



H.B. 293

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BILL SUMMARY

- Effective June 1, 2005, requires all diesel-powered vehicles that are owned by the state or a political subdivision to use only diesel fuel that has a biodiesel rating of 20 or higher.
- Effective June 1, 2006, prohibits any person from selling or delivering to any distributor within this state, or importing into this state for sale, any diesel fuel unless the fuel has a biodiesel rating of five or higher.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires all diesel-powered vehicles owned by the state or a political subdivision to use only diesel fuel that has a biodiesel rating of 20 or higher (see **COMMENT**) (R.C. 3704.121(B)). In addition, the bill prohibits any person, effective June 1, 2006, from selling or delivering to any distributor within this state, or importing into this state for sale, any diesel fuel unless the fuel has a biodiesel rating of five or higher (R.C. 3704.121(C)).

Under the bill, the Attorney General is required to commence an action for injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction against any person who violates or threatens to violate the bill. The court may grant temporary or permanent injunctive relief. (R.C. 3704.121(D).) The bill does not make a violation of any of the bill's provisions a criminal offense.

The bill contains an effective date of June 1, 2005. (Section 2.)

COMMENT

Biodiesel is the name of an alternative fuel; it does not contain any petroleum, but it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend.

The bill contains the following definitions:

(A) "Biodiesel" means a mono-alkyl ester that is derived from vegetable oils, lipids, rendered animal fats, or any combination of those reagents and that meets the requirements of Specification D 6751 of the American Society of Testing and Materials (R.C. 3704.121(A)(1)).

(B) "Biodiesel rating" means the percentage of biodiesel in relation to petroleum diesel in a diesel-fuel mixture, which is represented by the letter B and a number that corresponds to the percentage of biodiesel in the mixture by volume (R.C. 3704.121(A)(2)). (A biodiesel rating of B20 means the fuel is 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel.)

(C) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid fuel that is capable of use in discrete form or as a blend component in the operation of engines of the diesel type (R.C. 3704.121(A)(3)).

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