

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Agriculture (Baker) recommended the following:

# Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 67 - 150 and insert:

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- d. "Renewable diesel" means liquid fuel for use in dieselpowered engines which meets the registration requirements for fuel and fuel additives established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the specifications and requirements adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- e. "Renewable fuel oil" means liquid fuel for use in fuel oil applications which is derived from biomass and meets the registration requirements for fuel and fuel additives

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established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the specifications and requirements adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

- 2. The sale or use of the following in the state is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter:
- a. Hydrogen-powered vehicles, materials incorporated into hydrogen-powered vehicles, and hydrogen-fueling stations, up to a limit of \$2 million in tax each state fiscal year for all taxpayers.
- b. Commercial stationary hydrogen fuel cells, up to a limit of \$1 million in tax each state fiscal year for all taxpayers.
- c. Materials used in the distribution of biodiesel (B10-B100), and ethanol (E10-E100), renewable diesel, and renewable fuel oil, including fueling infrastructure, transportation, and storage, up to a limit of \$1 million in tax each state fiscal year for all taxpayers. Gasoline fueling station pump retrofits for ethanol (E10-E100) distribution qualify for the exemption provided in this sub-subparagraph.
- 3. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall provide to the department a list of items eligible for the exemption provided in this paragraph.
- 4.a. The exemption provided in this paragraph shall be available to a purchaser only through a refund of previously paid taxes. An eligible item is subject to refund one time. A person who has received a refund on an eligible item shall notify the next purchaser of the item that such item is no longer eligible for a refund of paid taxes. This notification shall be provided to each subsequent purchaser on the sales invoice or other proof of purchase.

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- b. To be eligible to receive the exemption provided in this paragraph, a purchaser shall file an application with the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. The application shall be developed by the Florida Energy and Climate Commission, in consultation with the department, and shall require:
  - (I) The name and address of the person claiming the refund.
- (II) A specific description of the purchase for which a refund is sought, including, when applicable, a serial number or other permanent identification number.
- (III) The sales invoice or other proof of purchase showing the amount of sales tax paid, the date of purchase, and the name and address of the sales tax dealer from whom the property was purchased.
- (IV) A sworn statement that the information provided is accurate and that the requirements of this paragraph have been met.
- c. Within 30 days after receipt of an application, the Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall review the application and shall notify the applicant of any deficiencies. Upon receipt of a completed application, the Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall evaluate the application for exemption and issue a written certification that the applicant is eligible for a refund or issue a written denial of such certification within 60 days after receipt of the application. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall provide the department with a copy of each certification issued upon approval of an application.
- d. Each certified applicant shall be responsible for forwarding a certified copy of the application and copies of all

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required documentation to the department within 6 months after certification by the Florida Energy and Climate Commission.

- e. A refund approved pursuant to this paragraph shall be made within 30 days after formal approval by the department.
- f. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission may adopt the form for the application for a certificate, requirements for the content and format of information submitted to the Florida Energy and Climate Commission in support of the application, other procedural requirements, and criteria by which the application will be determined by rule. The department may adopt all other rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this paragraph, including rules establishing additional forms and procedures for claiming this exemption.
- g. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall be responsible for ensuring that the total amounts of the exemptions authorized do not exceed the limits as specified in subparagraph 2.
- 5. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall determine and publish on a regular basis the amount of sales tax funds remaining in each fiscal year.
  - 6. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010.
- Section 2. Section 220.192, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 220.192 Renewable energy technologies investment tax credit.-
  - (1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the term:
- (a) "Biodiesel" means biodiesel as defined in s. 212.08(7)(ccc).
  - (b) "Corporation" includes a general partnership, limited

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partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated business, or other business entity, including entities taxed as partnerships for federal income tax purposes.

- (c) "Eligible costs" means:
- 1. Seventy-five percent of all capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, and research and development costs incurred between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2010, up to a limit of \$3 million per state fiscal year for all taxpayers, in connection with an investment in hydrogen-powered vehicles and hydrogen vehicle fueling stations in the state, including, but not limited to, the costs of constructing, installing, and equipping such technologies in the state.
- 2. Seventy-five percent of all capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, and research and development costs incurred between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2010, up to a limit of \$1.5 million per state fiscal year for all taxpayers, and limited to a maximum of \$12,000 per fuel cell, in connection with an investment in commercial stationary hydrogen fuel cells in the state, including, but not limited to, the costs of constructing, installing, and equipping such technologies in the state.
- 3. Seventy-five percent of all capital costs, operation and maintenance costs, and research and development costs incurred between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2010, up to a limit of \$6.5 million per state fiscal year for all taxpayers, in connection with an investment in the production, storage, and distribution of biodiesel (B10-B100), and ethanol (E10-E100), renewable diesel, or renewable fuel oil in the state, including the costs of constructing, installing, and equipping such technologies in the state. Gasoline fueling station pump retrofits for ethanol



(E10-E100) distribution qualify as an eligible cost under this subparagraph.

- (d) "Ethanol" means ethanol as defined in s. 132 133 212.08(7)(ccc).
- 134 (e) "Hydrogen fuel cell" means hydrogen fuel cell as 135 defined in s. 212.08(7)(ccc).
  - (f) "Renewable diesel" means renewable diesel as defined in s. 212.08(7)(ccc).
  - (g) "Renewable fuel oil" means renewable fuel oil as defined in s. 212.08(7)(ccc).
  - (h) (f) "Taxpayer" includes a corporation as defined in paragraph (b) or s. 220.03.

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

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and insert: 146

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exemption purposes; defining the terms "renewable diesel" and "renewable fuel oil" for purposes of a sales tax exemption for materials used in the distribution of such items; deleting a provision providing for the expiration of a sales tax exemption relating to renewable energy technologies; amending s. 220.192, F.S.; defining the terms "renewable diesel" and "renewable fuel oil" for purposes of the renewable energy technologies investment tax credit; providing an effective date.