

HB 1088 -- Oil Company Gross Profits Taxes

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Beginning January 1, 2010, this bill allows an oil company to pay an annual excise tax of 6.17% on its apportioned gross profits in Missouri in lieu of paying an income tax. The oil company must file a report of its taxable gross profits in Missouri and pay the tax to the Department of Revenue. Moneys collected from this tax will be deposited into the newly created Oil Company Gross Profits Tax Fund and, upon appropriations, will be used solely for public mass transportation. If the tax is underpaid, a monthly penalty of 5% of the underpayment, up to 25% of the underpayment, will be imposed. If the oil company fails to file a report within 270 days of the original due date, a penalty of \$500 will be imposed. Oil companies are prohibited from adding the amount of the tax onto the purchase price charged to customers buying petroleum products. Anyone violating this provision will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor and will be subject to a penalty equal to the amount of the taxes passed on to customers.