House Bill 3167

Sponsored by Representative NELSON (at the request of Mike Morris)

SUMMARY

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Allows person to claim refund on tax for motor vehicle fuel in vehicle equipped with power take-off unit without having to use metering device.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to motor vehicle fuel tax; amending ORS 319.280.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 319.280 is amended to read:

319.280. (1) Any person who has paid any tax on motor vehicle fuel levied or directed to be paid by ORS 319.010 to 319.430 either directly by the collection of the tax by the vendor from the consumer, or indirectly by adding the amount of the tax to the price of the fuel and paid by the consumer, shall be reimbursed and repaid the amount of such tax paid, except as provided in ORS 319.290 to 319.330, if such person has:

- (a) Purchased and used such fuel for the purpose of operating or propelling a stationary gas engine, a tractor or a motor boat, if the motor boat is used for commercial purposes at any time during the period for which the refund is claimed;
- (b) Purchased and used such fuel for cleaning or dyeing or other commercial use, except when used in motor vehicles operated upon any highway;
- (c) Purchased and exported such fuel from this state, in containers other than fuel supply tanks of motor vehicles, provided that the person:
- (A) Exports the motor vehicle fuel from this state to another state, territory or country, not including a federally recognized Indian reservation located wholly or partially within the borders of this state, where the motor vehicle fuel is unloaded; and
- (B) Has a valid motor vehicle fuel dealer's license or its equivalent issued by the state, territory or country to which the fuel is exported and where it is unloaded;
- (d) Purchased and exported such fuel in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle and has used such fuel to operate the vehicle upon the highways of another state, if the user has paid to the other state a similar motor vehicle fuel tax on the same fuel, or has paid any other highway use tax the rate for which is increased because such fuel was not purchased in, and the tax thereon paid, to such state; or
- (e) Purchased and used such fuel for small engines that are not used to propel motor vehicles on highways, including but not limited to those that power lawn mowers, leaf blowers, chain saws and similar implements.
- (2) When a motor vehicle with auxiliary equipment uses fuel and there is no auxiliary motor for such equipment or separate tank for such a motor, a refund may be claimed and allowed as provided

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- by subsection (4) of this section, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, without the necessity of furnishing proof of the amount of fuel used in the operation of the auxiliary equipment. The person claiming the refund may present to the Department of Transportation a statement of the claim and be allowed a refund as follows:
- (a) For fuel used in pumping aircraft fuel, motor vehicle fuel, fuel or heating oils or other petroleum products by a power take-off unit on a delivery truck, refund shall be allowed claimant for tax paid on fuel purchased at the rate of three-fourths of one gallon for each 1,000 gallons of petroleum products delivered.
- (b) For fuel used in operating a power take-off unit on a cement mixer truck or on a garbage truck, claimant shall be allowed a refund of 25 percent of the tax paid on all fuel used in such a truck.
- (3) When a person purchases and uses motor vehicle fuel in a vehicle equipped with a power take-off unit, a refund may be claimed for fuel used to operate the power take-off unit. [provided the vehicle is equipped with a metering device approved by the department and designed to operate only while the vehicle is stationary and the parking brake is engaged; the quantity of fuel measured by the metering device shall be presumed to be the quantity of fuel consumed by the operation of the power take-off unit.]
- (4) Before any such refund may be granted, the person claiming such refund must present to the department a statement, accompanied by the original invoices, or reasonable facsimiles approved by the department, showing such purchases; provided that in lieu of original invoices or facsimiles, refunds submitted under subsection (1)(d) of this section shall be accompanied by information showing source of the fuel used and evidence of payment of tax to the state in which the fuel was used. The statement shall be made over the signature of the claimant, and shall state the total amount of such fuel for which the claimant is entitled to be reimbursed under subsection (1) of this section. The department upon the presentation of the statement and invoices or facsimiles, or other required documents, shall cause to be repaid to the claimant from the taxes collected on motor vehicle fuel such taxes so paid by the claimant.
