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1 * * * Transportation * * *

2 * * * Taxation * * *

3 * * * Fuel Shrinkage; Diesel Fuel Tax; Gasoline Tax * * *

4 **Sec. 1.** 23 V.S.A. § 3003(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed
6 the gross quantity of diesel fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined,
7 manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, ~~less one percent for~~
8 ~~shrinkage~~, loss by evaporation, or otherwise, instead of the quantity sold,
9 distributed, or used.

10 **Sec. 2.** 23 V.S.A. § 3015 is amended to read:

11 § 3015. COMPUTATION AND PAYMENT OF TAX

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13 (2) Except as provided in subdivision 3002(9) of this title, the user's tax
14 shall be determined by multiplying the number of gallons of fuels used in
15 Vermont in motor vehicles operated by the user at the rate per gallon stated in
16 section 3003 for vehicles weighing or registered for 26,001 pounds or more.
17 The taxable gallonage shall be computed on the basis of miles travelled within
18 the State as compared to total miles travelled within and without the State, with
19 the actual method of computation prescribed by the Commissioner. A
20 distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the gross
21 quantity of fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined, manufactured, and
22 compounded by the distributor, ~~less one percent for shrinkage, loss by~~
23 ~~evaporation or otherwise, instead of the quantity sold, distributed, or used.~~

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1 From this amount of tax due, there shall be deducted the tax on fuel purchased
2 in this State on which the tax has been previously paid by the user, provided
3 the tax-paid purchases are supported by copies of the sales invoices showing
4 the amount of tax paid. Such copies shall be retained by the taxpayer for a
5 period of not less than three years and shall be available for inspection by the
6 Commissioner or his or her designated agents. If the computation shows
7 additional tax to be due, it shall be remitted with the report filed under section
8 3014 of this title.

9 **Sec. 3.** 23 V.S.A. § 3107 is amended to read:

10 § 3107. ALTERNATIVE BASIS FOR COMPUTING TAX

11 A distributor may use as the measure of the tax so levied and assessed the
12 gross quantity of motor fuel purchased, imported, produced, refined,
13 manufactured, and compounded by the distributor, ~~less one percent for~~
14 ~~shrinkage, loss by evaporation, or otherwise,~~ instead of the quantity sold,
15 distributed, or used.

16 * * * Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax; Cap * * *

17 **Sec. 4.** 32 V.S.A. § 8903 is amended to read:

18 § 8903. TAX IMPOSED

19 (a)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the purchase in Vermont of a motor
20 vehicle by a resident a tax at the time of such purchase, payable as hereinafter
21 provided. The amount of the tax shall be six percent of the taxable cost of a:

22 (A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;

23 (B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;

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1 (C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title; or

2 (D) vehicle weighing up to 10,099 pounds, registered pursuant to 23

3 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

4 (2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost

5 of the motor vehicle or ~~\$1,850.00~~ \$2,075.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever

6 is smaller, except that pleasure cars which are purchased, leased, or otherwise

7 acquired for use in short-term rentals shall be subject to taxation under

8 subsection (d) of this section.

9 (b)(1) There is hereby imposed upon the use within this State a tax of six
10 percent of the taxable cost of a:

11 (A) pleasure car as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;

12 (B) motorcycle as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4;

13 (C) motor home as defined in subdivision 8902(11) of this title; or

14 (D) vehicle weighing up to 10,099 pounds, registered pursuant to 23

15 V.S.A. § 367, other than a farm truck.

16 (2) For any other motor vehicle, it shall be six percent of the taxable cost

17 of a motor vehicle, or ~~\$1,850.00~~ \$2,075.00 for each motor vehicle, whichever

18 is smaller, by a person at the time of first registering or transferring a

19 registration to such motor vehicle payable as hereinafter provided, except no

20 use tax shall be payable hereunder if the tax imposed by subsection (a) of this

21 section has been paid, or the vehicle is a pleasure car which was purchased,

22 leased, or otherwise acquired for use in short-term rentals, in which case the

23 vehicle shall be subject to taxation under subsection (d) of this section.

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