), such amounts as are
10 necessary to offset any reductions in petroleum products gross
11 receipts tax revenues that occur as a direct result of the provisions
12 of section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of the Director of the
13 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
14 Treasury.

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16 4. Notwithstanding any provision of subsection c. of section 3
17 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3) to the contrary, the State Treasurer
18 shall consider all amounts appropriated pursuant to section 3 of this
19 act as though such amounts were petroleum products gross receipts
20 tax revenues for the purposes of all calculations made under
21 subsection c. of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-3) relating to
22 the determination of the highway fuel cap amount and the rate of
23 tax imposed on highway fuel.

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25 5. Notwithstanding any provision of section 19 of P.L.2016,
26 c.57 (C.52:18A-257) to the contrary, this act shall not cause the
27 review council to certify for the purposes of subparagraph (h) of
28 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.42
29 (C.54:15B-3) to the director that the scheduled implementation of
30 P.L.2016, c.57 (C.54:15B-13 et al.) has been impeded.

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32 6. Notwithstanding any provision of the "Administrative
33 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the
34 contrary, the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department
35 of the Treasury shall adopt, immediately upon filing with the Office
36 of Administrative Law and no later than the 30th day after the date
37 of enactment of this act, such rules and regulations as the director
38 deems necessary to implement the provisions of this act, which
39 regulations may thereafter be amended by the director. The
40 regulations shall expire upon the expiration of this act.

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42 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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45 STATEMENT

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This bill provides a 60-day reduction in the taxation of highway

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1 fuels under the “Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax Act,”
2 P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.).

3 Specifically, the bill provides that during the 60-day period, the
4 tax imposed on highway fuel would return to the rates imposed
5 before the enactment of P.L.2016, c.57 (C.54:15B-13 et al.), which
6 increased the tax on highway fuel and allowed for annual
7 adjustment of such tax rate. Accordingly, the rate of tax imposed
8 on highway fuel under the “Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax
9 Act,” P.L.1990, c.42 (C.54:15B-1 et seq.) would equal 2.75 percent
10 of the gross receipts derived from the first sale of highway fuel
11 within the State. Under the bill, the 60-day period would begin on
12 the 10th calendar day following the date of enactment and conclude
13 on the 70th calendar day following the date of enactment.

14 Additionally, the bill appropriates such amounts as are necessary
15 to offset any reductions in revenue that occur as a result of the bill.
16 These monies would be appropriated from the General Fund for
17 deposit into the Transportation Trust Fund. The bill also requires
18 the State Treasurer to consider these appropriations when
19 determining the annual rate of taxation for highway fuel under the
20 petroleum products gross receipts tax.