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1	<b>AVIATION FUEL TAX AMENDMENTS</b>
2	1999 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard
5	AN ACT RELATING TO THE MOTOR AND SPECIAL FUEL TAX ACT; INCREASING THE
6	AVIATION FUEL TAX; CHANGING THE ALLOCATION OF AVIATION FUEL TAX
7	REVENUE; DEFINING AVIATION FUEL DISTRIBUTOR AND FEDERALLY
8	CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER; MODIFYING BONDING REQUIREMENTS FOR
9	AVIATION FUEL DISTRIBUTORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
10	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
11	AMENDS:
12	59-13-102, as last amended by Chapter 271, Laws of Utah 1997
13	59-13-401, as enacted by Chapter 6, Laws of Utah 1987
14	59-13-402, as enacted by Chapters 6 and 187, Laws of Utah 1987
15	59-13-403, as last amended by Chapter 145, Laws of Utah 1989
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
17	Section 1. Section <b>59-13-102</b> is amended to read:
18	59-13-102. Definitions.
19	As used in this chapter:
20	(1) "Aviation fuel" means fuel that is sold at airports and used exclusively for the operation
21	of aircraft.
22	(2) "Clean fuel" means:
23	(a) the following special fuels:
24	(i) propane;
25	(ii) compressed natural gas; or
26	(iii) electricity; or
27	(b) any motor or special fuel that meets the clean fuel vehicle standards in the federal clean

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28 Air Act Amendments of 1990, Title II. 29 (3) "Commission" means the State Tax Commission. 30 (4) (a) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid that is commonly or commercially known, offered 31 for sale, or used as a fuel in diesel engines. 32 (b) "Diesel fuel" includes any combustible liquid, by whatever name the liquid may be 33 known or sold, when the liquid is used in an internal combustion engine for the generation of 34 power to operate a motor vehicle licensed to operate on the highway, except fuel that is subject to 35 the tax imposed in Part 2, Motor Fuel, and Part 4, Aviation Fuel, of this chapter. 36 (5) "Distributor" means any person in this state who: 37 (a) imports or causes to be imported motor fuel for use, distribution, or sale, whether at retail or wholesale; 38 39 (b) produces, refines, manufactures, or compounds motor fuel in this state for use, 40 distribution, or sale in this state: [or] 41 (c) is engaged in the business of purchasing motor fuel for resale in wholesale quantities 42 to retail dealers of motor fuel and who accounts for his own motor fuel tax liability[-]; or 43 (d) for purposes of Part 4, Aviation Fuel, only, makes retail sales of aviation fuel to: 44 (i) federally certificated air carriers; and 45 (ii) other persons. 46 (6) "Dyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that is dyed in accordance with 26 U.S.C. Sec. 47 4082 or United States Environmental Protection Agency or Internal Revenue Service regulations 48 and that is considered destined for nontaxable off-highway use. 49 (7) "Exchange agreement" means an agreement between licensed suppliers where one is 50 a position holder in a terminal who agrees to deliver taxable special fuel to the other supplier or 51 the other supplier's customer at the loading rack of the terminal where the delivering supplier holds 52 an inventory position. 53 (8) "Federally certificated air carrier" means a person who holds a certificate issued by the 54 Federal Aviation Administration authorizing the person to conduct an all-cargo operation or 55 scheduled operation, as defined in 14 C.F.R. Sec. 119.3. 56 [(8)] (9) "Fuels" means any gas, liquid, solid, mixture, or other energy source which is 57 generally used in an engine or motor for the generation of power, including aviation fuel, clean 58 fuel, diesel fuel, motor fuel, and special fuel.

59 [(9)] (10) "Highway" means every way or place, of whatever nature, generally open to the 60 use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel notwithstanding that the way or place may be 61 temporarily closed for the purpose of construction, maintenance, or repair.

62 [(10)] (11) "Motor fuel" means fuel that is commonly or commercially known or sold as
63 gasoline or gasohol and is used for any purpose, but does not include aviation fuel.

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[(11)] (12) "Motor fuels received" means:

(a) motor fuels that have been loaded at the refinery or other place into tank cars, placed
in any tank at the refinery from which any withdrawals are made directly into tank trucks, tank
wagons, or other types of transportation equipment, containers, or facilities other than tank cars,
or placed in any tank at the refinery from which any sales, uses, or deliveries not involving

69 transportation are made directly; or

(b) motor fuels that have been imported by any person into the state from any other state
or territory by tank car, tank truck, pipeline, or any other conveyance at the time when, and the
place where, the interstate transportation of the motor fuel is completed within the state by the
person who at the time of the delivery is the owner of the motor fuel.

[(12)] (13) (a) "Qualified motor vehicle" means a special fuel-powered motor vehicle used,
 designed, or maintained for transportation of persons or property which:

76 (i) has a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds;

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(ii) has three or more axles regardless of weight; or

(iii) is used in a combination of vehicles when the weight of the combination of vehicles
exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

80 (b) "Qualified motor vehicle" does not include a recreational vehicle not used in81 connection with any business activity.

82 [(13)] (14) "Rack," as used in Part 3, means a deck, platform, or open bay which consists
83 of a series of metered pipes and hoses for the delivery or removal of diesel fuel from a refinery or
84 terminal into a motor vehicle, rail car, or vessel.

[(14)] (15) "Removal," as used in Part 3, means the physical transfer of diesel fuel from
a production, manufacturing, terminal, or refinery facility and includes use of diesel fuel. Removal
does not include:

- 88 (a) loss by evaporation or destruction; or
  - (b) transfers between refineries, racks, or terminals.

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[(15)] (16) (a) "Special fuel" means any fuel regardless of name or character that: 90 91 (i) is usable as fuel to operate or propel a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the 92 state; and 93 (ii) is not taxed under the category of aviation or motor fuel. 94 (b) Special fuel includes [those]: 95 (i) fuels that are not conveniently measurable on a gallonage basis[-]; and 96 [(b)] (ii) ["Special fuel" includes] diesel fuel. 97 [(16)] (17) "Supplier," as used in Part 3, means a person who: 98 (a) imports or acquires immediately upon importation into this state diesel fuel from within 99 or without a state, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia; 100 (b) produces, manufactures, refines, or blends diesel fuel in this state; 101 (c) otherwise acquires for distribution or sale in this state, diesel fuel with respect to which there has been no previous taxable sale or use; or 102 103 (d) is in a two party exchange where the receiving party is deemed to be the supplier. 104 [(17)] (18) "Terminal," as used in Part 3, means a facility for the storage of diesel fuel 105 which is supplied by a motor vehicle, pipeline, or vessel and from which diesel fuel is removed for distribution at a rack. 106 107 [(18)] (19) "Two party exchange" means a transaction in which special fuel is transferred 108 between licensed suppliers pursuant to an exchange agreement. 109 [(19)] (20) "Undyed diesel fuel" means diesel fuel that is not subject to the dyeing 110 requirements in accordance with 26 U.S.C. Sec. 4082 or United States Environmental Protection 111 Agency or Internal Revenue Service regulations. 112 [(20)] (21) "Use," as used in Part 3, means the consumption of special fuel for the 113 operation or propulsion of a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state and includes the 114 reception of special fuel into the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle. 115 [(21)] (22) "User," as used in Part 3, means any person who uses special fuel within this 116 state in an engine or motor for the generation of power to operate or propel a motor vehicle upon 117 the public highways of the state. 118 Section 2. Section 59-13-401 is amended to read: 119 59-13-401. Aviation fuel tax -- Rates. 120 [A] (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a tax is imposed at the rate of [four] eight

121	cents per gallon upon all aviation fuel.
122	(2) A tax is imposed at the rate of five cents per gallon upon aviation fuel purchased by
123	a federally certificated air carrier.
124	Section 3. Section <b>59-13-402</b> is amended to read:
125	59-13-402. Revenue from taxes deposited with treasurer Credit to Aeronautics
126	Restricted Account Purposes for which funds may be used Allocation of funds Reports
127	Returns required.
128	(1) (a) All revenue received by the commission under this part shall be deposited daily
129	with the state treasurer who shall credit all of the revenue collected to the Transportation Fund.
130	(b) An appropriation from the Transportation Fund shall be made to the commission to
131	cover expenses incurred in the administration and enforcement of this part and the collection of
132	the aviation fuel tax.
133	(c) Refunds to which taxpayers are entitled under this part shall be paid from the
134	Transportation Fund.
135	(2) The state treasurer shall place an amount equal to the total amount received from the
136	sale or use of aviation fuel in the Transportation Fund's Restricted Revenue Account for
137	aeronautical operations of the Department of Transportation for:
138	(a) the construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of publicly used airports
139	in this state;
140	(b) the promotion of aeronautics in this state; and
141	(c) the payment of the costs and expenses of the Department of Transportation in
142	administering this part or other law conferring upon it the duty of regulating and supervising
143	aeronautics in this state.
144	(3) (a) [Seventy-five percent of the] Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), aviation fuel
145	tax collected on fuel sold at each airport shall be [paid to that airport for its use under Subsection
146	(2). All amounts collected on fuel sold at airports owned and operated by cities of the first class
147	shall be paid to the city treasurer on the first day of each month and used for airport use at the
148	discretion of the governing authority of the city. (4) The remaining 25% shall be expended as the
149	aeronautical operations of the Department of Transportation may determine under Subsection (2).]
150	allocated to the airport and to aeronautical operations of the Department of Transportation as
151	follows:

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152		Allocation to	Allocation to
153		<u>Airport</u>	Aeronautical
154			<b>Operations</b>
155	From \$.05/gal. tax on aviation fuel purchased by		
156	federally certificated air carriers	<u>40%</u>	<u>60%</u>
157	From \$.08/gal. tax on aviation fuel purchased by		
158	persons other than federally certificated air carriers	<u>25%</u>	<u>75%</u>
159	(b) (i) If the governing authority of any publicly	used airport before July	1, 1999, took
160	official action to pledge aviation fuel taxes to the payment of bonds or to secure the payment of		
161	bonds, aviation fuel tax collected from fuel sold at the airport shall be allocated to the airport and		
162	to aeronautical operations of the Department of Transpo	ortation as follows:	
163		Allocation to	Allocation to
164		<u>Airport</u>	Aeronautical
165			<b>Operations</b>
166	From \$.05/gal. tax on aviation fuel purchased by		
167	federally certificated air carriers	<u>60%</u>	<u>40%</u>
168	From \$.08/gal. tax on aviation fuel purchased by		
169	persons other than federally certificated air carriers	<u>37.5%</u>	<u>62.5%</u>
170	(ii) The allocation provided in Subsection (3)(b)	(i) shall continue until th	e debt service on
171	the bonds referred to in Subsection (3)(b)(i) has been pa	<u>id in full.</u>	
172	(c) The allocation to the publicly used airport m	ay be used at the discretion	ion of the airport's
173	governing authority for the purposes specified in Subsec	<u>etion (2)(a).</u>	
174	(d) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the a	ullocation to aeronautical	operations of the
175	Department of Transportation shall be used as provided	in Subsection (2).	
176	[(5)] (4) (a) The commission shall require repo	rts and returns from distr	ibutors, retail
177	dealers, and users in order to enable the commission and	the Department of Tran	sportation to
178	allocate the revenue to be credited to the Transportation	Fund's Restricted Reven	nue Account for
179	the aeronautical [operation] operations of that departme	nt and the separate accou	ints of individual
180	airports. [Any]		
181	(b) (i) Except as provided by Subsection (4)(b)(	ii), any unexpended amo	unt remaining in
182	the account of any publicly used airport on the first day	of January, April, July, a	nd October shall

183	be paid to the authority operating the airport [and used to defray operating expenses of the airport].
184	(ii) Aviation fuel tax allocated to any airport owned and operated by a city of the first class
185	shall be paid to the city treasurer on the first day of each month.
186	(c) The state treasurer shall place [the remainder] aviation fuel tax collected on fuel sold
187	at places other than publicly used airports in the Transportation Fund's Restricted Revenue
188	Account for the aeronautical operations of the Department of Transportation.
189	Section 4. Section <b>59-13-403</b> is amended to read:
190	59-13-403. Administration and penalties Bond requirements.
191	(1) All administrative and penalty provisions of Part 2, Motor Fuel, apply to the
192	administration of Part 4, Aviation Fuel.
193	(2) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and Subsection 59-13-203(3), [the bond
194	requirement for aviation fuel distributors whose tax liability averages \$500 or less per month
195	during the preceding six months is \$2,000.] and except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the bond
196	may not be less than \$2,000.
197	(b) A distributor is not required to furnish a bond if the distributor:
198	(i) meets the definition of distributor under Subsection 59-13-102(5)(d); and
199	(ii) has an average tax liability of \$500 or less per month.
200	Section 5. Effective date.
201	This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.

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

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