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HOUSE BILL No. 129

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hammon)



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(By MR. SPEAKER, MR. FLANNERY)

[Passed March 7, 1953; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections one and six, article fourteen, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the imposition and collection of an excise tax on gasoline.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That sections one and six, article fourteen, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. *Definitions; Gasoline, Person, Company, Distributor, Retail Dealer, Importer, Sale, Purchase and Motor Vehicles.*—When used in this article: The term “gasoline” shall include any substance or combination of substances which is capable of use as a motor fuel for any internal combustion engine, except fuel oil, kerosene,

7 cleaner's solvent, and any other liquid petroleum product  
8 not commonly used as a motor fuel, when not used or sold  
9 for use as a motor fuel in an internal combustion engine.

10 The term "person" or the term "company" shall in-  
11 clude any individual, firm, co-partnership, joint adven-  
12 ture, association, corporation, trust and any other group  
13 or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as  
14 the singular number, unless the intention to give a more  
15 limited meaning is disclosed by the context, and when  
16 used in connection with the penalties imposed by this  
17 article, shall mean and include the officers, directors,  
18 trustees, or members of any firm, co-partnership, joint  
19 adventure, association, corporation, trust or any other  
20 group acting as a unit.

21 The term "distributor" shall mean and include every  
22 person who refines, produces, manufactures, compounds,  
23 or blends gasoline in this state for use or for sale to job-  
24 bers or consumers, and every person who is now engaged,  
25 or who may hereafter engage, in his own name or in the  
26 name of his representative or agent in this state, in the  
27 selling of gasoline for the purpose of resale or distribu-

28 tion; and persons operating tank wagons into this state  
29 from places of business located outside this state and  
30 selling gasoline in quantities as desired by purchasers in  
31 this state without definite orders having been placed  
32 prior to the delivery of the product, shall be deemed  
33 distributors in this state.

34 The term "retail dealer" shall mean and include any  
35 person not a distributor who sells gasoline in this state to  
36 consumers only.

37 The term "importer" shall mean any person who pur-  
38 chases or obtains gasoline outside this state and uses the  
39 same within the state, and shall include any person who  
40 operates a motor vehicle equipped with fuel tanks con-  
41 taining more than twenty-five gallons of gasoline pur-  
42 chased outside this state and used to operate the vehicle  
43 upon the public highways and streets of this state.

44 The term "sale" shall include any exchange, gift, or  
45 other disposition, and "purchase" shall include any ac-  
46 quisition of ownership.

47 The term "motor vehicle" shall mean automobiles,  
48 motor trucks and motorcycles, and shall include all other

49 vehicles, engines or machines which are operated or pro-  
50 pelled by combustion of gasoline.

Sec. 6. *Importer's Monthly Statement; Payment of*  
2 *Tax.*—Except as otherwise provided in this section, every  
3 importer shall, within thirty days after the close of each  
4 month, transmit to the tax commissioner a statement, on  
5 such forms as the tax commissioner shall prescribe, of  
6 all gallonage received by such importer during the month  
7 to be covered, which statement shall show the name and  
8 address of the person from whom each purchase was  
9 made; the point from which shipped or delivered; the  
10 point at which received; the date of each shipment or  
11 purchase; and the quantity of each shipment or purchase;  
12 and he shall at the same time pay to the tax commissioner  
13 the amount of tax due for such month.

14 Every importer who brings into this state in the fuel  
15 tanks of any motor vehicle more than twenty-five gal-  
16 lons of gasoline, purchased outside this state and used to  
17 operate the vehicle upon the public highways and streets  
18 of this state, shall pay the gasoline tax on all such gaso-  
19 line in excess of twenty-five gallons unless, under an ar-

20 rangement approved by the tax commissioner, he shall  
21 purchase within this state gasoline equal to such excess.  
22 Within thirty days after the close of each month he shall  
23 file with the tax commissioner a report, on such forms  
24 and under such rules and regulations as the commissioner  
25 may prescribe, of all such gasoline imported by him and  
26 so used within this state, and shall at the same time pay  
27 to the tax commissioner the amount of tax due for such  
28 month.

*[Handwritten signature]*

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*John Kinley*  
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Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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*Ralph Bean*  
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*W. E. Hannery*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 20th  
day of March, 1953.

*William C. Masland*  
Governor



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