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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1577****AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance  
on February 12, 2003)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Parrish)

*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-2201, 58.1-2204, 58.1-2212, 58.1-2218, 58.1-2225, 58.1-2230, 58.1-2238, 58.1-2242, and 58.1-2259 of the Code of Virginia, and to repeal §§ 58.1-2221 and 58.1-2264 of the Code of Virginia, relating to fuels tax.***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That §§ 58.1-2201, 58.1-2204, 58.1-2212, 58.1-2218, 58.1-2225, 58.1-2230, 58.1-2238, 58.1-2242, and 58.1-2259 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-2201. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Alternative fuel" means a combustible gas, liquid or other energy source that can be used to generate power to operate a highway vehicle and that is not a motor fuel.

"Assessment" means a written determination by the Department of the amount of taxes owed by a taxpayer. Assessments made by the Department shall be deemed to be made when a written notice of assessment is delivered to the taxpayer by the Department or is mailed by certified or registered mail to the taxpayer at the last known address appearing in the Commissioner's files.

"Aviation consumer" means any person who uses in excess of 100,000 gallons of aviation jet fuel in any fiscal year and is licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-2204 et seq.) of this chapter.

"Aviation fuel" means aviation gasoline or aviation jet fuel.

"Aviation gasoline" means fuel designed for use in the operation of aircraft other than jet aircraft, and sold or used for that purpose.

"Aviation jet fuel" means fuel designed for use in the operation of jet or turbo-prop aircraft, and sold or used for that purpose.

"Blended fuel" means a mixture composed of gasoline or diesel fuel and another liquid, other than a de minimus amount of a product such as carburetor detergent or oxidation inhibitor, that can be used as a fuel in a highway vehicle.

"Blender" means a person who produces blended fuel outside the terminal transfer system.

"Bonded aviation jet fuel" means aviation jet fuel held in bonded storage under United States Customs Law and delivered into a fuel tank of aircraft operated by certificated air carriers on international flights.

"Bonded importer" means a person, other than a supplier, who imports, by transport truck or another means of transfer outside the terminal transfer system, motor fuel removed from a terminal located in another state in which (i) the state from which the fuel is imported does not require the seller of the fuel to collect motor fuel tax on the removal either at that state's rate or the rate of the destination state; (ii) the supplier of the fuel is not an elective supplier; or (iii) the supplier of the fuel is not a permissive supplier.

"Bulk plant" means a motor fuel storage and distribution facility that is not a terminal and from which motor fuel may be removed at a rack.

"Bulk user" means a person who maintains storage facilities for motor fuel and uses part or all of the stored fuel to operate a highway vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft.

"Bulk user of alternative fuel" means a person who maintains storage facilities for alternative fuel and uses part or all of the stored fuel to operate a highway vehicle.

"Commercial watercraft" means a watercraft employed in the business of commercial fishing, transporting persons or property for compensation or hire, or any other trade or business unless the watercraft is used in an activity of a type generally considered entertainment, amusement, or recreation.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"Corporate or partnership officer" means an officer or director of a corporation, partner of a partnership, or member of a limited liability company, who as such officer, director, partner or member is under a duty to perform on behalf of the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company the tax collection, accounting, or remitting obligations.

"Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles, acting directly or through its duly authorized officers and agents.

"Designated inspection site" means any state highway inspection station, weigh station, agricultural inspection station, mobile station, or other location designated by the Commissioner to be used as a fuel inspection site.

"Destination state" means the state, territory, or foreign country to which motor fuel is directed for

60 delivery into a storage facility, a receptacle, a container, or a type of transportation equipment for the  
61 purpose of resale or use. The term shall not include a tribal reservation of any recognized Native  
62 American tribe.

63 "Diesel fuel" means any liquid that is suitable for use as a fuel in a diesel-powered highway vehicle  
64 or watercraft. The term shall include undyed #1 fuel oil and undyed #2 fuel oil, but shall not include  
65 gasoline or aviation jet fuel.

66 "Distributor" means a person who acquires motor fuel from a supplier or from another distributor for  
67 subsequent sale.

68 "Dyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that meets the dyeing and marking requirements of 26 U.S.C.  
69 § 4082.

70 "Elective supplier" means a supplier who (i) is required to be licensed in the Commonwealth and (ii)  
71 elects to collect the tax due the Commonwealth on motor fuel that is removed at a terminal located in  
72 another state and has Virginia as its destination state.

73 "End seller" means the person who sells fuel to the ultimate user of the fuel.

74 "Export" means to obtain motor fuel in Virginia for sale or distribution in another state, territory, or  
75 foreign country. Motor fuel delivered out-of-state by or for the seller constitutes an export by the seller,  
76 and motor fuel delivered out-of-state by or for the purchaser constitutes an export by the purchaser.

77 "Exporter" means a person who obtains motor fuel in Virginia for sale or distribution in another  
78 state, territory, or foreign country.

79 "Fuel" includes motor fuel and alternative fuel.

80 "Fuel alcohol" means methanol or fuel grade ethanol.

81 "Fuel alcohol provider" means a person who (i) produces fuel alcohol or (ii) imports fuel alcohol  
82 outside the terminal transfer system by means of a marine vessel, a transport truck, or a railroad tank  
83 car.

84 "Gasohol" means a blended fuel composed of gasoline and fuel grade ethanol.

85 "Gasoline" means (i) all products that are commonly or commercially known or sold as gasoline and  
86 are suitable for use as a fuel in a highway vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft, other than products that have  
87 an American Society for Testing Materials octane number of less than seventy-five as determined by the  
88 motor method; (ii) a petroleum product component of gasoline, such as naptha, reformat, or toluene;  
89 (iii) gasohol; and (iv) fuel grade ethanol. The term does not include aviation gasoline sold for use in an  
90 aircraft engine.

91 "Governmental entity" means (i) the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof or (ii) the  
92 United States or its departments, agencies, and instrumentalities.

93 "Gross gallons" means an amount of motor fuel measured in gallons, exclusive of any temperature,  
94 pressure, or other adjustments.

95 "Heating oil" means any combustible liquid, including but not limited to dyed #1 fuel oil, dyed #2  
96 fuel oil, and kerosene, that is burned in a boiler, furnace, or stove for heating or for industrial  
97 processing purposes.

98 "Highway" means every way or place of whatever nature open to the use of the public for purposes  
99 of vehicular travel in the Commonwealth, including the streets and alleys in towns and cities.

100 "Highway vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle designed for use on a highway.

101 "Import" means to bring motor fuel into Virginia by any means of conveyance other than in the fuel  
102 supply tank of a highway vehicle. Motor fuel delivered into Virginia from out-of-state by or for the  
103 seller constitutes an import by the seller, and motor fuel delivered into Virginia from out-of-state by or  
104 for the purchaser constitutes an import by the purchaser.

105 "Importer" means a person who obtains motor fuel outside of Virginia and brings that motor fuel  
106 into Virginia by any means of conveyance other than in the fuel tank of a highway vehicle. For  
107 purposes of this chapter, a motor fuel transporter shall not be considered an importer.

108 "In-state-only supplier" means (i) a supplier who is required to have a license and who elects not to  
109 collect the tax due the Commonwealth on motor fuel that is removed by that supplier at a terminal  
110 located in another state and has Virginia as its destination state or (ii) a supplier who does business only  
111 in Virginia.

112 "Licensee" means any person licensed by the Commissioner pursuant to Article 2 (§ 58.1-2204 et  
113 seq.) of this chapter or § 58.1-2244.

114 "Liquid" means any substance that is liquid above its freezing point.

115 "Motor fuel" means gasoline, diesel fuel, blended fuel, and aviation fuel.

116 "Motor fuel transporter" means a person who transports motor fuel for hire by means of a tank  
117 wagon, transport truck, a railroad tank car, or a marine vessel.

118 "Net gallons" means the amount of motor fuel measured in gallons when adjusted to a temperature of  
119 sixty degrees Fahrenheit and a pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch.

120 "Occasional importer" means any person who (i) imports motor fuel by any means outside the  
121 terminal transfer system and (ii) is not required to be licensed as a bonded importer.

"Permissive supplier" means an out-of-state supplier who elects, but is not required, to have a supplier's license under this chapter.

"Person" means any individual; firm; cooperative; association; corporation; limited liability corporation; trust; business trust; syndicate; partnership; limited liability partnership; joint venture; receiver; trustee in bankruptcy; club, society or other group or combination acting as a unit; or public body, including but not limited to the Commonwealth, any other state, and any agency, department, institution, political subdivision or instrumentality of the Commonwealth or any other state.

"Position holder" means a person who holds an inventory position of motor fuel in a terminal, as reflected on the records of the terminal operator. A person holds an "inventory position of motor fuel" when he has a contract with the terminal operator for the use of storage facilities and terminaling services for fuel at the terminal. The term includes a terminal operator who owns fuel in the terminal.

"Principal" means (i) if a partnership, all its partners; (ii) if a corporation, all its officers, directors, and controlling direct or indirect owners; (iii) if a limited liability company, all its members; and (iv) or an individual.

"Provider of alternative fuel" means a person who (i) acquires alternative fuel for sale or delivery to a bulk user or a retailer; (ii) maintains storage facilities for alternative fuel, part or all of which the person sells to someone other than a bulk user or a retailer to operate a highway vehicle; (iii) sells alternative fuel and uses part of the fuel acquired for sale to operate a highway vehicle by means of a fuel supply line from the cargo tank of the vehicle to the engine of the vehicle; or (iv) imports alternative fuel into Virginia, by a means other than the usual tank or receptacle connected with the engine of a highway vehicle, for sale or use by that person to operate a highway vehicle.

"Rack" means a facility that contains a mechanism for delivering motor fuel from a refinery, terminal, or bulk plant into a transport truck, railroad tank car, or other means of transfer that is outside the terminal transfer system.

"Refiner" means any person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a refinery.

"Refinery" means a facility for the manufacture or reprocessing of finished or unfinished petroleum products usable as motor fuel and from which motor fuel may be removed by pipeline or marine vessel or at a rack.

"Removal" means a physical transfer other than by evaporation, loss, or destruction. A physical transfer to a transport truck or other means of conveyance outside the terminal transfer system is complete upon delivery into the means of conveyance.

"Retailer" means a person who (i) maintains storage facilities for motor fuel and (ii) sells the fuel at retail or dispenses the fuel at a retail location.

"Retailer of alternative fuel" means a person who (i) maintains storage facilities for alternative fuel and (ii) sells or dispenses the fuel at retail, to be used to generate power to operate a highway vehicle.

"Supplier" means (i) a position holder, (ii) a person who receives motor fuel pursuant to a two-party exchange, ~~or (iii) a fuel alcohol provider.~~ A licensed supplier includes a licensed elective supplier and licensed permissive supplier.

"System transfer" means a transfer (i) of motor fuel within the terminal transfer system or (ii) of fuel grade ethanol by transport truck or railroad tank car.

"Tank wagon" means a straight truck or straight truck/trailer combination designed or used to carry fuel and having a capacity of less than 6,000 gallons.

"Terminal" means a motor fuel storage and distribution facility (i) to which a terminal control number has been assigned by the Internal Revenue Service, (ii) to which motor fuel is supplied by pipeline or marine vessel, and (iii) from which motor fuel may be removed at a rack.

"Terminal operator" means a person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a terminal.

"Terminal transfer system" means a motor fuel distribution system consisting of refineries, pipelines, marine vessels, and terminals, and which is a "bulk transfer/terminal system" under 26 C.F.R. Part 48.4081-1.

"Transmix" means (i) the buffer or interface between two different products in a pipeline shipment or (ii) a mix of two different products within a refinery or terminal that results in an off-grade mixture.

"Transport truck" means a tractor truck/semitrailer combination designed or used to transport cargoes of motor fuel over a highway.

"Trustee" means a person who (i) is licensed as a supplier, an elective supplier, or a permissive supplier and receives tax payments from and on behalf of a licensed or unlicensed distributor, or other person pursuant to § 58.1-2231 or (ii) is licensed as a provider of alternative fuel and receives tax payments from and on behalf of a bulk user of alternative fuel, retailer of alternative fuel or other person pursuant to § 58.1-2252.

"Two-party exchange" means a transaction in which fuel is transferred from one licensed supplier to another licensed supplier pursuant to an exchange agreement, which transaction (i) includes a transfer from the person who holds the inventory position in taxable motor fuel in the terminal as reflected on

183 the records of the terminal operator and (ii) is completed prior to removal of the product from the  
184 terminal by the receiving exchange partner.

185 "Undyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that is not subject to the United States Environmental  
186 Protection Agency or Internal Revenue Service fuel-dyeing requirements.

187 "Use" means the actual consumption or receipt of motor fuel by any person into a highway vehicle,  
188 aircraft, or watercraft.

189 "Watercraft" means any vehicle used on waterways.

190 § 58.1-2204. Persons required to be licensed.

191 A. A person shall obtain a license issued by the Commissioner before conducting the activities of:

192 1. A refiner, who shall be licensed as a supplier;

193 2. A supplier;

194 3. A terminal operator;

195 4. An importer;

196 5. An exporter;

197 6. A blender;

198 7. A motor fuel transporter;

199 8. A bulk user of undyed diesel fuel;

200 9. A retailer of undyed diesel fuel;

201 10. An aviation consumer;

202 11. A bonded importer; ~~or~~

203 12. An elective supplier; *or*

204 13. A *fuel alcohol provider*.

205 B. A person who is engaged in more than one activity for which a license is required shall have a  
206 separate license for each activity, except as provided in subsection C.

207 C. 1. A person who is licensed as a supplier shall not be required to obtain a separate license for any  
208 other activity for which a license is required and shall be considered to have a license as a distributor.

209 2. A person who is licensed as an occasional importer shall not be required to obtain a license as a  
210 distributor.

211 3. A person who is licensed as a distributor shall not be required to obtain a separate license as an  
212 importer if the distributor acquires fuel for import only from an elective supplier or permissive supplier.  
213 Such licensed distributor shall not be required to obtain a separate license as an exporter.

214 4. A person who is licensed as a distributor or a blender shall not be required to obtain a separate  
215 license as a motor fuel transporter if he does not transport motor fuel for others for hire.

216 § 58.1-2212. Grounds for denial of license.

217 A. The Commissioner may refuse to issue a license under this article to an applicant if (i) the  
218 applicant or (ii) any principal of the applicant ~~that is a business entity~~ has:

219 1. Had a license or registration issued under prior law or this chapter canceled by the Commissioner  
220 for cause;

221 2. Had a motor fuel license or registration issued by another state canceled for cause;

222 3. Had a federal Certificate of Registry issued under § 4101 of the Internal Revenue Code, or a  
223 similar federal authorization, revoked;

224 4. Been convicted of any offense involving fraud or misrepresentation; or

225 5. Been convicted of any other offense that indicates that the applicant may not comply with this  
226 chapter if issued a license.

227 *B. For purposes of subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of subsection A, it shall be sufficient cause for the*  
228 *Commissioner to refuse to issue a license if the canceled or revoked license, registration or Certificate*  
229 *of Registry was held by a business entity of which the applicant, or any principal of the applicant, was*  
230 *a principal.*

231 § 58.1-2218. Point of imposition of motor fuels tax.

232 The tax levied pursuant to § 58.1-2217 is imposed at the point that the motor fuel is:

233 1. Removed from a refinery or a terminal and, upon removal, is subject to the federal excise tax  
234 imposed by 26 U.S.C. § 4081;

235 2. Imported by a system transfer to a refinery or a terminal and, upon importation, is subject to the  
236 federal excise tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. § 4081;

237 3. Imported by a means of transfer outside the terminal transfer system for sale, use, or storage in  
238 Virginia and would have been subject to the federal excise tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. § 4081 if it had  
239 been removed at a terminal or bulk plant rack in Virginia instead of being imported;

240 4. If the motor fuel is gasohol, (i) removed from a terminal or ~~another storage and~~ distribution  
241 facility, unless the removed fuel is received by a supplier for subsequent sale or (ii) imported into  
242 Virginia outside the terminal transfer system by a means other than a marine vessel, a transport truck, or  
243 a railroad tank car;

244 5. If the motor fuel is blended fuel, made within Virginia or imported into Virginia; or

6. Transferred within the terminal transfer system and, upon transfer, is subject to the federal excise tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. § 4081.

§ 58.1-2225. Backup tax; liability.

A. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate specified in § 58.1-2217 on the following:

1. Dyed diesel fuel that is used to operate a highway vehicle for a taxable use other than a use allowed under 26 U.S.C. § 4082;

2. Motor fuel that was allowed an exemption from the motor fuel tax and was then used for a taxable purpose; and

3. Motor fuel that is used to operate a highway vehicle after an application for a refund of tax paid on the motor fuel is made or allowed on the basis that the motor fuel was used for an off-highway purpose.

B. The operator of a highway vehicle that uses motor fuel that is taxable under this section is liable for the tax. If the highway vehicle that uses the fuel is owned by or leased to a motor carrier, the operator of the highway vehicle and the motor carrier shall be jointly and severally liable for the tax. If the end seller of motor fuel taxable under this section knew or had reason to know that the motor fuel would be used for a purpose that is taxable under this section, the operator of the highway vehicle and the end seller shall be jointly and severally liable for the tax.

C. The tax liability imposed by this section shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter.

*D. Persons diverting motor fuel into Virginia that had an original destination outside of Virginia shall incur liability for the tax levied for such motor fuel, as specified in § 58.1-2217, and shall be subject to the reporting and payment requirements set forth in subsection E of § 58.1-2230.*

§ 58.1-2230. When tax return and payment are due.

A. A return for the tax on motor fuel *and gasoline* levied by this chapter shall be filed with the Commissioner and be in the form and contain the information required by the Commissioner. The return and the payment for the tax on motor fuel levied by this chapter shall be due for each full month in a calendar year. Any return and payment required under this section shall be deemed timely filed if received by the Commissioner by midnight of the twentieth day of the second month succeeding the month for which the return and payment are due. Each return shall report tax liabilities that accrue in the month for which the return is due.

B. Returns and payments shall be (i) postmarked on or before the fifteenth day of the second month succeeding the month for which the return and payment are due or (ii) received by the Department by the twentieth day of the second month succeeding the month for which the return and payment are due. However, a monthly return of the tax for the month of May shall be (i) postmarked by June 25 or (ii) received by the Commissioner by the last business day the Department is open for business in June.

If a tax return and payment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a state or banking holiday, the return shall be postmarked on or before the fifteenth day of the second month succeeding the month for which the return and payment are due or received by the Department by midnight of the next business day the Department is open for business. This provision shall not apply to a return of the tax for the month of May.

A return and payment shall be deemed postmarked if it carries the official cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or other postal or delivery services.

C. The following shall file a monthly return as required by this section:

1. A refiner;

2. A terminal operator;

3. A supplier;

4. A distributor;

5. An importer to include a bonded importer;

6. A blender;

7. An aviation consumer;

8. ~~A person incurring liability under § 58.1-2225 for the backup tax on motor fuel; and~~

9. ~~An elective supplier; and~~

9. *A fuel alcohol provider.*

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Commissioner may require all or certain licensees to file tax returns and payments electronically.

*E. Persons incurring liability under § 58.1-2225 for the backup tax on motor fuel shall file a return together with a payment of tax due within thirty calendar days of incurring such liability.*

§ 58.1-2238. Returns and discounts of importers.

A. A monthly return of a bonded importer or an occasional importer shall contain the following information concerning motor fuel imported during the period covered by the return and any other information required by the Commissioner:

306 1. The number of gallons of imported motor fuel acquired from a supplier who collected the tax due  
307 the Commonwealth on the fuel;

308 2. The number of gallons of imported motor fuel acquired from a supplier who did not collect the  
309 tax due the Commonwealth on the fuel, listed by source state, supplier, and terminal;

310 3- The import confirmation number, as required under § 58.1-2264 of this chapter, of each import  
311 that is reported under subdivision 2 and was removed from a terminal; and

312 4.3. If he is an occasional importer, the number of gallons of imported motor fuel acquired from a  
313 bulk plant, listed by bulk plant.

314 B. An importer shall not deduct an administrative discount under subsection C of § 58.1-2233 from  
315 the amount remitted with a return. An importer who imports motor fuel received from an elective  
316 supplier or a permissive supplier may deduct the percentage discount allowed by subsection C of  
317 § 58.1-2233 when remitting tax to the supplier, as trustee, for payment to the Commonwealth. An  
318 importer who imports motor fuel received from a supplier who is not an elective supplier or a  
319 permissive supplier shall not deduct the percentage discount allowed by subsection C of § 58.1-2233  
320 when filing a return for the tax due.

321 § 58.1-2242. Return of distributors and certain other licensees; exports.

322 A. A distributor ~~who~~ *or any other licensee required to make monthly reports who* exports motor fuel  
323 from a bulk plant located in Virginia shall file a monthly return with the Commissioner identifying the  
324 exports. The return is due by the twentieth day of the second month following the month covered by the  
325 return. The return shall serve as a claim for a refund by the distributor *or such other licensee* for tax  
326 paid to the Commonwealth on the exported motor fuel.

327 B. The return shall contain the following information and any other information required by the  
328 Commissioner:

329 1. The number of gallons of motor fuel exported during the month;

330 2. The destination state of the motor fuel exported during the month; and

331 3. A certification that the distributor *or such other licensee* has paid to the destination state of the  
332 motor fuel exported during the month, or will timely pay, the amount of tax due that state on the fuel.

333 § 58.1-2259. Fuel uses eligible for refund.

334 A. A refund *of the tax paid for the purchase of fuel in quantities of five gallons or more at any time*  
335 shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of § 58.1-2261 to any person who establishes to the  
336 satisfaction of the Commissioner that such person has paid the tax levied pursuant to this chapter upon  
337 any fuel:

338 1. Sold and delivered to a governmental entity for its exclusive use;

339 2. Used by a governmental entity, provided persons operating under contract with a governmental  
340 entity shall not be eligible for such refund;

341 3. Sold and delivered to an organization described in subdivision 2 of § 58.1-2226 or subdivision 2  
342 of § 58.1-2250 for its exclusive use in the operation of an aircraft;

343 4. Used by an organization described in subdivision 2 of § 58.1-2226 or subdivision 2 of § 58.1-2250  
344 for its exclusive use in the operation of an aircraft, provided persons operating under contract with such  
345 an organization shall not be eligible for such refund;

346 5. Purchased by a licensed exporter and subsequently transported and delivered by such licensed  
347 exporter to another state for sales or use outside the boundaries of the Commonwealth if the tax  
348 applicable in the destination state has been paid, provided a refund shall not be granted pursuant to this  
349 section on any fuel which is transported and delivered outside of the Commonwealth in the fuel supply  
350 tank of a highway vehicle or an aircraft;

351 6. Used by any person performing transportation under contract or lease with any transportation  
352 district for use in a highway vehicle controlled by a transportation district created under the  
353 Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 15.2-4500 et seq.) and used in providing transit service by the  
354 transportation district by contract or lease, provided the refund shall be paid to the person performing  
355 such transportation;

356 7. Used by any private, nonprofit agency on aging, designated by the Department for the Aging,  
357 providing transportation services to citizens in highway vehicles owned, operated or under contract with  
358 such agency;

359 8. Used in operating or propelling highway vehicles owned by a nonprofit organization that provides  
360 specialized transportation to various locations for elderly or disabled individuals to secure essential  
361 services and to participate in community life according to the individual's interest and abilities;

362 9. Used in operating or propelling buses owned and operated by a county or the school board thereof  
363 while being used to transport children to and from public school or from school to and from educational  
364 or athletic activities;

365 10. Used by buses owned or solely used by a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian school while being  
366 used to transport children to and from such school or from such school to and from educational or  
367 athletic activities;

11. Used by any county or city school board or any private, nonprofit, nonsectarian school contracting with a private carrier to transport children to and from public schools or any private, nonprofit, nonsectarian school, provided the tax shall be refunded to the private carrier performing such transportation;

12. Used in operating or propelling the equipment of volunteer firefighting companies and of volunteer rescue squads within this Commonwealth used actually and necessarily for firefighting and rescue purposes;

13. Used in operating or propelling motor equipment belonging to counties, cities and towns, if actually used in public activities;

14. Used for a purpose other than in operating or propelling highway vehicles, watercraft or aircraft;

15. Used off-highway in self-propelled equipment manufactured for a specific off-road purpose, which is used on a job site and the movement of which on any highway is incidental to the purpose for which it was designed and manufactured;

16. Proven to be lost by accident, including the accidental mixing of (i) dyed diesel fuel with tax-paid motor fuel, (ii) gasoline with diesel fuel, or (iii) undyed diesel fuel with dyed kerosene, but excluding fuel lost through personal negligence or theft;

17. Used in operating or propelling vehicles used solely for racing other vehicles on a racetrack;

18. Used in operating or propelling unlicensed highway vehicles and other unlicensed equipment used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes on lands owned or leased by the owner or lessee of such vehicles and not operated on or over any highway for any purpose other than to move it in the manner and for the purpose mentioned. The amount of refund shall be equal to the amount of the taxes paid less one-half cent per gallon on such fuel so used which shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state treasury to the credit of the Virginia Agricultural Foundation Fund;

19. Used in operating or propelling commercial watercraft. The amount of refund shall be equal to the amount of the taxes paid less one and one-half cents per gallon on such fuel so used which shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state treasury to be credited as provided in subsection D of § 58.1-2289. If any applicant so requests, the Commissioner shall pay into the state treasury, to the credit of the Game Protection Fund, the entire tax paid by such applicant for the purposes specified in subsection D of § 58.1-2289. If any applicant who is an operator of commercial watercraft so requests, the Commissioner shall pay into the state treasury, to the credit of the Marine Fishing Improvement Fund, the entire tax paid by such applicant for the purposes specified in § 28.2-208;

20. Used in operating stationary engines, or pumping or mixing equipment on a highway vehicle if the fuel used to operate such equipment is stored in an auxiliary tank separate from the fuel tank used to propel the highway vehicle, and the highway vehicle is mechanically incapable of self-propulsion while fuel is being used from the auxiliary tank; or

21. Used in operating or propelling recreational and pleasure watercraft.

B. Any person purchasing fuel for consumption in a solid waste compacting or ready-mix concrete highway vehicle, or a bulk feed delivery truck, where the vehicle's equipment is mechanically or hydraulically driven by an internal combustion engine that propels the vehicle, is entitled to a refund in an amount equal to thirty-five percent of the tax paid on such fuel. For purposes of this section, a "bulk feed delivery truck" means bulk animal feed delivery trucks utilizing power take-off (PTO) driven auger or air feed discharge systems for off-road deliveries of animal feed.

C. Any person purchasing any fuel on which tax imposed pursuant to this chapter has been paid may apply for a refund of the tax if such fuel was consumed by a highway vehicle used in operating an urban or suburban bus line or a taxicab service. This refund also applies to a common carrier of passengers which has been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to §§ 46.2-2005 and 58.1-2204 providing regular route service over the highways of the Commonwealth. No refund shall be granted unless the majority of the passengers using such bus line, taxicab service or common carrier of passengers do so for travel of a distance of not more than forty miles, one way, in a single day between their place of abode and their place of employment, shopping areas or schools.

If the applicant for a refund is a taxicab service, he shall hold a valid permit from the Department to engage in the business of a taxicab service. No applicant shall be denied a refund by reason of the fee arrangement between the holder of the permit and the driver or drivers, if all other conditions of this section have been met.

Under no circumstances shall a refund be granted more than once for the same fuel. The amount of refund under this subsection shall be equal to the amount of the taxes paid, except refunds granted on the tax paid on fuel used by a taxicab service shall be in an amount equal to the tax paid less one cent per gallon on the fuel used.

Any refunds made under this subsection shall be deducted from the urban highway funds allocated to the highway construction district, pursuant to Article 1.1 (§ 33.1-23.01 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1, in which the recipient has its principal place of business.

429 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all provisions of law applicable to the refund of fuel  
430 taxes by the Commissioner generally shall apply to the refunds authorized by this subsection. Any  
431 county having withdrawn its roads from the secondary system of state highways under provisions of  
432 § 11 Chapter 415 of the Acts of 1932 shall receive its proportionate share of such special funds as is  
433 now provided by law with respect to other fuel tax receipts.

434 *D. Refunds resulting from any fuel shipments diverted from Virginia shall be based on the amount of*  
435 *tax paid for the fuel less discounts allowed by § 58.1-2233.*

436 *E. Any person who is required to be licensed under this chapter and is applying for a refund shall*  
437 *not be eligible for such refund if the applicant was not licensed at the time the refundable transaction*  
438 *was conducted.*

439 **2. That §§ 58.1-2221 and 58.1-2264 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.**