

1 **FUEL TAX CREDIT**

2 2003 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins**

5 **This act modifies the Revenue and Taxation Code by providing a motor fuel or special**  
6 **fuel retailer, wholesaler, or licensed distributor a tax refund for the portion of an account**  
7 **involving the sale of 4,500 or more gallons of motor fuel that has been discharged in a**  
8 **bankruptcy proceeding. This act provides that the claimant has the burden of proof of**  
9 **establishing a refund claim and provides the evidence that is necessary to receive a**  
10 **refund. This act gives the State Tax Commission rulemaking authority to make rules for**  
11 **allocation of the § [refund] DISCHARGE § to maximize the claimant's refund amount. This act**  
11a **takes effect**

12 **July 1, 2003.**

13 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

14 AMENDS:

15 **59-13-202.5**, as last amended by Chapter 9, Laws of Utah 2001

16 **59-13-322**, as last amended by Chapter 9, Laws of Utah 2001

17 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

18 Section 1. Section **59-13-202.5** is amended to read:

19 **59-13-202.5. Refunds of tax due to fire, flood, storm, accident, crime, or discharge**  
20 **in bankruptcy -- Filing claims and affidavits -- Commission approval -- Rulemaking --**  
21 **Appeals -- Penalties.**

22 (1) (a) A retailer, wholesaler, or licensed distributor, who without fault, sustains a loss  
23 or destruction of 8,000 or more gallons of motor fuel in a single incident due to fire, flood,  
24 storm, accident, or the commission of a crime and who has paid or is required to pay the tax on  
25 the motor fuel as provided by this part, is entitled to a refund or credit of the tax subject to the  
26 conditions and limitations provided under this section.

27 [~~(2)~~ (a)] (b) The claimant shall file a claim for a refund or credit with the commission



28 within 90 days of the incident.

29 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Any part of a loss or destruction eligible for indemnification under an  
30 insurance policy for the taxes paid or required on the loss or destruction of motor fuel is not  
31 eligible for a refund or credit under this section.

32 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Any claimant filing a claim for a refund or credit shall furnish any or all of the  
33 information outlined in this section upon request of the commission.

34 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The burden of proof of loss or destruction is on the claimant who shall provide  
35 evidence of loss or destruction to the satisfaction of the commission.

36 ~~[(3)-(a)]~~ (f) (i) The claim shall include an affidavit containing the:

37 ~~[(i)]~~ (A) name of claimant;

38 ~~[(ii)]~~ (B) claimant's address;

39 ~~[(iii)]~~ (C) date, time, and location of the incident;

40 ~~[(iv)]~~ (D) cause of the incident;

41 ~~[(v)]~~ (E) name of the investigating agencies at the scene;

42 ~~[(vi)]~~ (F) number of gallons actually lost from sale; and

43 ~~[(vii)]~~ (G) information on any insurance coverages related to the incident.

44 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) The claimant shall support the claim by submitting the original invoices or  
45 copy of the original invoices.

46 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) This original claim and all information contained in it constitutes a permanent  
47 file with the commission in the name of the claimant.

48 (2) (a) A retailer, wholesaler, or licensed distributor who has paid the tax on motor fuel  
49 as provided by this part is entitled to a refund for taxes paid on that portion of an account that:

50 (i) relates to 4,500 or more gallons of motor fuel purchased in a single transaction for  
51 which no payment has been received; and

52 (ii) has been discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding.

53 (b) The claimant shall file a claim for refund with the commission within 90 days from  
54 § ~~[receipt of the notice of]~~ THE DATE OF THE § discharge.

55 (c) Any claimant filing a claim for a refund shall furnish any or all of the information  
56 outlined in this section upon request of the commission.

57 (d) The burden of proof of discharge is on the claimant who shall provide evidence of  
58 discharge to the satisfaction of the commission.

59 (e) The claim shall include an affidavit containing the following:

60 (i) the name of the claimant;

61 (ii) the claimant's address;

62 (iii) the name of the debtor that received a discharge in bankruptcy; and

63 (iv) the portion of the account that is subject to an order granting a discharge.

64 (f) The claimant shall support the claim by submitting:

65 (i) the original invoices or a copy of the original invoices; and

66 (ii) a certified copy of the notice of discharge.

67 (g) This original claim and all information contained in it constitutes a permanent file  
68 with the commission in the name of the claimant.

69 (h) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
70 commission shall promulgate rules for the allocation of § ~~[a-refund]~~ THE DISCHARGE § under this  
70a Subsection (2) to  
71 maximize the claimant's refund amount.

72 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) Upon commission approval of the claim for a refund, the commission shall  
73 pay the amount found due to the claimant. The total amount of claims for refunds shall be paid  
74 from the Transportation Fund.

75 ~~[(5)]~~ (4) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking  
76 Act, the commission may promulgate rules to enforce this part, and may refuse to accept  
77 unsubstantiated evidence for the claim. If the commission is not satisfied with the evidence  
78 submitted in connection with the claim, it may reject the claim or require additional evidence.

79 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the commission with respect to a  
80 refund or credit may file a request for agency action, requesting a hearing before the  
81 commission.

82 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) Any person who makes any false claim, report, or statement, either as  
83 claimant, agent, or creditor, with intent to defraud or secure a refund or credit to which the  
84 claimant is not entitled, is subject to the criminal penalties provided under Section 59-1-401,  
85 and the commission shall initiate the filing of a complaint for alleged violations of this part. In  
86 addition to these penalties, the person may not receive any refund or credit as a claimant or as a  
87 creditor of a claimant for refund or credit for a period of five years.

88 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) Any refund or credit made under this section does not affect any deduction  
89 allowed under Section 59-13-207.

90 Section 2. Section **59-13-322** is amended to read:

91 **59-13-322. Refunds of tax due to fire, flood, storm, accident, crime, or discharge**  
92 **in bankruptcy -- Filing claims and affidavits -- Commission approval -- Rulemaking --**  
93 **Appeals -- Penalties.**

94 (1) (a) A retailer, wholesaler, or licensed supplier, who without fault, sustains a loss or  
95 destruction of 7,000 or more gallons of diesel fuel in a single incident due to fire, flood, storm,  
96 accident, or the commission of a crime and who has paid or is required to pay the tax on the  
97 special fuel as provided by this part, is entitled to a refund or credit of the tax subject to the  
98 conditions and limitations provided under this section.

99 ~~[(2)(a)]~~ (b) The claimant shall file a claim for a refund or credit with the commission  
100 within 90 days of the incident.

101 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Any part of a loss or destruction eligible for indemnification under an  
102 insurance policy for the taxes paid or required on the loss or destruction of special fuel is not  
103 eligible for a refund or credit under this section.

104 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) Any claimant filing a claim for a refund or credit shall furnish any or all of the  
105 information outlined in this section upon request of the commission.

106 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The burden of proof of loss or destruction is on the claimant who shall provide  
107 evidence of loss or destruction to the satisfaction of the commission.

108 ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (f)(i) The claim shall include an affidavit containing the:

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111 ~~[(iii)]~~ (C) date, time, and location of the incident;

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120 (2) (a) A retailer, wholesaler, or licensed distributor who has paid the tax on special

121 fuel as provided by this part is entitled to a refund for taxes paid on that portion of an account  
 122 that:

123 (i) relates to 4,500 or more gallons of special fuel purchased in a single transaction for  
 124 which no payment has been received; and

125 (ii) has been discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding.

126 (b) The claimant shall file a claim for refund with the commission within 90 days from  
 127 § [receipt of the notice of] THE DATE OF THE § discharge.

128 (c) Any claimant filing a claim for a refund shall furnish any or all of the information  
 129 outlined in this section upon request of the commission.

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 131 discharge to the satisfaction of the commission.

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142 (h) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
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 144 maximize the claimant's refund amount.

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 146 pay the amount found due to the claimant. The total amount of claims for refunds shall be paid  
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 149 Act, the commission may promulgate rules to enforce this part, and may refuse to accept  
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156 claimant, agent, or creditor, with intent to defraud or secure a refund or credit to which the  
157 claimant is not entitled, is subject to the criminal penalties provided under Section 59-1-401,  
158 and the commission shall initiate the filing of a complaint for alleged violations of this part. In  
159 addition to these penalties, the person may not receive any refund or credit as a claimant or as a  
160 creditor of a claimant for refund or credit for a period of five years.

161            Section 3. **Effective date.**

162            This act takes effect on July 1, 2003.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
as of **2-14-03 10:03 AM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**State Impact**

Passage of this bill could result in a loss of Transportation Fund of approximately \$100,000 annually.

	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 05 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 05 Revenue</u>
Transportation Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

Eligible individuals could receive motor fuel tax refunds.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**