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Senator Kevin T. Van Tassell proposes the following substitute bill:

MOTOR AND SPECIAL FUEL TAX AMENDMENTS

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act by amending provisions relating to motor and special fuel.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ increases the motor and special fuel tax rate;
- ▶ increases the tax rate imposed on compressed natural gas;
- ▶ provides that the motor fuel and special fuel tax rate shall be increased ~~for decreased~~ every two ~~years based on the actual percentage change in the consumer price index over the previous two calendar~~ years;
- ▶ provides procedures for implementing the motor fuel and special fuel tax rate adjustment;

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- ▶ grants the State Tax Commission rulemaking authority to establish rules to implement the motor fuel and special fuel tax rate ~~adjustment provisions; and~~ increase provisions;
 - ▶ repeals certain tax rate decal posting requirements; and
 - ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2011.

This bill coordinates with H.B. 184, Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act Amendments, by making substantive amendments.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-13-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 308

59-13-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 153 and 382

REPEALS:

59-13-104, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 253

Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:

59-13-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 153 and 382

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

Section 1. Section **59-13-201** is amended to read:

59-13-201. Rate -- Tax basis -- Exemptions -- Revenue deposited in the Transportation Fund -- Restricted account for boating uses -- Refunds -- Reduction of tax in limited circumstances.

(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, a tax is imposed at the rate of ~~24-1/2~~ 29 1/2 cents per gallon upon all motor fuel that is sold, used, or received for sale or used in this state.

(b) In lieu of the tax imposed under Subsection (1)(a) and subject to the provisions of this section, a tax is imposed at the rate of 3/19 of the rate imposed under Subsection (1)(a), rounded up to the nearest penny, upon all motor fuels that meet the definition of clean fuel in

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Section 59-13-102 and are sold, used, or received for sale or use in this state.

~~(c) (i) Beginning on or after July January 1, 2012 2013, the commission shall, every two years in the even odd year, increase for decrease the rate imposed under Subsection (1)(a) by an amount equal to the actual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index during the previous two calendar years rounded up to the nearest half penny.~~

~~(ii) For purposes of Subsection (1)(c)(i), the commission shall calculate the Consumer Price Index as provided in Sections 1(f)(4) and 1(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.~~

~~(iii) .75 cents.~~

(ii) The adjusted fuel tax rate shall take effect on July January 1 in a year that the fuel tax rate is required to be adjusted in accordance with Subsection (1)(c)(i).

(~~iv~~) iii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules implementing the provisions of this Subsection (1)(c).

(2) Any increase or decrease in tax rate applies to motor fuel that is imported to the state or sold at refineries in the state on or after the effective date of the rate change.

(3) (a) No motor fuel tax is imposed upon:

(i) motor fuel that is brought into and sold in this state in original packages as purely interstate commerce sales;

(ii) motor fuel that is exported from this state if proof of actual exportation on forms prescribed by the commission is made within 180 days after exportation;

(iii) motor fuel or components of motor fuel that is sold and used in this state and distilled from coal, oil shale, rock asphalt, bituminous sand, or solid hydrocarbons located in this state; or

(iv) motor fuel that is sold to the United States government, this state, or the political subdivisions of this state.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the tax exemption provided under Subsection (3)(a)(iv).

(4) The commission may either collect no tax on motor fuel exported from the state or, upon application, refund the tax paid.

(5) (a) All revenue received by the commission under this part shall be deposited daily with the state treasurer and credited to the Transportation Fund.

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(b) An appropriation from the Transportation Fund shall be made to the commission to cover expenses incurred in the administration and enforcement of this part and the collection of the motor fuel tax.

(6) (a) The commission shall determine what amount of motor fuel tax revenue is received from the sale or use of motor fuel used in motorboats registered under the provisions of the State Boating Act, and this amount shall be deposited in a restricted revenue account in the General Fund of the state.

(b) The funds from this account shall be used for the construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of state-owned boating facilities and for the payment of the costs and expenses of the Division of Parks and Recreation in administering and enforcing the State Boating Act.

(7) (a) The United States government or any of its instrumentalities, this state, or a political subdivision of this state that has purchased motor fuel from a licensed distributor or from a retail dealer of motor fuel and has paid the tax on the motor fuel as provided in this section is entitled to a refund of the tax and may file with the commission for a quarterly refund.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the application and refund provided for in Subsection (7)(a).

(8) (a) The commission shall refund annually into the Off-Highway Vehicle Account in the General Fund an amount equal to the lesser of the following:

- (i) .5% of the motor fuel tax revenues collected under this section; or
- (ii) \$1,050,000.

(b) This amount shall be used as provided in Section 41-22-19.

(9) (a) Beginning on April 1, 2001, a tax imposed under this section on motor fuel that is sold, used, or received for sale or use in this state is reduced to the extent provided in Subsection (9)(b) if:

(i) a tax imposed on the basis of the sale, use, or receipt for sale or use of the motor fuel is paid to the Navajo Nation;

(ii) the tax described in Subsection (9)(a)(i) is imposed without regard to whether or not the person required to pay the tax is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation; and

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(iii) the commission and the Navajo Nation execute and maintain an agreement as provided in this Subsection (9) for the administration of the reduction of tax.

(b) (i) If but for Subsection (9)(a) the motor fuel is subject to a tax imposed by this section:

(A) the state shall be paid the difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(ii) if that difference is greater than \$0; and

(B) a person may not require the state to provide a refund, a credit, or similar tax relief if the difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(ii) is less than or equal to \$0.

(ii) The difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(i) is equal to the difference between:

(A) the amount of tax imposed on the motor fuel by this section; less

(B) the tax imposed and collected by the Navajo Nation on the motor fuel.

(c) For purposes of Subsections (9)(a) and (b), the tax paid to the Navajo Nation under a tax imposed by the Navajo Nation on the basis of the sale, use, or receipt for sale or use of motor fuel does not include any interest or penalties a taxpayer may be required to pay to the Navajo Nation.

(d) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the reduction of tax provided under this Subsection (9).

(e) The agreement required under Subsection (9)(a):

(i) may not:

(A) authorize the state to impose a tax in addition to a tax imposed under this chapter;

(B) provide a reduction of taxes greater than or different from the reduction described in this Subsection (9); or

(C) affect the power of the state to establish rates of taxation;

(ii) shall:

(A) be in writing;

(B) be signed by:

(I) the chair of the commission or the chair's designee; and

(II) a person designated by the Navajo Nation that may bind the Navajo Nation;

(C) be conditioned on obtaining any approval required by federal law;

(D) state the effective date of the agreement; and

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(E) state any accommodation the Navajo Nation makes related to the construction and maintenance of state highways and other infrastructure within the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation; and

(iii) may:

(A) notwithstanding Section 59-1-403, authorize the commission to disclose to the Navajo Nation information that is:

(I) contained in a document filed with the commission; and

(II) related to the tax imposed under this section;

(B) provide for maintaining records by the commission or the Navajo Nation; or

(C) provide for inspections or audits of distributors, carriers, or retailers located or doing business within the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation.

(f) (i) If, on or after April 1, 2001, the Navajo Nation changes the tax rate of a tax imposed on motor fuel, any change in the reduction of taxes under this Subsection (9) as a result of the change in the tax rate is not effective until the first day of the calendar quarter after a 60-day period beginning on the date the commission receives notice:

(A) from the Navajo Nation; and

(B) meeting the requirements of Subsection (9)(f)(ii).

(ii) The notice described in Subsection (9)(f)(i) shall state:

(A) that the Navajo Nation has changed or will change the tax rate of a tax imposed on motor fuel;

(B) the effective date of the rate change of the tax described in Subsection (9)(f)(ii)(A); and

(C) the new rate of the tax described in Subsection (9)(f)(ii)(A).

(g) If the agreement required by Subsection (9)(a) terminates, a reduction of tax is not permitted under this Subsection (9) beginning on the first day of the calendar quarter after a 30-day period beginning on the day the agreement terminates.

(h) If there is a conflict between this Subsection (9) and the agreement required by Subsection (9)(a), this Subsection (9) governs.

Section 2. Section **59-13-301** is amended to read:

59-13-301. Tax basis -- Rate -- Exemptions -- Revenue deposited with treasurer and credited to Transportation Fund -- Reduction of tax in limited circumstances.

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(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (2), (3), (11), and (12) and Section 59-13-304, a tax is imposed at the same rate imposed under Subsection 59-13-201(1)[(a)] on the:

- (i) removal of undyed diesel fuel from any refinery;
 - (ii) removal of undyed diesel fuel from any terminal;
 - (iii) entry into the state of any undyed diesel fuel for consumption, use, sale, or warehousing;
 - (iv) sale of undyed diesel fuel to any person who is not registered as a supplier under this part unless the tax has been collected under this section;
 - (v) any untaxed special fuel blended with undyed diesel fuel; or
 - (vi) use of untaxed special fuel other than propane or electricity.
- (b) The tax imposed under this section shall only be imposed once upon any special fuel.

(2) (a) No special fuel tax is imposed or collected upon dyed diesel fuel which:

(i) is sold or used for any purpose other than to operate or propel a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state, but this exemption applies only in those cases where the purchasers or the users of special fuel establish to the satisfaction of the commission that the special fuel was used for purposes other than to operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state; or

(ii) is sold to this state or any of its political subdivisions.

(b) No special fuel tax is imposed on undyed diesel fuel or clean fuel that:

(i) is sold to the United States government or any of its instrumentalities or to this state or any of its political subdivisions;

(ii) is exported from this state if proof of actual exportation on forms prescribed by the commission is made within 180 days after exportation;

(iii) is used in a vehicle off-highway;

(iv) is used to operate a power take-off unit of a vehicle;

(v) is used for off-highway agricultural uses;

(vi) is used in a separately fueled engine on a vehicle that does not propel the vehicle upon the highways of the state; or

(vii) is used in machinery and equipment not registered and not required to be

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registered for highway use.

(3) No tax is imposed or collected on special fuel if it is:

(a) (i) purchased for business use in machinery and equipment not registered and not required to be registered for highway use; and

(ii) used pursuant to the conditions of a state implementation plan approved under Title 19, Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act; or

(b) propane or electricity.

(4) Upon request of a buyer meeting the requirements under Subsection (3), the Division of Air Quality shall issue an exemption certificate that may be shown to a seller.

(5) The special fuel tax shall be paid by the supplier.

(6) (a) The special fuel tax shall be paid by every user who is required by Sections 59-13-303 and 59-13-305 to obtain a special fuel user permit and file special fuel tax reports.

(b) The user shall receive a refundable credit for special fuel taxes paid on purchases which are delivered into vehicles and for which special fuel tax liability is reported.

(7) (a) Except as provided under Subsections (7)(b) and (c), all revenue received by the commission from taxes and license fees under this part shall be deposited daily with the state treasurer and credited to the Transportation Fund.

(b) An appropriation from the Transportation Fund shall be made to the commission to cover expenses incurred in the administration and enforcement of this part and the collection of the special fuel tax.

(c) Five dollars of each special fuel user trip permit fee paid under Section 59-13-303 may be used by the commission as a dedicated credit to cover the costs of electronic credentialing as provided in Section 41-1a-303.

(8) The commission may either collect no tax on special fuel exported from the state or, upon application, refund the tax paid.

(9) (a) The United States government or any of its instrumentalities, this state, or a political subdivision of this state that has purchased special fuel from a supplier or from a retail dealer of special fuel and has paid the tax on the special fuel as provided in this section is entitled to a refund of the tax and may file with the commission for a quarterly refund in a manner prescribed by the commission.

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

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commission shall make rules governing the application and refund provided for in Subsection (9)(a).

(10) (a) The purchaser shall pay the tax on diesel fuel or clean fuel purchased for uses under Subsections (2)(b)(i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (vii) and apply for a refund for the tax paid as provided in Subsection (9) and this Subsection (10).

(b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the application and refund for off-highway and nonhighway uses provided under Subsections (2)(b)(iii), (iv), (vi), and (vii).

(c) A refund of tax paid under this part on diesel fuel used for nonhighway agricultural uses shall be made in accordance with the tax return procedures under Section 59-13-202.

(11) (a) Beginning on April 1, 2001, a tax imposed under this section on special fuel is reduced to the extent provided in Subsection (11)(b) if:

(i) the Navajo Nation imposes a tax on the special fuel;

(ii) the tax described in Subsection (11)(a)(i) is imposed without regard to whether the person required to pay the tax is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation; and

(iii) the commission and the Navajo Nation execute and maintain an agreement as provided in this Subsection (11) for the administration of the reduction of tax.

(b) (i) If but for Subsection (11)(a) the special fuel is subject to a tax imposed by this section:

(A) the state shall be paid the difference described in Subsection (11)(b)(ii) if that difference is greater than \$0; and

(B) a person may not require the state to provide a refund, a credit, or similar tax relief if the difference described in Subsection (11)(b)(ii) is less than or equal to \$0.

(ii) The difference described in Subsection (11)(b)(i) is equal to the difference between:

(A) the amount of tax imposed on the special fuel by this section; less

(B) the tax imposed and collected by the Navajo Nation on the special fuel.

(c) For purposes of Subsections (11)(a) and (b), the tax paid to the Navajo Nation on the special fuel does not include any interest or penalties a taxpayer may be required to pay to the Navajo Nation.

(d) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

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commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the reduction of tax provided under this Subsection (11).

(e) The agreement required under Subsection (11)(a):

(i) may not:

(A) authorize the state to impose a tax in addition to a tax imposed under this chapter;

(B) provide a reduction of taxes greater than or different from the reduction described in this Subsection (11); or

(C) affect the power of the state to establish rates of taxation;

(ii) shall:

(A) be in writing;

(B) be signed by:

(I) the chair of the commission or the chair's designee; and

(II) a person designated by the Navajo Nation that may bind the Navajo Nation;

(C) be conditioned on obtaining any approval required by federal law;

(D) state the effective date of the agreement; and

(E) state any accommodation the Navajo Nation makes related to the construction and maintenance of state highways and other infrastructure within the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation; and

(iii) may:

(A) notwithstanding Section 59-1-403, authorize the commission to disclose to the Navajo Nation information that is:

(I) contained in a document filed with the commission; and

(II) related to the tax imposed under this section;

(B) provide for maintaining records by the commission or the Navajo Nation; or

(C) provide for inspections or audits of suppliers, distributors, carriers, or retailers located or doing business within the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation.

(f) (i) If, on or after April 1, 2001, the Navajo Nation changes the tax rate of a tax imposed on special fuel, any change in the amount of the reduction of taxes under this Subsection (11) as a result of the change in the tax rate is not effective until the first day of the calendar quarter after a 60-day period beginning on the date the commission receives notice:

(A) from the Navajo Nation; and

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(B) meeting the requirements of Subsection (11)(f)(ii).

(ii) The notice described in Subsection (11)(f)(i) shall state:

(A) that the Navajo Nation has changed or will change the tax rate of a tax imposed on special fuel;

(B) the effective date of the rate change of the tax described in Subsection (11)(f)(ii)(A); and

(C) the new rate of the tax described in Subsection (11)(f)(ii)(A).

(g) If the agreement required by Subsection (11)(a) terminates, a reduction of tax is not permitted under this Subsection (11) beginning on the first day of the calendar quarter after a 30-day period beginning on the day the agreement terminates.

(h) If there is a conflict between this Subsection (11) and the agreement required by Subsection (11)(a), this Subsection (11) governs.

(12) Beginning on [~~January 1, 2009~~] July 1, 2011, a tax imposed under this section on compressed natural gas is imposed at a reduced rate of [~~8-1/2~~] 10 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent [~~to be increased or decreased proportionately with any increase or decrease in the rate in Subsection 59-13-201(1)(a)~~].

Section 3. **Repealer.**

This bill repeals:

Section 59-13-104, Tax rate decals -- Posted on pump.

Section 4. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2011.

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Legislative Review Note

~~as of 2-24-11 8:52 AM~~

Section 5. Coordinating S.B. 239 with H.B. 184 -- Substantive amendments.

If this S.B. 239 and H.B. 184, Motor and Special Fuel Tax Act Amendments, both pass, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel,

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in preparing the Utah Code database for publication, modify Subsection 59-13-301(12)(b) to read as follows:

"(b) Beginning on July 1, 2011, a tax imposed under this section on liquified natural gas is imposed at a reduced rate of 10 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent."