TAX/GASOLINE TAX: Requires the tax on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels to be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index


#### Abstract

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:818.12(A) and (B), 818.101(A), and 820.1(A), relative to the tax on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels; to require the annual adjustment of such taxes in accordance with the Consumer Price Index; to provide for certain limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.


Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 47:818.12(A) and (B), 818.101(A), and 820.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§818.12. Taxes levied; rates
A. There is hereby levied a tax of sixteen cents per net gallon on all gasoline as defined in this Part sold, used, or consumed in the state of Louisiana for domestic consumption. Beginning January 1, 2014, the tax levied in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection shall be annually adjusted in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index; however, in no event shall the tax levied in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection be less than sixteen cents per net gallon.
B. There is hereby levied a tax of sixteen cents per net gallon on all diesel fuel as defined in this Part sold, used, or consumed in the state of Louisiana for the operation of motor vehicles licensed or required to be licensed for highway use. Beginning January 1, 2014, the tax levied in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection shall be annually adjusted in accordance with increases in the Consumer

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Price Index; however, in no event shall the tax levied in accordance with the
provisions of this Subsection be less than sixteen cents per net gallon.
§818.101. Taxes levied; rates
A. There is hereby levied a tax of sixteen cents per gallon on all special fuels
including compressed natural gas as defined by R.S. 47:818.2(18), and liquefied
natural gas as defined by R.S. $47: 818.2(42)$, and liquefied petroleum gas as defined
by R.S. $47: 818.2(43)$ sold, used, or consumed in the state of Louisiana for the
operation of motor vehicles licensed or required to be licensed for highway use.
Beginning January 1, 2014, the tax levied in accordance with the provisions of this
Subsection shall be annually adjusted in accordance with increases in the Consumer
Price Index; however, in no event shall the tax levied in accordance with the
provisions of this Subsection be less than sixteen cents per gallon.
§820.1. Imposition of tax
A. There is hereby levied a tax of four cents per gallon on all gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels as presently taxed by the provisions of Part V-A of this Chapter. The tax imposed herein shall be in addition to any other tax imposed on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels. Beginning January 1, 2014, the tax levied in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection shall be annually adjusted in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index; however, in no event shall the tax levied in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection be less than sixteen cents per gallon.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, requires the tax levied on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels to be adjusted annually in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index.

Present law authorizes the levy of a tax of $16 \notin$ per net gallon on all gasoline sold, used, or consumed in La. for domestic consumption, a tax of $16 \notin$ per net gallon on all diesel fuel sold, used, or consumed in La. for the operation of motor vehicles licensed for highway use, and a tax of $16 \notin$ per gallon on all special fuels including compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas sold, used, or consumed in La. for the operation of motor vehicles licensed for highway use.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2014, the tax levied on gasoline, diesel fuel, and all special fuels shall be adjusted annually in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index; however, in no event shall the tax levied be less than $16 \phi$ per net gallon.

Present law provides for the levy of a tax of $4 \varnothing$ per gallon on all gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels as presently taxed in present law in addition to any other tax imposed on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels dedicated solely for use in the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) program.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2014, the tax levied on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels shall be adjusted annually in accordance with increases in the Consumer Price Index; however, in no event shall the tax levied be less than $4 \notin$ per gallon.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
(Amends R.S. 47:818.12(A) and (B), 818.101(A), and 820.1(A))

