

HB 1445 -- Biodiesel Fuel

Sponsor: Whorton

This bill requires that, by January 1, 2008, that all diesel fuel sold at the terminal or offered for sale in Missouri for use in internal combustion engines contain at least 2% biodiesel fuel oil by volume.

The Director of the Department of Agriculture may exempt certain diesel fuel uses and rescind the exemptions, waive certain areas of the state and rescind the waivers, and require specific procedures and specifications for the blending of biodiesel fuel with diesel.

Biodiesel fuel oil is required to be blended with diesel fuel at Missouri terminals only, unless the director approves a terminal in another state.

If the biodiesel fuel content requirement is repealed within five years of enactment, any terminal which made capital expenditures necessary to comply with the requirement will be eligible for partial reimbursement of the unrecovered associated costs. If the requirement is repealed within two years of enactment, the reimbursement will be 80% of the associated costs. The reimbursement will decrease 20% each year with a 20% reimbursement in the fifth and final year.

The bill creates the Biodiesel Investment Assurance Fund for the partial repayment of capital expenditures incurred by a terminal directly attributable to compliance with the biodiesel content requirement. The fund will contain moneys appropriated from general revenue for the sole purpose of contingent reimbursement of compliance with the diesel fuel requirements of the bill. At the end of five years after enactment, any unused moneys and the interest will be transferred into the General Revenue Fund.