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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Horn; by request of Department of Licensing)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the taxation of fuel; and amending RCW  
2 82.36.010, 82.36.020, 82.36.026, 82.36.060, 82.38.020, 82.38.030,  
3 82.38.035, and 82.38.110.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.36.010 and 1998 c 176 s 6 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Blended fuel" means a mixture of motor vehicle fuel and  
10 another liquid, other than a de ((~~minimus~~)) minimis amount of the  
11 liquid, that can be used as a fuel to propel a motor vehicle.

12 (2) "Bond" means a bond duly executed with a corporate surety  
13 qualified under chapter 48.28 RCW, which bond is payable to the state  
14 of Washington conditioned upon faithful performance of all requirements  
15 of this chapter, including the payment of all taxes, penalties, and  
16 other obligations arising out of this chapter.

17 (3) "Bulk transfer" means a transfer of motor vehicle fuel by  
18 pipeline or vessel.

1 (4) "Bulk transfer-terminal system" means the motor vehicle fuel  
2 distribution system consisting of refineries, pipelines, vessels, and  
3 terminals. Motor vehicle fuel in a refinery, pipeline, vessel, or  
4 terminal is in the bulk transfer-terminal system. Motor vehicle fuel  
5 in the fuel tank of an engine, motor vehicle, or in a railcar, trailer,  
6 truck, or other equipment suitable for ground transportation is not in  
7 the bulk transfer-terminal system.

8 (5) "Dealer" means a person engaged in the retail sale of motor  
9 vehicle fuel.

10 (6) "Department" means the department of licensing.

11 (7) "Director" means the director of licensing.

12 (8) "Evasion" or "evade" means to diminish or avoid the  
13 computation, assessment, or payment of authorized taxes or fees  
14 through:

15 (a) A knowing: False statement; misrepresentation of fact; or  
16 other act of deception; or

17 (b) An intentional: Omission; failure to file a return or report;  
18 or other act of deception.

19 (9) "Export" means to obtain motor vehicle fuel in this state for  
20 sales or distribution outside the state.

21 (10) "Highway" means every way or place open to the use of the  
22 public, as a matter of right, for the purpose of vehicular travel.

23 (11) "Import" means to bring motor vehicle fuel into this state by  
24 a means of conveyance other than the fuel supply tank of a motor  
25 vehicle.

26 (12) "Licensee" means a person holding a license issued under this  
27 chapter.

28 (13) "Marine fuel dealer" means a person engaged in the retail sale  
29 of motor vehicle fuel whose place of business and/or sale outlet is  
30 located upon a navigable waterway.

31 (14) "Motor vehicle fuel blender" means a person who produces  
32 blended motor fuel outside the bulk transfer-terminal system.

33 (15) "Motor vehicle fuel distributor" means a person who acquires  
34 motor vehicle fuel from a supplier, distributor, or licensee for  
35 subsequent sale and distribution.

36 (16) "Motor vehicle fuel exporter" means a person who purchases  
37 motor vehicle fuel in this state and directly exports the fuel by a  
38 means other than the bulk transfer-terminal system to a destination  
39 outside of the state. If the exporter of record is acting as an agent,

1 the person for whom the agent is acting is the exporter. If there is  
2 no exporter of record, the owner of the motor fuel at the time of  
3 exportation is the exporter.

4 (17) "Motor vehicle fuel importer" means a person who imports motor  
5 vehicle fuel into the state by a means other than the bulk transfer-  
6 terminal system. If the importer of record is acting as an agent, the  
7 person for whom the agent is acting is the importer. If there is no  
8 importer of record, the owner of the motor vehicle fuel at the time of  
9 importation is the importer.

10 (18) "Motor vehicle fuel supplier" means a person who (~~owns and~~  
11 ~~stores motor vehicle fuel in a terminal facility or who refines and~~  
12 ~~stores motor vehicle fuel at a refinery~~) holds a federal certificate  
13 of registry that is issued under the internal revenue code and  
14 authorizes the person to enter into federal tax-free transactions on  
15 motor vehicle fuel in the bulk transfer-terminal system.

16 (19) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for  
17 operation upon land utilizing motor vehicle fuel as the means of  
18 propulsion.

19 (20) "Motor vehicle fuel" means gasoline and any other inflammable  
20 gas or liquid, by whatsoever name the gasoline, gas, or liquid may be  
21 known or sold, the chief use of which is as fuel for the propulsion of  
22 motor vehicles or motorboats.

23 (21) "Person" means a natural person, fiduciary, association, or  
24 corporation. The term "person" as applied to an association means and  
25 includes the partners or members thereof, and as applied to  
26 corporations, the officers thereof.

27 (22) "Position holder" means a person who holds the inventory  
28 position in motor vehicle fuel, as reflected by the records of the  
29 terminal operator. A person holds the inventory position in motor  
30 vehicle fuel if the person has a contractual agreement with the  
31 terminal for the use of storage facilities and terminating services at  
32 a terminal with respect to motor vehicle fuel. "Position holder"  
33 includes a terminal operator that owns motor vehicle fuel in their  
34 terminal.

35 (23) "Rack" means a mechanism for delivering motor vehicle fuel  
36 from a refinery or terminal into a truck, trailer, railcar, or other  
37 means of nonbulk transfer.

38 (24) "Refiner" means a person who owns, operates, or otherwise  
39 controls a refinery.

1 (25) "Removal" means a physical transfer of motor vehicle fuel  
2 other than by evaporation, loss, or destruction.

3 (26) "Terminal" means a motor vehicle fuel storage and distribution  
4 facility that has been assigned a terminal control number by the  
5 internal revenue service, is supplied by pipeline or vessel, and from  
6 which reportable motor vehicle fuel is removed at a rack.

7 (27) "Terminal operator" means a person who owns, operates, or  
8 otherwise controls a terminal.

9 (28) "Two-party exchange" or "buy-sell agreement" means a  
10 transaction in which taxable motor vehicle fuel is transferred from one  
11 licensed supplier to another licensed supplier under an exchange or  
12 buy-sell agreement whereby the supplier that is the position holder  
13 agrees to deliver taxable motor vehicle fuel to the other supplier or  
14 the other supplier's customer at the rack of the terminal at which the  
15 delivering supplier is the position holder.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.36.020 and 2000 c 103 s 13 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 (1) There is hereby levied and imposed upon motor vehicle fuel  
19 users a tax at the rate computed in the manner provided in RCW  
20 82.36.025 on each gallon of motor vehicle fuel.

21 (2) The tax imposed by subsection (1) of this section is imposed  
22 when any of the following occurs:

23 (a) Motor vehicle fuel is removed in this state from a terminal if  
24 the motor vehicle fuel is removed at the rack unless the removal is to  
25 a licensed exporter for direct delivery to a destination outside of the  
26 state;

27 (b) Motor vehicle fuel is removed in this state from a refinery if  
28 either of the following applies:

29 (i) The removal is by bulk transfer and the refiner or the owner of  
30 the motor vehicle fuel immediately before the removal is not a  
31 licensee; or

32 (ii) The removal is at the refinery rack unless the removal is to  
33 a licensed exporter for direct delivery to a destination outside of the  
34 state;

35 (c) Motor vehicle fuel enters into this state for sale,  
36 consumption, use, or storage if either of the following applies:

37 (i) The entry is by bulk transfer and the importer is not a  
38 licensee; or

1 (ii) The entry is not by bulk transfer;

2 (d) Motor vehicle fuel is sold or removed in this state to an  
3 unlicensed entity unless there was a prior taxable removal, entry, or  
4 sale of the motor vehicle fuel;

5 (e) Blended motor vehicle fuel is removed or sold in this state by  
6 the blender of the fuel. The number of gallons of blended motor  
7 vehicle fuel subject to the tax is the difference between the total  
8 number of gallons of blended motor vehicle fuel removed or sold and the  
9 number of gallons of previously taxed motor vehicle fuel used to  
10 produce the blended motor vehicle fuel;

11 (f) Motor vehicle fuel is sold by a licensed motor vehicle fuel  
12 supplier to a motor vehicle fuel distributor, motor vehicle fuel  
13 importer, or motor vehicle fuel blender and the motor vehicle fuel is  
14 not removed from the bulk transfer-terminal system.

15 (3) The proceeds of the motor vehicle fuel excise tax shall be  
16 distributed as provided in RCW 46.68.090.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.36.026 and 1998 c 176 s 8 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) A (~~position holder~~) licensed supplier shall remit tax to the  
20 department (~~on motor vehicle fuel removed from a terminal~~) as  
21 provided in RCW 82.36.020(~~(+2)(a)~~). On a two-party exchange, or buy-  
22 sell agreement between two licensed suppliers, the receiving exchange  
23 partner or buyer(~~(, becomes the position holder,)~~) who shall remit the  
24 tax.

25 (2) A refiner shall remit tax to the department on motor vehicle  
26 fuel removed from a refinery as provided in RCW 82.36.020(2)(b).

27 (3) An importer shall remit tax to the department on motor vehicle  
28 fuel imported into this state as provided in RCW 82.36.020(2)(c).

29 (4) A blender shall remit tax to the department on the removal or  
30 sale of blended motor vehicle fuel as provided in RCW 82.36.020(2)(e).

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.36.060 and 1998 c 176 s 18 are each amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 (1) An application for a license issued under this chapter shall be  
34 made to the department on forms to be furnished by the department and  
35 shall contain such information as the department deems necessary.

36 (2) Every application for a license must contain the following  
37 information to the extent it applies to the applicant:

1 (a) Proof as the department may require concerning the applicant's  
2 identity, including but not limited to his or her fingerprints or those  
3 of the officers of a corporation making the application;

4 (b) The applicant's form and place of organization including proof  
5 that the individual, partnership, or corporation is licensed to do  
6 business in this state;

7 (c) The qualification and business history of the applicant and any  
8 partner, officer, or director;

9 (d) The applicant's financial condition or history including a bank  
10 reference and whether the applicant or any partner, officer, or  
11 director has ever been adjudged bankrupt or has an unsatisfied judgment  
12 in a federal or state court;

13 (e) Whether the applicant has been adjudged guilty of a crime that  
14 directly relates to the business for which the license is sought and  
15 the time elapsed since the conviction is less than ten years, or has  
16 suffered a judgment within the preceding five years in a civil action  
17 involving fraud, misrepresentation, or conversion and in the case of a  
18 corporation or partnership, all directors, officers, or partners.

19 (3) An applicant for a license as a motor vehicle fuel importer  
20 must list on the application each state, province, or country from  
21 which the applicant intends to import motor vehicle fuel and, if  
22 required by the state, province, or country listed, must be licensed or  
23 registered for motor vehicle fuel tax purposes in that state, province,  
24 or country.

25 (4) An applicant for a license as a motor vehicle fuel exporter  
26 must list on the application each state, province, or country to which  
27 the exporter intends to export motor vehicle fuel received in this  
28 state by means of a transfer outside of the bulk transfer-terminal  
29 system and, if required by the state, province, or country listed, must  
30 be licensed or registered for motor vehicle fuel tax purposes in that  
31 state, province, or country.

32 (5) An applicant for a license as a motor vehicle fuel supplier  
33 must have a federal certificate of registry that is issued under the  
34 internal revenue code and authorizes the applicant to enter into  
35 federal tax-free transactions on motor vehicle fuel in the terminal  
36 transfer system.

37 (6) After receipt of an application for a license, the director may  
38 conduct an investigation to determine whether the facts set forth are  
39 true. The director shall require a fingerprint record check of the

1 applicant through the Washington state patrol criminal identification  
2 system and the federal bureau of investigation before issuance of a  
3 license. The results of the background investigation including  
4 criminal history information may be released to authorized department  
5 personnel as the director deems necessary. The department shall charge  
6 a license holder or license applicant a fee of fifty dollars for each  
7 background investigation conducted.

8 An applicant who makes a false statement of a material fact on the  
9 application may be prosecuted for false swearing as defined by RCW  
10 9A.72.040.

11 (7) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, before  
12 granting any license issued under this chapter, the department shall  
13 require applicant to file with the department, in such form as shall be  
14 prescribed by the department, a corporate surety bond duly executed by  
15 the applicant as principal, payable to the state and conditioned for  
16 faithful performance of all the requirements of this chapter, including  
17 the payment of all taxes, penalties, and other obligations arising out  
18 of this chapter. The total amount of the bond or bonds shall be fixed  
19 by the department and may be increased or reduced by the department at  
20 any time subject to the limitations herein provided. In fixing the  
21 total amount of the bond or bonds, the department shall require a bond  
22 or bonds equivalent in total amount to twice the estimated monthly  
23 excise tax determined in such manner as the department may deem proper.  
24 If at any time the estimated excise tax to become due during the  
25 succeeding month amounts to more than fifty percent of the established  
26 bond, the department shall require additional bonds or securities to  
27 maintain the marginal ratio herein specified or shall demand excise tax  
28 payments to be made weekly or semimonthly to meet the requirements  
29 hereof.

30 The total amount of the bond or bonds required of any licensee  
31 shall never be less than five thousand dollars nor more than one  
32 hundred thousand dollars.

33 No recoveries on any bond or the execution of any new bond shall  
34 invalidate any bond and no revocation of any license shall effect the  
35 validity of any bond but the total recoveries under any one bond shall  
36 not exceed the amount of the bond.

37 In lieu of any such bond or bonds in total amount as herein fixed,  
38 a licensee may deposit with the state treasurer, under such terms and  
39 conditions as the department may prescribe, a like amount of lawful

1 money of the United States or bonds or other obligations of the United  
2 States, the state, or any county of the state, of an actual market  
3 value not less than the amount so fixed by the department.

4 Any surety on a bond furnished by a licensee as provided herein  
5 shall be released and discharged from any and all liability to the  
6 state accruing on such bond after the expiration of thirty days from  
7 the date upon which such surety has lodged with the department a  
8 written request to be released and discharged, but this provision shall  
9 not operate to relieve, release, or discharge the surety from any  
10 liability already accrued or which shall accrue before the expiration  
11 of the thirty day period. The department shall promptly, upon  
12 receiving any such request, notify the licensee who furnished the bond;  
13 and unless the licensee, on or before the expiration of the thirty day  
14 period, files a new bond, or makes a deposit in accordance with the  
15 requirements of this section, the department shall forthwith cancel the  
16 license. Whenever a new bond is furnished by a licensee, the  
17 department shall cancel the old bond as soon as the department and the  
18 attorney general are satisfied that all liability under the old bond  
19 has been fully discharged.

20 The department may require a licensee to give a new or additional  
21 surety bond or to deposit additional securities of the character  
22 specified in this section if, in its opinion, the security of the  
23 surety bond theretofore filed by such licensee, or the market value of  
24 the properties deposited as security by the licensee, shall become  
25 impaired or inadequate; and upon the failure of the licensee to give  
26 such new or additional surety bond or to deposit additional securities  
27 within thirty days after being requested so to do by the department,  
28 the department shall forthwith cancel his or her license.

29 (8) The department may waive the requirements of subsection (7) of  
30 this section for licensed distributors, if upon determination of the  
31 department, the licensed distributor has sufficient resources, assets,  
32 other financial instruments, or other means to adequately make payments  
33 on the estimated monthly motor vehicle fuel tax payments, penalties,  
34 and interest arising out of this chapter. The department shall  
35 establish rules to administer this subsection (8).

36 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.38.020 and 1998 c 176 s 50 are each amended to read  
37 as follows:



1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Blended special fuel" means a mixture of undyed diesel fuel  
4 and another liquid, other than a de minimus amount of the liquid, that  
5 can be used as a fuel to propel a motor vehicle.

6 (2) "Blender" means a person who produces blended special fuel  
7 outside the bulk transfer-terminal system.

8 (3) "Bond" means a bond duly executed with a corporate surety  
9 qualified under chapter 48.28 RCW, which bond is payable to the state  
10 of Washington conditioned upon faithful performance of all requirements  
11 of this chapter, including the payment of all taxes, penalties, and  
12 other obligations arising out of this chapter.

13 (4) "Bulk transfer-terminal system" means the special fuel  
14 distribution system consisting of refineries, pipelines, vessels, and  
15 terminals. Special fuel in a refinery, pipeline, vessel, or terminal  
16 is in the bulk transfer-terminal system. Special fuel in the fuel tank  
17 of an engine, motor vehicle, or in a railcar, trailer, truck, or other  
18 equipment suitable for ground transportation is not in the bulk  
19 transfer-terminal system.

20 (5) "Bulk transfer" means a transfer of special fuel by pipeline or  
21 vessel.

22 (6) "Bulk storage" means the placing of special fuel into a  
23 receptacle other than the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle.

24 (7) "Department" means the department of licensing.

25 (8) "Dyed special fuel user" means a person authorized by the  
26 internal revenue code to operate a motor vehicle on the highway using  
27 dyed special fuel, in which the use is not exempt from the special fuel  
28 tax.

29 (9) "Evasion" or "evade" means to diminish or avoid the  
30 computation, assessment, or payment of authorized taxes or fees  
31 through:

32 (a) A knowing: False statement; misrepresentation of fact; or  
33 other act of deception; or

34 (b) An intentional: Omission; failure to file a return or report;  
35 or other act of deception.

36 (10) "Export" means to obtain special fuel in this state for sales  
37 or distribution outside the state.

38 (11) "Highway" means every way or place open to the use of the  
39 public, as a matter of right, for the purpose of vehicular travel.

1 (12) "Import" means to bring special fuel into this state by a  
2 means of conveyance other than the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle.

3 (13) "International fuel tax agreement licensee" means a special  
4 fuel user operating qualified motor vehicles in interstate commerce and  
5 licensed by the department under the international fuel tax agreement.

6 (14) "Lessor" means a person: (a) Whose principal business is the  
7 bona fide leasing or renting of motor vehicles without drivers for  
8 compensation to the general public; and (b) who maintains established  
9 places of business and whose lease or rental contracts require the  
10 motor vehicles to be returned to the established places of business.

11 (15) "Licensee" means a person holding a license issued under this  
12 chapter.

13 (16) "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for  
14 operation upon land utilizing special fuel as the means of propulsion.

15 (17) "Natural gas" means naturally occurring mixtures of  
16 hydrocarbon gases and vapors consisting principally of methane, whether  
17 in gaseous or liquid form.

18 (18) "Person" means a natural person, fiduciary, association, or  
19 corporation. The term "person" as applied to an association means and  
20 includes the partners or members thereof, and as applied to  
21 corporations, the officers thereof.

22 (19) "Position holder" means a person who holds the inventory  
23 position in special fuel, as reflected by the records of the terminal  
24 operator. A person holds the inventory position in special fuel if the  
25 person has a contractual agreement with the terminal for the use of  
26 storage facilities and terminating services at a terminal with respect  
27 to special fuel. "Position holder" includes a terminal operator that  
28 owns special fuel in their terminal.

29 (20) "Rack" means a mechanism for delivering special fuel from a  
30 refinery or terminal into a truck, trailer, railcar, or other means of  
31 nonbulk transfer.

32 (21) "Refiner" means a person who owns, operates, or otherwise  
33 controls a refinery.

34 (22) "Removal" means a physical transfer of special fuel other than  
35 by evaporation, loss, or destruction.

36 (23) "Special fuel" means and includes all combustible gases and  
37 liquids suitable for the generation of power for propulsion of motor  
38 vehicles, except that it does not include motor vehicle fuel as defined  
39 in chapter 82.36 RCW, nor does it include dyed special fuel as defined

1 by federal regulations. However, if the federal regulations authorize  
2 dyed special fuel to be used in highway vehicles, that usage is  
3 considered taxable under this chapter, unless otherwise exempted.

4 (24) "Special fuel distributor" means a person who acquires special  
5 fuel from a supplier, distributor, or licensee for subsequent sale and  
6 distribution.

7 (25) "Special fuel exporter" means a person who purchases special  
8 fuel in this state and directly exports the fuel by a means other than  
9 the bulk transfer-terminal system to a destination outside of the  
10 state.

11 (26) "Special fuel importer" means a person who imports special  
12 fuel into the state by a means other than the bulk transfer-terminal  
13 system. If the importer of record is acting as an agent, the person  
14 for whom the agent is acting is the importer. If there is no importer  
15 of record, the owner of the special fuel at the time of importation is  
16 the importer.

17 (27) "Special fuel supplier" means a person who (~~owns and stores~~  
18 ~~special fuel in a terminal facility or who refines and stores special~~  
19 ~~fuel at a refinery~~) holds a federal certificate issued under the  
20 internal revenue code and authorizes the person to tax-free  
21 transactions on special fuel in the bulk transfer-terminal system.

22 (28) "Special fuel user" means a person engaged in uses of special  
23 fuel that are not specifically exempted from the special fuel tax  
24 imposed under this chapter.

25 (29) "Terminal" means a special fuel storage and distribution  
26 facility that has been assigned a terminal control number by the  
27 internal revenue service, is supplied by pipeline or vessel, and from  
28 which reportable special fuel is removed at a rack.

29 (30) "Terminal operator" means a person who owns, operates, or  
30 otherwise controls a terminal.

31 (31) "Two-party exchange" or "buy-sell agreement" means a  
32 transaction in which taxable special fuel is transferred from one  
33 licensed supplier to another licensed supplier under an exchange or  
34 buy-sell agreement whereby the supplier that is the position holder  
35 agrees to deliver taxable special fuel to the other supplier or the  
36 other supplier's customer at the rack of the terminal at which the  
37 delivering supplier is the position holder.

1       **Sec. 6.** RCW 82.38.030 and 1998 c 176 s 51 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) There is hereby levied and imposed upon special fuel users a  
4 tax at the rate computed in the manner provided in RCW 82.36.025 on  
5 each gallon of special fuel, or each one hundred cubic feet of  
6 compressed natural gas, measured at standard pressure and temperature.

7       (2) The tax imposed by subsection (1) of this section is imposed  
8 when:

9       (a) Special fuel is removed in this state from a terminal if the  
10 special fuel is removed at the rack unless the removal is to a licensed  
11 exporter for direct delivery to a destination outside of the state, or  
12 the removal is to a special fuel distributor for direct delivery to an  
13 international fuel tax agreement licensee under RCW 82.38.320;

14       (b) Special fuel is removed in this state from a refinery if either  
15 of the following applies:

16       (i) The removal is by bulk transfer and the refiner or the owner of  
17 the special fuel immediately before the removal is not a licensee; or

18       (ii) The removal is at the refinery rack unless the removal is to  
19 a licensed exporter for direct delivery to a destination outside of the  
20 state, or the removal is to a special fuel distributor for direct  
21 delivery to an international fuel tax agreement licensee under RCW  
22 82.38.320;

23       (c) Special fuel enters into this state for sale, consumption, use,  
24 or storage if either of the following applies:

25       (i) The entry is by bulk transfer and the importer is not a  
26 licensee; or

27       (ii) The entry is not by bulk transfer;

28       (d) Special fuel is sold or removed in this state to an unlicensed  
29 entity unless there was a prior taxable removal, entry, or sale of the  
30 special fuel;

31       (e) Blended special fuel is removed or sold in this state by the  
32 blender of the fuel. The number of gallons of blended special fuel  
33 subject to tax is the difference between the total number of gallons of  
34 blended special fuel removed or sold and the number of gallons of  
35 previously taxed special fuel used to (~~produced~~ ~~[produce]~~) produce  
36 the blended special fuel;

37       (f) Dyed special fuel is used on a highway, as authorized by the  
38 internal revenue code, unless the use is exempt from the special fuel  
39 tax; (~~and~~)

1 (g) Special fuel purchased by an international fuel tax agreement  
2 licensee under RCW 82.38.320 is used on a highway; and

3 (h) Special fuel is sold by a licensed special fuel supplier to a  
4 special fuel distributor, special fuel importer, or special fuel  
5 blender and the special fuel is not removed from the bulk transfer-  
6 terminal system.

7 (3) The tax imposed by this chapter, if required to be collected by  
8 the licensee, is held in trust by the licensee until paid to the  
9 department, and a licensee who appropriates or converts the tax  
10 collected to his or her own use or to any use other than the payment of  
11 the tax to the extent that the money required to be collected is not  
12 available for payment on the due date as prescribed in this chapter is  
13 guilty of a felony, or gross misdemeanor in accordance with the theft  
14 and anticipatory provisions of Title 9A RCW. A person, partnership,  
15 corporation, or corporate officer who fails to collect the tax imposed  
16 by this section, or who has collected the tax and fails to pay it to  
17 the department in the manner prescribed by this chapter, is personally  
18 liable to the state for the amount of the tax.

19 **Sec. 7.** RCW 82.38.035 and 1998 c 176 s 53 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 (1) A (~~position holder~~) licensed supplier shall remit tax on  
22 special fuel to the department (~~on special fuel removed from a~~  
23 ~~terminal~~) as provided in RCW 82.38.030(2)(a). On a two-party  
24 exchange, or buy-sell agreement between two licensed suppliers, the  
25 receiving exchange partner or buyer (~~becomes the position holder,~~  
26 ~~who~~) shall remit the tax.

27 (2) A refiner shall remit tax to the department on special fuel  
28 removed from a refinery as provided in RCW 82.38.030(2)(b).

29 (3) An importer shall remit tax to the department on special fuel  
30 imported into this state as provided in RCW 82.38.030(2)(c).

31 (4) A blender shall remit tax to the department on the removal or  
32 sale of blended special fuel as provided in RCW 82.38.030(2)(e).

33 (5) A dyed special fuel user shall remit tax to the department on  
34 the use of dyed special fuel as provided in RCW 82.38.030(2)(f).

35 **Sec. 8.** RCW 82.38.110 and 1998 c 176 s 63 are each amended to read  
36 as follows:

1 (1) Application for a license issued under this chapter shall be  
2 made to the department. The application shall be filed upon a form  
3 prepared and furnished by the department and shall contain such  
4 information as the department deems necessary.

5 (2) Every application for a special fuel license, other than an  
6 application for a dyed special fuel user or international fuel tax  
7 agreement license, must contain the following information to the extent  
8 it applies to the applicant:

9 (a) Proof as the department shall require concerning the  
10 applicant's identity, including but not limited to his or her  
11 fingerprints or those of the officers of a corporation making the  
12 application;

13 (b) The applicant's form and place of organization including proof  
14 that the individual, partnership, or corporation is licensed to do  
15 business in this state;

16 (c) The qualification and business history of the applicant and any  
17 partner, officer, or director;

18 (d) The applicant's financial condition or history including a bank  
19 reference and whether the applicant or any partner, officer, or  
20 director has ever been adjudged bankrupt or has an unsatisfied judgment  
21 in a federal or state court;

22 (e) Whether the applicant has been adjudged guilty of a crime that  
23 directly relates to the business for which the license is sought and  
24 the time elapsed since the conviction is less than ten years, or has  
25 suffered a judgment within the preceding five years in a civil action  
26 involving fraud, misrepresentation, or conversion and in the case of a  
27 corporation or partnership, all directors, officers, or partners.

28 (3) An applicant for a license as a special fuel importer must list  
29 on the application each state, province, or country from which the  
30 applicant intends to import fuel and, if required by the state,  
31 province, or country listed, must be licensed or registered for special  
32 fuel tax purposes in that state, province, or country.

33 (4) An applicant for a license as a special fuel exporter must list  
34 on the application each state, province, or country to which the  
35 exporter intends to export special fuel received in this state by means  
36 of a transfer outside the bulk transfer-terminal system and, if  
37 required by the state, province, or country listed, must be licensed or  
38 registered for special fuel tax purposes in that state, province, or  
39 country.

1 (5) An applicant for a license as a special fuel supplier must have  
2 a federal certificate of registry that is issued under the internal  
3 revenue code and authorizes the applicant to enter into federal tax-  
4 free transactions on special fuel in the terminal transfer system.

5 (6) After receipt of an application for a license, the director  
6 shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the facts set forth  
7 are true. The director shall require a fingerprint record check of the  
8 applicant through the Washington state patrol criminal identification  
9 system and the federal bureau of investigation before issuance of a  
10 license. The results of the background investigation including  
11 criminal history information may be released to authorized department  
12 personnel as the director deems necessary. The department shall charge  
13 a license holder or license applicant a fee of fifty dollars for each  
14 background investigation conducted.

15 (7) An applicant who makes a false statement of a material fact on  
16 the application may be prosecuted for false swearing as defined by RCW  
17 9A.72.040.

18 (8) A special fuel license may not be issued to any person or  
19 continued in force unless such person has furnished bond, as defined in  
20 RCW 82.38.020, in such form as the department may require, to secure  
21 his or her compliance with this chapter, and the payment of any and all  
22 taxes, interest, and penalties due and to become due hereunder. The  
23 requirement of furnishing a bond may be waived for special fuel  
24 distributors who only deliver special fuel into the fuel tanks of  
25 marine vessels, for dyed special fuel users and for persons issued  
26 licenses under the international fuel tax agreement; and for licensed  
27 special fuel distributors who, upon determination of the department,  
28 have sufficient resources, assets, other financial instruments, or  
29 other means to adequately make payments on the estimated monthly motor  
30 vehicle fuel tax payments, penalties, and interest arising out of this  
31 chapter. The department shall establish rules to administer this  
32 subsection (8).

33 (9) The department may require a licensee to post a bond if the  
34 licensee, after having been licensed, has failed to file timely reports  
35 or has failed to remit taxes due, or when an investigation or audit  
36 indicates problems severe enough that the department, in its  
37 discretion, determines that a bond is required to protect the interests  
38 of the state. The department may also adopt rules prescribing

1 conditions that, in the department's discretion, require a bond to  
2 protect the interests of the state.

3 (10) The total amount of the bond or bonds required of any licensee  
4 shall be equivalent to three times the estimated monthly fuel tax,  
5 determined in such manner as the department may deem proper: PROVIDED,  
6 That those licensees having held a special fuel license for five or  
7 more years without having said license suspended or revoked by the  
8 department shall be permitted to reduce the amount of their bond to  
9 twice the estimated monthly tax liability: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the  
10 total amount of the bond or bonds shall never be less than five hundred  
11 dollars nor more than one hundred thousand dollars.

12 (11) An application for a dyed special fuel user license must be  
13 made to the department. The application must be filed upon a form  
14 prescribed by the department and contain such information as the  
15 department deems necessary.

16 (12) An application for an international fuel tax agreement license  
17 must be made to the department. The application must be filed upon a  
18 form prescribed by the department and contain such information as the  
19 department may require.

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