## **SENATE BILL No. 125**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-6.

**Synopsis:** Gasoline and special fuel taxes. Provides that July 1, 2025, (rather than July 1, 2027, under current law) is the last date for the index factor adjustment of the gasoline tax rate and the special fuel tax rate.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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### Introduced

#### First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

### **SENATE BILL No. 125**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

| 1  | SECTION 1. IC 6-6-1.1-201, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023,                     |
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| 2  | SECTION 106, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS                                 |
| 3  | [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 201. (a) A license tax is imposed on        |
| 4  | the use of all gasoline used in Indiana at the applicable rate specified   |
| 5  | in subsection (b), except as otherwise provided by this chapter. The       |
| 6  | distributor shall initially pay the tax on the billed gallonage of all     |
| 7  | gasoline the distributor receives in this state, less any deductions       |
| 8  | authorized by this chapter. The distributor shall then add the per gallon  |
| 9  | amount of tax to the selling price of each gallon of gasoline sold in this |
| 10 | state and collected from the purchaser so that the ultimate consumer       |
| 11 | bears the burden of the tax.   |
| 12 | (b) The license tax described in subsection (a) is imposed at the          |
| 13 | following applicable rate per gallon:                                      |
| 14 | (1) Before July 1, 2017, eighteen cents (\$0.18).                          |
| 15 | (2) For July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, the lesser of:                |
| 16 | $(\Lambda)$ the rate resulting from using the factors determined under     |

16 (A) the rate resulting from using the factors determined under
17 IC 6-6-1.6-2; or



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1 (B) twenty-eight cents (\$0.28). 2 (3) Beginning July 1, 2018, and each July 1 through July 1, <del>2027,</del> 3 2025, the department shall determine an applicable rate equal to 4 the product of: 5 (A) the rate in effect on June 30; multiplied by 6 (B) the factor determined under IC 6-6-1.6-3. 7 The rate shall be rounded to the nearest cent (\$0.01). After June 30, 8 2018, the new applicable rate may not exceed the rate in effect on June 9 30 plus one cent (\$0.01). However, the new rate may not be less than 10 the rate in effect on June 30. If the calculation of a new rate would produce a rate that is less than the rate in effect on June 30, the new 11 12 rate shall be the rate in effect on June 30. The department shall publish 13 the rate that will take effect on July 1 on the department's website not 14 later than June 1. 15 SECTION 2. IC 6-6-2.5-28, AS AMENDED BY P.L.201-2023, 16 SECTION 108, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 28. (a) A license tax is imposed on 18 all special fuel sold or used in producing or generating power for 19 propelling motor vehicles, except fuel used under section 30(a)(8) or 20 30.5 of this chapter, at the applicable rate specified in subsection (b). 21 The tax shall be paid at those times, in the manner, and by those 22 persons specified in this section and section 35 of this chapter. 23 (b) The license tax described in subsection (a) is imposed at the 24 following applicable rate per special fuel gallon: 25 (1) Before July 1, 2017, sixteen cents (\$0.16). 26 (2) For July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, the lesser of: 27 (A) the rate resulting from using the factors determined under 28 IC 6-6-1.6-2; or 29 (B) twenty-six cents (\$0.26). 30 (3) For July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, the product of: 31 (A) the sum of: 32 (i) the rate in effect on June 30; and (ii) twenty-one cents (\$0.21); multiplied by 33 34 (B) the factor determined under IC 6-6-1.6-3. 35 (4) Beginning July 1, 2019, and each July 1 through July 1, <del>2027,</del> 36 2025, the department shall determine an applicable rate equal to 37 the product of: 38 (A) the rate in effect on June 30; multiplied by 39 (B) the factor determined under IC 6-6-1.6-3. 40 The rate shall be rounded to the nearest cent (\$0.01). However, after 41 June 30, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, the new applicable rate may not 42 exceed the rate in effect on June 30 plus twenty-three cents (\$0.23).



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After June 30, 2019, the new applicable rate may not exceed the rate in effect on June 30 plus two cents (\$0.02). However, the new rate may not be less than the rate in effect on June 30. If the calculation of a new rate would produce a rate that is less than the rate in effect on June 30, the new rate shall be the rate in effect on June 30. The department shall publish the rate that will take effect on July 1 on the department's website not later than June 1.

8 (c) The department shall consider it a rebuttable presumption that
9 all undyed or unmarked special fuel, or both, received in Indiana is to
10 be sold for use in propelling motor vehicles.

11 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), the tax imposed on special 12 fuel by subsection (a) shall be measured by invoiced gallons (or diesel 13 or gasoline gallon equivalents in the case of a special fuel described in 14 section 22.5(2) or 22.5(3) of this chapter) of nonexempt special fuel 15 received by a licensed supplier in Indiana for sale or resale in Indiana or with respect to special fuel subject to a tax precollection agreement 16 17 under section 35(j) of this chapter, such special fuel removed by a licensed supplier from a terminal outside of Indiana for sale for export 18 19 or for export to Indiana and in any case shall generally be determined 20 in the same manner as the tax imposed by Section 4081 of the Internal 21 Revenue Code and Code of Federal Regulations.

(e) The tax imposed by subsection (a) on special fuel imported into
Indiana, other than into a terminal, is imposed at the time the product
is entered into Indiana and shall be measured by invoiced gallons
received at a terminal or at a bulk plant.

(f) In computing the tax, all special fuel in process of transfer from
tank steamers at boat terminal transfers and held in storage pending
wholesale bulk distribution by land transportation, or in tanks and
equipment used in receiving and storing special fuel from interstate
pipelines pending wholesale bulk reshipment, shall not be subject to
tax.
(g) The department shall consider it a rebuttable presumption that

(g) The department shall consider it a rebuttable presumption that special fuel consumed in a motor vehicle plated for general highway use is subject to the tax imposed under this chapter. A person claiming exempt use of special fuel in such a vehicle must maintain adequate records as required by the department to document the vehicle's taxable and exempt use.

(h) A person that engages in blending fuel for taxable sale or use in Indiana is primarily liable for the collection and remittance of the tax imposed under subsection (a). The person shall remit the tax due in conjunction with the filing of a monthly report in the form prescribed by the department.



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1 (i) A person that receives special fuel that has been blended for 2 taxable sale or use in Indiana is secondarily liable to the state for the 3 tax imposed under subsection (a). 4 (j) A person may not use special fuel on an Indiana public highway 5 if the special fuel contains a sulfur content that exceeds five 6 one-hundredths of one percent (0.05%). A person who knowingly: 7 (1) violates; or 8 (2) aids or abets another person to violate; 9 this subsection commits a Class A infraction. However, the violation is a Class A misdemeanor if the person has committed one (1) prior 10 unrelated violation of this subsection, and a Level 6 felony if the person 11 12 has committed more than one (1) unrelated violation of this subsection.

