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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to diesel fuel; providing legislative findings; providing a definition; requiring that all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the state for use in internal combustion engines have a certain percentage of biodiesel content; providing an effective date for the minimum content requirement; providing exceptions; requiring refineries and terminals to provide certain documentation for the transfer or sale of biodiesel fuel; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.--The Legislature finds that it is vital to the public interest and to Florida's economy to establish a market for alternative fuels in the state by requiring that diesel fuel that is offered for sale in Florida includes renewable biodiesel fuel that meets applicable fuel quality standards. The Legislature finds that the use of biodiesel fuel reduces dependence on imports of foreign oil, improves the health and quality of life of Floridians, and stimulates the creation of a new industry that combines agricultural production with state-of-the-art technology.

(2) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term
"biodiesel fuel" means a renewable, biodegradable, monoalkyl
ester combustible liquid fuel derived from agricultural plants,
oils, or animal fats that meets the American Society for Testing
and Materials specification of D6751-02 for biodiesel fuel

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"B100" blend stock for distillate fuels.

- (3) MINIMUM CONTENT; RULES; EFFECTIVE DATE.--Effective

  [ ] days after the Commissioner of Agriculture publishes

  notice in the Florida Administrative Weekly that annual capacity

  in the state for the production of biodiesel fuel exceeds [ ]

  gallons, all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the state

  for use in internal combustion engines must contain at least 5

  percent biodiesel fuel by volume.
- (4) EXCEPTIONS.--Minimum diesel content requirements of this section do not apply to fuel used in motors located at an electric generating plant regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, unless the use of such fuel is otherwise approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; railroad locomotives; or vehicles, equipment, and vessels with warranties that would be voided by the use of such fuel.
- (5) DISCLOSURE.--A refinery or terminal shall provide, at the time diesel fuel is sold or transferred from the refinery or terminal, a bill of lading or shipping manifest to the person who receives the fuel. For biodiesel-blended products, the bill of lading or shipping manifest must disclose biodiesel content, stating volume percentage, gallons of biodiesel per gallons of petroleum diesel base-stock, or an ASTM "xx" designation where "xx" denotes the volume percentage of biodiesel included in the blended product. This subsection does not apply to sales or transfers of biodiesel blend stock between refineries, between terminals, or between a refinery and a terminal.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.