

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 12, 2025

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 2**

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**Introduced by Senator Jones**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Niello,**  
**Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, and Valladares)**

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An act to add Section 39617.2 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2, as amended, Jones. Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions to ensure that the statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, as defined, no later than December 31, 2030. Pursuant to the act, the state board has adopted the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations.

This bill would void specified amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations adopted by the state board on November 8, ~~2024~~. *2024, or as subsequently adopted, as specified.*

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 39617.2 is added to the Health and Safety  
2 Code, to read:

3 39617.2. Notwithstanding any other law, the final regulation  
4 order of the state board to amend the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard  
5 regulations (Subarticle 7 (commencing with Section 95480) of  
6 Article 4 of Subchapter 10 of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 17  
7 of the California Code of Regulations) that *adopts Sections*  
8 *95486.3, 95486.4, and 95491.2 of, and amends Sections 95480,*  
9 *95481, 95482, 95483, 95483.1, 95483.2, 95483.3, 95484, 95485,*  
10 *95486, 95486.1, 95486.2, 95487, 95488, 95488.1, 95488.2,*  
11 *95488.3, 95488.4, 95488.5, 95488.6, 95488.7, 95488.8, 95488.9,*  
12 *95488.10, 95489, 95490, 95491, 95491.1, 95495, 95500, 95501,*  
13 *95502, and 95503—of of, Title 17 of the California Code of*  
14 *Regulations, as adopted on November 8, 2024, or as that final*  
15 *regulation order is subsequently rewritten and adopted by the state*  
16 *board in response to the Office of Administrative Law’s Notice of*  
17 *Disapproval of Regulatory Action in OAL Matter Number*  
18 *2025-0103-01, is hereby void.*

19 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
20 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
21 the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall  
22 go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

23 Californians need immediate relief from unnecessarily high  
24 gasoline prices that will be driven even higher by recent  
25 amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations.  
26 California consistently leads the nation with the highest gasoline  
27 prices, largely driven by excessive government taxes, fees, and  
28 regulations, and it is estimated that these recent amendments to  
29 the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations will increase the cost  
30 of a gallon of gasoline by sixty-five cents (\$0.65) to eighty-five  
31 cents (\$0.85). This will worsen the current affordability crisis and  
32 decimate our economy.

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