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An act relating to transportation funding; amending s. 206.051, F.S.; making conforming changes relating to the renaming of local option fuel taxes as local fuel taxes; amending s. 206.23, F.S.; making conforming changes relating to the renaming of local option fuel taxes as local fuel taxes; amending s. 206.41, F.S.; indexing the county fuel tax and the municipal fuel tax to the Consumer Price Index; mandating the imposition of the ninth-cent fuel tax by counties and indexing the tax to the Consumer Price Index; making local option fuel taxes mandatory, renaming the taxes as local fuel taxes, and imposing those taxes at the rate of 11 cents per gallon indexed to the Consumer Price Index; imposing a National System Tax as an additional fuel tax and indexing that tax to the Consumer Price Index; requiring the notice of fuel tax changes; authorizing the adoption of rules and forms; amending s. 206.414, F.S.; providing for the collection of the National System Tax on motor fuel; amending s. 206.43, F.S.; providing for monthly payment of the National System Tax, less an allowance for services and expenses to comply with the law; making conforming changes relating to the renaming of local option fuel taxes as local fuel taxes; amending s. 206.47, F.S.; providing for the distribution of the ninth-cent fuel tax and local fuel taxes based on taxes paid in each county; making conforming changes relating to the renaming of local option fuel taxes as local fuel taxes; creating s. 206.607, F.S.; providing for

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the deposit of revenues from the National System Tax on motor fuel, less service charges and administrative costs, to be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund; prohibiting National System Tax Revenues from being used on projects not included in a certain work program; amending s. 206.87, F.S.; mandating the imposition of the ninth-cent fuel tax on diesel fuel in counties and indexing the tax to the Consumer Price Index; mandating the imposition of a local fuel tax of 6 cents per gallon of diesel fuel in counties and indexing the tax to the Consumer Price Index; making local option fuel taxes mandatory and renaming the taxes as local fuel taxes; imposing a National System Tax as an additional tax on diesel fuel and indexing that tax to the Consumer Price Index; requiring notice of fuel tax changes; authorizing the adoption of rules and forms; amending s. 206.8745, F.S.; making conforming changes relating to the renaming of local option fuel taxes and making those taxes mandatory; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; providing for the distribution of sales tax revenues from the sale of motor vehicles, less administrative costs, to the State Transportation Trust Fund; amending s. 215.211, F.S.; makes conforming changes to service charges on certain taxes accounting for the renaming of local option fuel taxes as local fuel taxes; amending s. 319.32; F.S.; providing for increased fees for certain motor vehicle titles in 2009, 2010, and 2011 and indexing that fee to the Consumer Price Index starting in 2012; increasing

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amounts of fee revenues from certain motor vehicle titles for deposit in the State Transportation Trust Fund in 2009, 2010, and 2011 and indexing those amounts to the Consumer Price Index starting in 2012; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; increasing license taxes for certain motor vehicles and trailers in 2009, 2010, and 2011 and indexing those taxes to the Consumer Price Index in 2012; amending s. 336.021, F.S.; making ninth-cent local option fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel mandatory and renaming the taxes as local fuel taxes; repealing provisions relating to local option fuel taxes; amending s. 336.025, F.S.; making local option fuel taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel mandatory, renaming those taxes as local fuel taxes, and imposing the tax at the rate of 6 cents per gallon; requiring the use of local fuel tax revenues by counties and municipalities for transportation expenditures; repealing provisions relating to local option fuel taxes; amending s. 339.2816, F.S.; deleting certain eligibility criteria for participation in the Small County Road Assistance Program; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 206.051, Florida Statutes, is amended Section 1. to read:

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Importer and exporter; credit authorization and bonding requirements. --

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(1) Prior to being licensed, an importer must establish credit worthiness with the department. This shall be accomplished by posting a bond equivalent to 60 days' tax liability or by making a cash deposit or providing an irrevocable letter of credit in that amount. An importer shall then be authorized to import fuels and remit taxes directly to the state as provided in this part up to the amount of credit so established. Before an importer's liability may exceed its established credit limit, the importer shall make a tax deposit, by electronic funds transfer to the department, in an amount equal to its current tax liability, or provide the department with additional security as provided by this section. Any importer who fails to timely remit taxes and supply sufficient credit as required by this section shall be prohibited from importing untaxed fuel into this state.

- (2) Prior to each importation of taxable motor or diesel fuels upon which tax has not been charged by the supplier, an importer must notify the department and obtain an import authorization number which shall be recorded by the importer on the shipping papers.
- (3) Prior to being licensed, an exporter must post a bond with the department equal to 3 times the total state and local option taxes that would be due if sold for highway use in Florida, based on the average monthly number of gallons of motor and diesel fuel to be exported, subject to the maximum bonding restrictions for motor fuels in s. 206.05 and diesel fuels in s. 206.90. To the extent that a taxpayer already has established a

bond under those sections, only an amount necessary to comply with this section will be required.

- (4) A licensed exporter shall be authorized to take a credit on its monthly fuel tax return or apply for a refund of all state fuel tax and local option fuel tax paid on fuel exported from the state in compliance with this section. To establish the right to refund, an exporter shall provide a copy of the return filed in the destination state showing the import of all fuels claimed for refund. The department shall, absent any violation, authorize a refund based on the information submitted.
- (5) Any exporter filing a false refund claim or claiming a false credit shall be prohibited from making future refund or credit claims for taxes paid on motor fuels exported from this state for a period of not less than 12 months. A false claim for credit or refund shall be a basis for license revocation.
- Section 2. Section 206.23, Florida Statues, is amended to read:
 - 206.23 Tax; must be stated separately.--
- (1) Any person engaged in selling motor fuel shall add the amount of the fuel tax to the price of the motor fuel sold by him or her and shall state the tax separately from the price of the motor fuel on all invoices. All taxes due pursuant to this part shall be separately stated and identified as <u>a</u> Florida fuel tax and as a local option fuel tax imposed in by a specific county, as applicable. However, this section shall not apply to retail sales by a retail service station.

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- (2) A person engaged in any activity taxable under this chapter may not advertise or hold out to the public, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that he or she will absorb all or any part of the tax, or that he or she will relieve the purchaser of the payment of all or any part of the tax, or that the tax will not be added to the selling price of the property or services sold or released or, when added, that it or any part thereof will be refunded either directly or indirectly by any method whatsoever. A person who violates this provision with respect to advertising or refund commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A second or subsequent offense constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (3) Any person who has purchased, received, or otherwise acquired motor fuel for sale, use, or storage outside a terminal facility in this state who cannot prove that tax was charged by and paid to his or her supplier shall be liable for the payment to the department of tax, penalty, and interest imposed pursuant to this part on such fuel.
- Section 3. Effective January 1, 2009, section 206.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 206.41 State taxes imposed on motor fuel.--
- (1) The following taxes are imposed on motor fuel under the circumstances described in subsection (6):
- (a) An excise or license tax of 2 cents per net gallon, which is the tax as levied by s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended, and continued by s. 9(c), Art.

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XII of the 1968 State Constitution, as amended, which is therein referred to as the "second gas tax," and which is hereby designated the "constitutional fuel tax."

- (b) An additional tax of 1 cent per net gallon, which is designated as the "county fuel tax" and which shall be used for the purposes described in s. 206.60. Each January 1, this tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States

 Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- (c) An additional tax of 1 cent per net gallon, which is designated as the "municipal fuel tax" and which shall be used for the purposes described in s. 206.605. Each January 1, this tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- (d) An additional tax of 1 cent per net gallon may be imposed by each county on motor fuel, which is shall be designated as the "ninth-cent fuel tax-" and which This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 336.021. Each January 1, this tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month

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period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

- (e) An additional tax of between 1 cent and 11 cents per net gallon may be imposed on motor fuel by each county, which is shall be designated as the "local option fuel tax-" and which This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 336.025.

 Each January 1, this tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- (f)1. An additional tax designated as the State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Tax is imposed on each net gallon of motor fuel in each county. This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 206.608.
- 2. The rate of the tax in each county shall be equal to two-thirds of the lesser of the sum of the taxes imposed on motor fuel pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) in such county or 6 cents, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- 3. Beginning January 1, 1992, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the tax rate provided in subparagraph 2. shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the

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12-month period ending September 30, 1990, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

- 4. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.
- (g)1. An additional tax is imposed on each net gallon of motor fuel, which tax is on the privilege of selling motor fuel and which is designated the "fuel sales tax," at a rate determined pursuant to this paragraph. Before January 1 of 1997, and of each year thereafter, the department shall determine the tax rate applicable to the sale of fuel for the forthcoming 12-month period beginning January 1, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent, by adjusting the initially established tax rate of 6.9 cents per gallon by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 1989. However, the tax rate shall not be lower than 6.9 cents per gallon.
- 2. The department is authorized to adopt rules and adopt such forms as may be necessary for the administration of this paragraph.
- 3. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.

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(h)1. An additional tax per net gallon, which is
designated as the National System Tax, and which shall be that
amount equal to the difference between the federal tax rate
provided in 26 U.S.C. s. 4081(a)(2)(A)(i), and the federal tax
rate provided in 26 U.S.C. s. 4081(a)(2)(A)(i) adjusted on
January 1 of each year, by the percentage change in the average
of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United
States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period
ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is
the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008,
and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

- 2. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.
- (i) The department is authorized to adopt rules and such forms as may be necessary for the administration of this subsection.
- (2) Revenues from these taxes become state funds at the time of collection by the terminal supplier, importer, or wholesaler, who shall act as agent for the state in the collection of such taxes whether he or she is the ultimate seller or not. For purposes of this chapter, the term "first sale" or "first removal" shall be the net amount of motor fuel pumped from the loading rack. The term "first sale" does not include exchanges or loans, gallon-for-gallon, of motor fuel between licensed terminal suppliers before the fuel has been sold or removed through the loading rack or transfers between

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terminal facilities owned by the same taxpayer. The tax on motor fuel first imported into this state by a licensed terminal supplier storing such fuel in a terminal facility shall be imposed when the product is first removed through the loading rack. The tax shall be remitted by the licensed terminal supplier who owned the motor fuel immediately prior to removal of such fuel from storage.

- (3) Motor fuel contained in the fuel tanks of any motor vehicle entering this state and used to propel such motor vehicle into Florida from another state shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by this part. Motor fuel supplied by a vehicle manufacturer and contained in the fuel tanks of a new and untitled motor vehicle shall be exempt from the taxes imposed by this part. "Fuel tanks" shall mean the reservoir or receptacle attached to the motor vehicle by the manufacturer as the container for fuel used to propel the vehicle.
- (4)(a) Nothing in this part shall be construed to change the legal incidence of the tax and the right to a refund by a qualifying ultimate consumer. The legal incidence of the tax shall be on the ultimate consumer; however, the tax shall be precollected for administrative convenience prior to the sale to the ultimate consumer.
- (b) Any person who uses motor fuel on which the taxes imposed by paragraph (1)(e), paragraph (1)(f), or paragraph (1)(g) have been paid for any system of mass public transportation authorized to operate within any city, town, municipality, county, or transit authority region in this state, as distinguished from any over-the-road or charter system of

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public transportation, is entitled to a refund of such taxes. However, such transit system shall be entitled to take a credit on the monthly diesel fuel tax return not to exceed the tax imposed under said paragraphs on those gallons which would otherwise be eligible for refund, when such transit system is licensed as a mass transit system. A public transportation system or transit system as defined in this paragraph may operate outside its limits when such operation is found necessary to adequately and efficiently provide mass public transportation services for the city, town, or municipality involved. A transit system as defined in this paragraph includes demand service that is an integral part of a city, town, municipality, county, or transit or transportation authority system but does not include independent taxicab or limousine operations. The terms "city," "county," and "authority" as used in this paragraph include any city, town, municipality, county, or transit or transportation authority organized in this state by virtue of any general or special law enacted by the Legislature.

- (c)1. Any person who uses any motor fuel for agricultural, aquacultural, commercial fishing, or commercial aviation purposes on which fuel the tax imposed by paragraph (1)(e), paragraph (1)(f), or paragraph (1)(g) has been paid is entitled to a refund of such tax.
- 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "agricultural and aquacultural purposes" means motor fuel used in any tractor, vehicle, or other farm equipment which is used exclusively on a farm or for processing farm products on the farm, and no part of

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which fuel is used in any vehicle or equipment driven or operated upon the public highways of this state. This restriction does not apply to the movement of a farm vehicle or farm equipment between farms. The transporting of bees by water and the operating of equipment used in the apiary of a beekeeper shall be also deemed an agricultural purpose.

- 3. For the purposes of this paragraph, "commercial fishing and aquacultural purposes" means motor fuel used in the operation of boats, vessels, or equipment used exclusively for the taking of fish, crayfish, oysters, shrimp, or sponges from salt or fresh waters under the jurisdiction of the state for resale to the public, and no part of which fuel is used in any vehicle or equipment driven or operated upon the highways of this state; however, the term may in no way be construed to include fuel used for sport or pleasure fishing.
- 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, "commercial aviation purposes" means motor fuel used in the operation of aviation ground support vehicles or equipment, no part of which fuel is used in any vehicle or equipment driven or operated upon the public highways of this state.
- (d) The portion of the tax imposed by paragraph (1)(g) which results from the collection of such taxes paid by a municipality or county on motor fuel or diesel fuel for use in a motor vehicle operated by it shall be returned to the governing body of such municipality or county for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roads and streets within the municipality or county. A municipality or county, when licensed as a local government user, shall be entitled to take a credit

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on the monthly diesel fuel tax return not to exceed the tax imposed under paragraphs (1)(b) and (g) on those gallons which would otherwise be eligible for refund.

- (e)1. The portion of the tax imposed by paragraph (1)(g) which results from the collection of such tax paid by a school district or a private contractor operating school buses for a school district or by a nonpublic school on motor fuel or diesel fuel for use in a motor vehicle operated by such district, private contractor, or nonpublic school shall be returned to the governing body of such school district or to such nonpublic school. A school district, when licensed as a local government user, shall be entitled to take a credit on the monthly diesel fuel tax return not to exceed the tax imposed under paragraphs (1)(b) and (g) on those gallons which would otherwise be eligible for refund.
- 2. Funds returned to school districts shall be used to fund construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roads and streets within the school district required as a result of the construction of new schools or the renovation of existing schools. The school board shall select the projects to be funded; however, the first priority shall be given to projects required as the result of the construction of new schools, unless a waiver is granted by the affected county or municipal government. Funds returned to nonpublic schools shall be used for transportation-related purposes.
- (5)(a)1. This subsection applies to administration of the refunds provided for by subsection (4). To procure a permit, a person must file with the department an application, on forms

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furnished by the department, stating that he or she is entitled to a refund according to the provisions of subsection (4) and that he or she intends to file an application for refund for a calendar quarter during the current calendar year, and must furnish the department such other information as the department requests.

- 2. No person may in any event be allowed a refund unless he or she has filed the application provided for in subparagraph 1. with the department. A permit shall be effective for the year issued by the department and shall be continuous from year to year so long as the permitholder files refund claims from year to year. In the event the permitholder fails to file a claim for any year, he or she must apply for a new permit.
- 3. If an applicant for a refund permit has violated any provision of this subsection or any regulation pursuant hereto; or has been convicted of bribery, theft, or false swearing within the period of 5 years preceding the application; or if the department has evidence of the financial irresponsibility of the applicant, the department may require the applicant to execute a corporate surety bond of \$1,000 to be approved by the department, conditioned upon the payment of all taxes, penalties, and fines for which such applicant may become liable.
- (b)1. When motor fuel or diesel fuel is sold to a person who claims to be entitled to a refund under subsection (4), the seller of such motor fuel or diesel fuel shall make out a sales invoice, which shall contain the following information:
- a. The name, post office address, and residence address of the purchaser.

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- b. The number of gallons purchased.
 - c. The date on which the purchase was made.
 - d. The price paid for the motor fuel or diesel fuel.
 - e. The name and place of business of the seller of the motor fuel or diesel fuel.
 - f. The license number, or other identification number, of the motor vehicle or boat of the purchaser.
 - g. The Department of Environmental Protection storage tank facility identification number for the seller's location, if the location is required to be registered in accordance with s. 376.303.
 - 2. The sales invoice shall be retained by the purchaser until the department's power to issue an assessment with respect to such tax has terminated pursuant to s. 95.091(3). In lieu of original sales invoices, a purchaser may submit a detailed schedule of individual transactions which includes the information required by subparagraph 1. along with the refund application. No refund will be allowed unless the seller has executed such an invoice and unless proof of payment of the taxes for which the refund is claimed can be provided to the department upon request. The department may refuse to grant a refund in whole or in part if the schedule or an invoice is incomplete and fails to contain the full information required in this paragraph.
 - 3. No person may execute a sales invoice, as described in subparagraph 1., except a terminal supplier, importer, exporter, wholesaler, reseller, or retail dealer.

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4. When motor fuel or diesel fuel is sold by a retail dealer to a person who claims to be entitled to a refund under subsection (4), a detailed schedule of individual purchase transactions including names, addresses, Department of Environmental Protection storage tank facility identification number of the station, date of purchase, invoice number, and number of gallons purchased may be provided the department by the permitted refund applicant in lieu of the original invoices.

- 5. Notwithstanding provisions of this paragraph to the contrary, refunds to a school district for fuel consumed by school buses operated for the district by private contractors shall be based on an estimate of taxes paid. The estimate shall be determined quarterly by dividing the total miles traveled by such vehicles for school purposes by their average miles per gallon, as determined by the department, and multiplying the result by the applicable tax rate per gallon. It is the responsibility of the school district to provide information relevant to this determination.
- (c)1. No refund may be authorized unless a sworn application therefor containing such information as the department may determine is filed with the department not later than the last day of the month following the quarter for which the refund is claimed. However, when a justified excuse for late filing is presented to the department and the last preceding claim was filed on time, the deadline for filing may be extended an additional month. No refund will be authorized unless the amount due is for \$5 or more for any refund period and unless application is made upon forms prescribed by the department.

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2. Claims made for refunds provided pursuant to subsection (4) shall be paid quarterly. The department shall deduct a fee of \$2 for each claim, which fee shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund.

- (d) The right to receive any refund under the provisions of this subsection is not assignable, except to the executor or administrator, or to the receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, or assignee in an insolvency proceeding, of the person entitled to the refund.
- Each terminal supplier, importer, blender, exporter, (e)1.or wholesaler shall, in accordance with the requirements of the department, keep at his or her principal place of business in this state or at the bulk plant where the sale is made a complete record of or duplicate sales tickets for all motor fuel or diesel fuel sold by him or her for which a refund provided in this section may be claimed, which records must give the date of each such sale, the number of gallons sold, the name of the person to whom sold, and the sale price. A terminal supplier, importer, blender, exporter, or wholesaler, or his or her agent or employee, may not acknowledge or assist in the preparation of any false or fraudulent claim for tax refund. Any terminal supplier, importer, blender, exporter, or wholesaler, or his or her agent or employee, that has knowledge or should have had knowledge that a refund is false or fraudulent shall in addition to other penalties be jointly liable with the refund recipient to the state for the tax improperly refunded.
- 2. Every person to whom a refund permit has been issued under this subsection shall, in accordance with the requirements

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of the department, keep at his or her residence or principal place of business in this state a record of each purchase of motor fuel or diesel fuel from a terminal supplier, importer, blender, exporter, or wholesaler, or his or her authorized agent; the number of gallons purchased; the name of the seller; the date of the purchase; and the sale price.

- 3. The records required to be kept under this paragraph are subject, at all reasonable hours, to audit or inspection by the department or by any person duly authorized by the department. Such records shall be preserved and may not be destroyed until the period specified in s. 215.26(2) has elapsed.
- 4. The department shall keep a permanent record of the amount of refund claimed and paid to each claimant. Such records are open to public inspection.
- (f) Agents of the department are authorized to go upon the premises of any permitholder or terminal supplier, importer, blender, exporter, or wholesaler, or duly authorized agent thereof, to make inspection to ascertain any matter connected with the operation of this subsection or the enforcement hereof. However, no agent may enter the dwelling of any person without the consent of the occupant or authority from a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (g) If any taxes are refunded erroneously, the department shall advise the payee by registered mail of the erroneous refund. If the payee fails to reimburse the state within 15 days after the receipt of the letter, an action may be instituted by the department against such payee in the circuit court, and the

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department shall recover from the payee the amount of the erroneous refund plus a penalty of 25 percent.

(h) No person shall:

- 1. Knowingly make a false or fraudulent statement in an application for a refund permit or in an application for a refund of any taxes under this section;
 - 2. Fraudulently obtain a refund of such taxes;
- 3. Knowingly aid or assist in making any such false or fraudulent statement or claim; or
- 4. Buy motor fuel or diesel fuel to be used for any purpose other than as provided in subsection (4).
- (i) The refund permit of any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall be revoked by the department and may not be reissued until 2 years have elapsed from the date of such revocation. The refund permit of any person who violates any other provision of this chapter may be suspended by the department for any period, in its discretion, not exceeding 6 months.
- (j) The department shall prescribe a permit form which shall be used to secure refunds under this subsection.
- (6) Unless otherwise provided for by this chapter, the taxes specified in subsection (1) are imposed on all of the following:
- (a) The removal of motor fuel in this state from a terminal if the motor fuel is removed at the rack.
- (b) The removal of motor fuel in this state from any refinery if either of the following applies:

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1. The removal is by bulk transfer and the owner of the motor fuel immediately before the removal is not a licensed terminal supplier; or

- 2. The removal is at the refinery rack.
- (c) The entry of motor fuel into this state for sale, consumption, use, or warehousing if either of the following applies:
- 1. The entry is by bulk transfer and the enterer is not licensed as a terminal supplier or importer; or
 - 2. The entry is not by bulk transfer.
- (d) The removal of motor fuel in this state to an unregistered person, unless there was a prior taxable removal, entry, or sale of the motor fuel.
- (e) The removal or sale of blended motor fuel in this state by the blender thereof. The number of gallons of blended motor fuel subject to tax is the difference between the total number of gallons of blended motor fuel removed or sold and the number of gallons of previously taxed motor fuel used to produce the blended motor fuel.
- Section 4. Section 206.414, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 206.414 Collection of certain taxes; prohibited credits and refunds.--
- (1) Notwithstanding s. 206.41, which requires the collection of taxes due when motor fuel is removed through the terminal loading rack, the taxes imposed by $\underline{s.\ 206.41(1)(d)}$, $\underline{(e)}$, $\underline{(f)}$, and $\underline{(h)}$ $\underline{s.\ 206.41(1)(d)}$, $\underline{(e)}$, and $\underline{(f)}$ shall be collected in the following manner:

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(a) Prior to January 1 each year the department shall determine the minimum amount of taxes to be imposed by \underline{s} . $\underline{206.41(1)(d)}, (e), (f), \text{ and } (h) \underline{s}. \underline{206.41(1)(d)}, (e), \underline{and (f)} \text{ in any county.}$

- (b) The minimum tax imposed by $\underline{s. 206.41(1)(d)}$, $\underline{(e)}$, $\underline{(f)}$, $\underline{and (h)}$ $\underline{s. 206.41(1)(d)}$, $\underline{(e)}$, $\underline{and (f)}$ shall be collected in the same manner as the taxes imposed under $\underline{s. 206.41(a)}$, $\underline{(b)}$, and $\underline{(c)}$; at the point of removal through the terminal loading rack; or as provided in paragraph $\underline{(c)}$. All taxes collected, refunded, or credited shall be distributed based on the current applied period.
- (c) The taxes imposed by $\underline{s.\ 206.41(1)(d),\ (e),\ (f),\ and}$ $\underline{(h)\ s.\ 206.41(1)(d),\ (e),\ and\ (f)}$ above the annual minimum shall be collected and remitted by licensed wholesalers and terminal suppliers upon each sale, delivery, or consignment to retail dealers, resellers, and end users.
- (2) Terminal suppliers and wholesalers shall not collect the taxes imposed by $\underline{s.\ 206.41(1)(d),\ (e),\ (f),\ and\ (h)}$ s. $\underline{206.41(1)(d),\ (e),\ and\ (f)}$ above the annual minimum established in this section on authorized exchanges and sales to terminal suppliers, wholesalers, and importers.
- (3) Terminal suppliers, wholesalers, and importers shall not pay the taxes imposed by \underline{s} . 206.41(1)(d), $\underline{(e)}$, $\underline{(f)}$, and $\underline{(h)}$ \underline{s} . 206.41(1)(d), $\underline{(e)}$, and $\underline{(f)}$ above the annual minimum established in this section to their suppliers. There shall be no credit or refund for any of the taxes imposed by \underline{s} . 206.41(1)(d), $\underline{(e)}$, $\underline{(f)}$, and $\underline{(h)}$ \underline{s} . 206.41(1)(d), $\underline{(e)}$, and $\underline{(f)}$

above the annual minimum established in this section paid by a terminal supplier, wholesaler, or importer to any supplier.

Section 5. Section 206.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.43 Terminal supplier, importer, exporter, blender, and wholesaler to report to department monthly; deduction.—The taxes levied and assessed as provided in this part shall be paid to the department monthly in the following manner:

Taxes are due on the first day of the succeeding month and shall be paid on or before the 20th day of each month. The terminal supplier, importer, exporter, blender, or wholesaler shall mail to the department verified reports on forms prescribed by the department and shall at the same time pay to the department the amount of tax computed to be due. However, if the 20th day falls on a Saturday, a Sunday, or a federal or state legal holiday, returns shall be accepted if postmarked on the next succeeding workday. The terminal supplier or importer shall deduct from the amount of tax shown by the report to be payable an amount equivalent to .2 percent of the tax on motor fuels imposed by s. 206.41(1)(a), (b), (c), (g) and (h) s. 206.41(1)(a), (b), (c), and (g), which deduction is hereby allowed to the terminal supplier or importer on account of services and expenses in complying with the provisions of the law. The allowance on taxable gallons of motor fuel sold to persons licensed under this chapter shall not be deductible unless the terminal supplier or importer has allowed 50 percent of the allowance provided by this section to a purchaser with a valid wholesaler or terminal supplier license. However, this

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allowance shall not be deductible unless payment of the tax is made on or before the 20th day of the month as herein required. The United States post office date stamped on the envelope in which the report is submitted shall be considered as the date the report is received by the department. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize a deduction from the constitutional fuel tax or fuel sales tax.

- (b) In addition to the allowance authorized by paragraph (a), every terminal supplier and wholesaler shall be entitled to a deduction of 1.1 percent of the tax imposed under s. 206.41(1)(d) and the first 6 cents of tax imposed under s. 206.41(1)(e), which deduction is hereby allowed on account of services and expenses in complying with the provisions of this part. This allowance shall not be deductible unless payment of the tax is made on or before the 20th day of the month as herein required.
- (2) Such report may show in detail the number of gallons so sold and delivered by the terminal supplier, importer, exporter, blender, or wholesaler in the state, and the destination as to the county in the state to which the motor fuel was delivered for resale at retail or use shall be specified in the report. The total taxable gallons sold shall agree with the total gallons reported to the county destinations for resale at retail or use. All gallons of motor fuel sold shall be invoiced and shall name the county of destination for resale at retail or use.
- (3) All terminal suppliers, importers, exporters, blenders, and wholesalers shall report monthly:

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(a) The consumption of motor fuel by the licensee and the county or counties in which the gallons of motor fuel were consumed.

- (b) All sales to the ultimate consumer and the county or counties to which the gallons of motor fuel were delivered.
- (c) All sales to retail dealers and service stations and the county or counties to which the gallons of motor fuel were delivered.
- (4) The taxes herein levied and assessed shall be in addition to any and all other taxes authorized, imposed, assessed, or levied on motor fuel under any laws of this state.
- (5)(a) A licensed wholesaler may, after obtaining written consent of the executive director of the department, remit the taxes imposed by s. 206.41 to its supplier by electronic funds transfer or other approved methods, no later than the last business day prior to the 20th day of the succeeding month following the date of the transaction. Consent of the department shall be conditioned solely upon a wholesaler having a license currently in good standing and shall be subject to the bond required pursuant to s. 206.05(1).
- (b) If a terminal supplier or position holder sells motor fuel to a licensed wholesaler with electronic funds transfer authority from the department and is unable to collect the taxes imposed pursuant to this part by the end of the last day of the succeeding month following the date of the transaction, the terminal supplier or position holder shall be entitled to a refund or credit of taxes which it has been unable to collect from the wholesaler and which were reported and remitted to the

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department on fuel sold to the wholesaler through the end of the last day of such succeeding month.

- (c) A terminal supplier or position holder which is unable to collect the taxes imposed pursuant to this part from a licensed wholesaler by the 10th day after the funds are due pursuant to paragraph (a) shall immediately notify the department of the wholesaler's failure to pay such taxes. The department shall immediately notify all terminal suppliers and position holders that any sales of motor fuel to the wholesaler after the last day of the month following the date of the transaction shall not qualify for the refund or credit provided under paragraph (b), until the wholesaler shall have paid the amount of all applicable tax, penalties, and interest due to the department on the transaction, in which event the department shall immediately notify all terminal suppliers and position holders that sales to the wholesaler will thereafter qualify for the refund or credit provided under paragraph (b).
- (d) Any terminal supplier or position holder which fails to timely notify the department as required pursuant to paragraph (c) shall not be entitled to the refund or credit provided under paragraph (b). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to impose liability upon the terminal supplier or position holder for taxes due on fuel sold to the wholesaler by any other terminal supplier or position holder.
- (6)(a) A licensed wholesaler shall self-accrue and remit to the department the tax on motor fuel imposed by s. 206.41(1)(d), (e), and (f) in accordance with subsections (1)-(3).

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(b) All motor fuel local option taxes required to be returned pursuant to this section by a licensed wholesaler shall be reported to the department on a consolidated fuel tax return. A wholesaler may, in lieu of applying for a refund, take a credit against any motor fuel local option taxes due to the department on said return for any motor fuel taxes, including local option taxes, paid by the wholesaler on fuel subsequently sold by it in a transaction which is exempt from fuel tax or eligible for a refund of fuel tax under this chapter.

- A terminal supplier or wholesaler that has paid the tax required under s. 206.41(1)(d), (e), and (f) upon sales to a retail dealer or reseller may take credit for any unpaid tax due on worthless accounts within 12 months after the month the bad debt was written off for federal income tax purposes, if the debt for the fuel upon which the tax was paid was also written off and if the credit for taxes paid is limited to the sales of fuel and taxes remitted within the first 60 days of nonpayment, not to exceed 120 percent of the 60-day average based on the prior 12 months of business. Any taxes due on sales to retailers and resellers resulting in worthless accounts receivable following the first 60 days of nonpayment shall not be credited or refunded. If any accounts so charged off for which a credit or refund has been obtained are thereafter in whole or in part paid to the licensee, the amount so paid shall be included in the first return filed after such collection and the tax paid accordingly.
- (7)(a) Any terminal supplier or wholesaler who inadvertently reports a sale or use of motor fuel in a county

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other than the county in which such sale or use occurred shall have the right, prior to being contacted by the department concerning such liability, to correct the reporting error by filing an amended return and paying the correct amount of tax due, plus any applicable interest due on the difference between the correct tax due and the amount of tax originally reported. However, interest shall not be due if the amended return is filed with the department on or before the due date of the next return. The terminal supplier or wholesaler shall be entitled to a credit or refund of the amount, if any, by which the amount of tax originally reported exceeds the correct tax due.

- (b) Any terminal supplier or wholesaler who fails to correct a reporting error under the circumstances provided in paragraph (a) within 180 days after making the error and prior to any request made by the department to examine the records of the licensee shall be liable for all the additional taxes due, applicable delinquency penalty and interest, a specific penalty of 100 percent of the additional tax due, and an additional specific penalty, for improper reporting, of 10 percent of the tax due to any county without benefit of credit for taxes paid in error.
- Section 6. Section 206.47, Florida Statutes is amended to read:
 - 206.47 Distribution of constitutional fuel tax pursuant to State Constitution.--
 - (1) The constitutional fuel tax shall be allocated among the several counties in accordance with the formula stated in s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended, to

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the extent necessary to comply with all obligations to or for the benefit of holders of bonds, revenue certificates, and tax anticipation certificates or any refundings thereof secured by any portion of the constitutional fuel tax allocated under the provisions of s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended.

- (2) The Department of Revenue will transmit the constitutional fuel tax as collected monthly to the State Board of Administration allocated and distributed to the credit of the several counties of the state based on the formula of distribution contained in s. 16, Art. IX of the Constitution of 1885, as amended.
- (3) The State Board of Administration will calculate a distribution of the constitutional fuel tax received from the Department of Revenue under subsection (2), based on the formula contained in s. 9(c)(4), Art. XII of the revised State Constitution of 1968.
- (4) The State Board of Administration shall allocate the constitutional fuel tax beginning with the tax collected January 1969 on the formula contained in s. 9(c)(4), Art. XII of the revised State Constitution of 1968, subject only to the debt service requirements of bonds pledging all or part of the constitutional fuel tax allocated under the provisions of s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended.
- (5)(a) The distribution factor, "the tax collected on retail sales or use in each county," shall be based upon a certificate of the Department of Revenue of the taxable gallons attributable to each county as of June 30 for each fiscal year.

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The Department of Revenue shall furnish a certificate to the State Board of Administration on or before July 31 following the end of each fiscal year, and such certificate shall be conclusive as to the tax collected on retail sales or use in each county for the prior fiscal year. The factor based on such certificate shall be applied to the fuel tax collections for the following fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

- For the purpose of this section, "taxable gallons attributable to each county" shall be calculated as a consumption factor for each county divided by the sum of such consumption factors for all counties, and multiplied by the total gallons statewide upon which a tax was paid pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(a). For each county imposing a tax pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(d) or (e), The consumption factor shall be the gallons upon which the county's tax was paid under s. 206.41(1)(d) or (e) either or both of said sections. For each other county, the consumption factor shall be calculated as the taxable gallons yielding the tax amount certified pursuant to this section for fiscal year 1984-1985 for the county, multiplied by the quotient of the statewide total taxes collected pursuant to s. 206.41(1)(a) for the current year divided by the statewide total taxes certified pursuant to this section for fiscal year 1984-1985.
- (6) The State Board of Administration will calculate a monthly allocation of the constitutional fuel tax received from the Department of Revenue based on the formula contained in s. 9(c)(4), Art. XII of the revised State Constitution of 1968, and

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credit to the account of each county the amount of the constitutional fuel tax to be allocated under such formula.

- (7) The fuel tax funds credited to each county will be first distributed to meet the debt service requirements, if any, of the s. 16, Art. IX debt assumed or refunded by the State Board of Administration payable from the constitutional fuel tax. The remaining fuel tax funds credited to each county are surplus fuel tax funds and shall be distributed as provided by s. 9(c), Art. XII of the State Constitution or by law pursuant to that section and shall be used for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of roads. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "maintenance" includes periodic maintenance and routine maintenance, as defined in s. 334.03, and may include the construction and installation of traffic signals, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and landscaping. The funds may be used as matching funds for any federal, state, or private grant specifically related to these purposes.
- (8) The State Board of Administration shall retain a reasonable percentage of the total surplus fuel tax in an amount to be determined by the board in each fiscal year and shall hold such funds in a reserve account to make any adjustments required for the distribution of the fuel tax for the fiscal year. Funds in the reserve account may be invested in direct obligations of the United States maturing not later than June 30 of each fiscal year.
- (9) The State Board of Administration will, in each fiscal year, distribute the 80-percent surplus fuel tax allocated to each county to the debt service requirements of each bond issue

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pledging the 80-percent surplus accruing to that county under the provisions of s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended. The remaining 80-percent surplus fuel tax funds will be advanced monthly, to the extent practicable, to the boards of county commissioners for use in the county.

- (10) The State Board of Administration will, in each fiscal year, distribute the 20-percent surplus fuel tax allocated to each county to the debt service requirements of each bond issue pledging the 20-percent surplus accruing to that county under the provisions of s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended. The remaining 20-percent surplus fuel tax funds will be advanced monthly, to the extent practicable, to the boards of county commissioners for use in the county.
- (11) After receiving the fuel tax collections for the 12th month of each fiscal year, the State Board of Administration shall make a complete and total distribution of all earnings on investments and remaining fuel tax collected during the fiscal year, taking into account all the requirements of s. 16, Art. IX of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended, of bonds pledging all or any portion of the constitutional fuel tax accruing thereunder, and s. 9(c), Art. XII of the revised State Constitution of 1968, as amended.

Section 7. Section 206.607, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

206.607 National System Tax; deposit of proceeds; distribution.--Moneys received pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(h) and 206.87(1)(f) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust

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Fund. After deposit, the service charge imposed in chapter 215 and administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, may be deducted. Administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections. The remaining funds shall be transferred into the State Transportation Trust Fund. However, no revenue from the taxes imposed pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(h) and 206.87(1)(f) in a county shall be expended unless the projects funded with such revenues have been included in the work program adopted pursuant to s. 339.135.

Section 8. Effective January 1, 2009, section 206.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.87 Levy of tax.--

- (1)(a) An excise tax of 4 cents per gallon is hereby imposed upon each net gallon of diesel fuel subject to the tax under subsection (2), except alternative fuels which are subject to the fee imposed by s. 206.877.
- (b) An additional tax of 1 cent per net gallon shall be imposed in by each county on each net gallon of diesel fuel, which shall be designated as the "ninth-cent fuel tax." This tax shall be used as provided in s. 336.021. Each January 1, this tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

imposed on diesel fuel <u>in</u> by each county, which shall be designated as the "local option fuel tax." This tax shall be levied and used as provided in s. 336.025. <u>Each January 1</u>, this tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

- (d) An additional tax designated as the State Comprehensive Enhanced Transportation System Tax is imposed on each net gallon of diesel fuel in each county, at a rate equal to the maximum rate provided in s. 206.41(1)(f). This tax shall be used as provided in s. 206.608.
- (e)1. An additional tax is imposed on each net gallon of diesel fuel, which tax is on the privilege of selling diesel fuel and which is designated the "fuel sales tax," at a rate determined pursuant to this paragraph. Before January 1 of 1997 and of each year thereafter, the department shall determine the tax rate applicable to the sale of diesel fuel applicable for the forthcoming 12-month period beginning January 1, rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent, by adjusting the initially established tax rate of 6.9 cents per gallon by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September

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30, 1989. However, the tax rate shall not be lower than 6.9 cents per gallon.

- 2. The department is authorized to adopt rules and adopt such forms as may be necessary for the administration of this paragraph.
- 3. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.
- designated as the National System Tax, and which is amount equal to the difference between the federal tax rate provided in 26 U.S.C. s. 4081(a)(2)(A)(iii) and the federal tax rate provided in 26 U.S.C. s. 4081(a)(2)(A)(iii), adjusted on January 1 of each year thereafter by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.
- 2. The department shall notify each terminal supplier, position holder, wholesaler, and importer of the tax rate applicable under this paragraph for the 12-month period beginning January 1.
- (g) The department is authorized to adopt rules and such forms as may be necessary for the administration of this subsection.

971 (2) The taxes specified in this section are imposed on all 972 of the following:

- (a) The removal of diesel fuel in this state from a terminal if the diesel fuel is removed at the rack.
- (b) The removal of diesel fuel in this state from any refinery if either of the following applies:
- 1. The removal is by bulk transfer and the owner of the diesel fuel immediately before the removal is not a licensed terminal supplier; or
 - 2. The removal is at the refinery rack.
- (c) The entry of diesel fuel into this state for sale, consumption, use, or warehousing if either of the following applies:
- 1. The entry is by bulk transfer and the enterer is not a licensed terminal supplier; or
 - 2. The entry is not by bulk transfer.
- (d) The removal of diesel fuel in this state to an unregistered person, unless there was a prior taxable removal, entry, or sale of the diesel fuel.
- (e) The removal or sale of blended diesel fuel in this state by the blender thereof. The number of gallons of blended diesel fuel subject to tax is the difference between the total number of gallons of blended diesel fuel removed or sold and the number of gallons of previously taxed diesel fuel used to produce the blended diesel fuel.
- 996 Section 9. Section 206.8745, Florida Statutes, is amended 997 to read:
 - 206.8745 Credits and refund claims.--

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(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (7), any person who purchases undyed, tax-paid diesel fuel who has paid the tax imposed by this part to the seller may file a claim for refund of such taxes paid as provided in s. 215.26 if the fuel is used for an exempt purpose identified in s. 206.874(3).

- (2) The provisions of subsection (1) do not apply to any person purchasing undyed, tax-paid diesel fuel for use on a farm for farming purposes, or to sales of undyed, tax-paid diesel fuel to the United States or its departments or agencies in bulk lots of not less than 500 gallons in each delivery. Such sales shall be made tax-free and the seller, if a registered ultimate vendor, shall be entitled to file a refund of such taxes or apply for a credit on its monthly return as authorized by law.
- (3)(a) A licensed terminal supplier, importer, or wholesaler which holds title to undyed diesel fuel which has been mixed with dyed diesel fuel in storage may claim a refund or credit for any state and local option tax paid on the undyed diesel fuel. In lieu of applying for a refund, a credit may be taken on the return required pursuant to s. 206.43. Any refund or credit claimed under this subsection shall be supported by documentation showing the date and location of the mixing, number of gallons involved, and disposition of the mixed fuel.
- (b) Any mixture of dyed and undyed diesel fuel shall not be subject to a taxable use, and shall remain subject to the dye specifications provided by s. 206.8741.
- (4) A licensed wholesaler which has paid the tax imposed by this part and any applicable local option tax on undyed diesel fuel subsequently sold tax-free for use on a farm for

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- (5) A terminal supplier or position holder which removes undyed diesel fuel from a terminal and subsequently places the fuel back into the same or another terminal may claim a refund or credit for all state and local option tax which it paid or accrued on the first removal of the fuel. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing a terminal supplier or position holder to remove undyed diesel fuel from a terminal without paying or accruing the tax imposed by this part.
- (6) Undyed, tax-paid diesel fuel consumed by a power takeoff or engine exhaust for the purpose of unloading bulk cargo by pumping or turning a concrete mixer drum used in the manufacturing process, or for the purpose of compacting solid waste, which is mounted on a motor vehicle and which has no separate fuel tank or power unit, is subject to a refund as provided by rule.
- (7) Any person who purchases undyed diesel fuel for use by a noncommercial vessel who has paid the tax imposed by this part to the seller may claim a refund of such taxes paid subject to the following restrictions:
- (a) The purchaser may make one claim for refund per calendar year.

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1054 (b) The annual refund claim shall be submitted prior to
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- (c) No refund shall be allowed on purchases of less than 2,500 gallons per calendar year.
- (d) The purchaser shall submit, with the refund request, original purchase invoices showing the taxes paid.
- (e) The purchaser shall remit as an offset to the refund the sales tax due under chapter 212 based on the purchase price of the fuel net of the state tax refunded.
- (8) Undyed, tax-paid diesel fuel purchased in this state and consumed by the engine of a qualified motor coach during idle time for the purpose of running climate control systems and maintaining electrical systems for the motor coach is subject to a refund. As used in this subsection, the term "qualified motor coach" means a privately owned vehicle that is designed to carry nine or more passengers, that has a gross vehicle weight of at least 33,000 pounds, that is used exclusively in the commercial application of transporting passengers for compensation, and that has the capacity to measure diesel fuel consumed in Florida during idling, separate from diesel fuel consumed to propel the vehicle in this state, by way of an on-board computer.
- (a) The purchaser may make one claim for refund per calendar year.
- (b) The annual refund claim must be submitted before April 1 of the year following the year in which the tax was paid and after December 31, 2000.

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1081 (c) The purchaser must submit original or copies of
1082 original purchase invoices showing the taxes paid, or, in lieu
1083 of original invoices, a purchaser may submit a schedule of
1084 purchases containing the information required by s.
1085 206.41(5)(b)1.

(d) The purchaser must remit, as an offset to the refund, sales tax due under chapter 212 based on the purchase price of the fuel, net of the state tax refunded.

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The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

Section 10. Section 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated unconstitutionally collected.--
- (1) The department shall pay over to the Chief Financial Officer of the state all funds received and collected by it under the provisions of this chapter, to be credited to the account of the General Revenue Fund of the state.

 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, moneys received pursuant to ss. 212.05(1)(a)1.b. and
- 212.06(1)(a) as they relate to the sale of motor vehicles, after deducting the administrative costs incurred by the department in
- 1105 collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax,
- 1106 which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of
- 1107 collections, shall be distributed to the State Transportation
- 1108 Trust Fund for use as provided by law.

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(2) The department is authorized to employ all necessary assistants to administer this chapter properly and is also authorized to purchase all necessary supplies and equipment which may be required for this purpose.

- (3) The estimated amount of money needed for the administration of this chapter shall be included by the department in its annual legislative budget request for the operation of its office.
- (4) When there has been a final adjudication that any tax pursuant to s. 212.0596 was levied, collected, or both, contrary to the Constitution of the United States or the State Constitution, the department shall, in accordance with rules, determine, based upon claims for refund and other evidence and information, who paid such tax or taxes, and refund to each such person the amount of tax paid. For purposes of this subsection, a "final adjudication" is a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction from which no appeal can be taken or from which the official or officials of this state with authority to make such decisions has or have decided not to appeal.
 - (5) For the purposes of this section:
- (a) "Proceeds" means all tax or fee revenue collected or received by the department, including interest and penalties.
- (b) "Reallocate" means reduction of the accounts of initial deposit and redeposit into the indicated account.
- (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter and s.
 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be as follows:

(a) Proceeds from the convention development taxes authorized under s. 212.0305 shall be reallocated to the Convention Development Tax Clearing Trust Fund.

- (b) Proceeds from discretionary sales surtaxes imposed pursuant to ss. 212.054 and 212.055 shall be reallocated to the Discretionary Sales Surtax Clearing Trust Fund.
- (c) Proceeds from the fees imposed under ss. 212.05(1)(h)3. and 212.18(3) shall remain with the General Revenue Fund.
- (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5 percent of all other taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.
- 2. Two-tenths of one percent shall be transferred to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund to be used for water quality improvement and water restoration projects.
- 3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2., 8.814 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be transferred pursuant to this subparagraph to the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund shall be

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reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 4. and distributed accordingly.

- 4. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., 0.095 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant to s. 218.65.
- 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4., 2.0440 percent of the available proceeds pursuant to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.
- After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4., 1.3409 percent of the available proceeds pursuant to this paragraph shall be transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality shall receive an amount

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proportionate to the amount it was due in state fiscal year 1192 | 1999-2000.

- 7. Of the remaining proceeds:
- 1194 In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be 1195 divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the 1196 state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The 1197 distribution among the several counties shall begin each fiscal 1198 year on or before January 5th and shall continue monthly for a total of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any 1199 1200 moneys accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the 1201 then-existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the 1202 district school board, special district, or a municipal 1203 government, such payment shall continue until such time that the 1204 local or special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants 1205 with holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by local governments, special districts, or district 1206 1207 school boards prior to July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent 1208 of this subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those 1209 holders or relieve local governments, special districts, or 1210 district school boards of the duty to meet their obligations as 1211 a result of previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which obligated funds received from the distribution to 1212 1213 county governments under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under 1214 1215 s. 550.135 prior to July 1, 2000.
 - b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant that has been certified as a "facility for a new professional sports

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franchise" or a "facility for a retained professional sports franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed monthly by the department to each applicant that has been certified as a "facility for a retained spring training franchise" pursuant to s. 288.1162; however, not more than \$416,670 may be distributed monthly in the aggregate to all certified facilities for a retained spring training franchise. Distributions shall begin 60 days following such certification and shall continue for not more than 30 years. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to allow an applicant certified pursuant to s. 288.1162 to receive more in distributions than actually expended by the applicant for the public purposes provided for in s. 288.1162(6).

- c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of Revenue that an applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is open to the public, \$166,667 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the applicant.
- d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to the Department of Revenue that the applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish Association World Center facility pursuant to s. 288.1169, and the facility is open to the public, \$83,333 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 168 months, to the applicant. This distribution is subject to reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A lump sum payment of \$999,996 shall be made, after certification and before July 1, 2000.

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8. All other proceeds shall remain with the General Revenue Fund.

- Section 11. Section 215.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1251 215.211 Service charge; elimination or reduction for 1252 specified proceeds.--
 - (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 215.20(1) and (3), the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1) and (3), which is deducted from the proceeds of the taxes distributed under ss. 206.606(1), 207.026, 212.0501(6), and 319.32(5), shall be eliminated beginning July 1, 2000.
 - (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 215.20(1) and (3), the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1) and (3), which is deducted from the proceeds of the taxes distributed under ss. 206.608 and 320.072(4), shall be eliminated beginning July 1, 2001.
 - (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 215.20(1), the service charge provided in s. 215.20(1), which is deducted from the proceeds of the local option fuel tax distributed under s. 336.025, shall be reduced as follows:
 - (a) For the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, the rate of the service charge shall be 3.5 percent.
 - (b) Beginning July 1, 2006, and thereafter, no service charge shall be deducted from the proceeds of the local option fuel tax distributed under s. 336.025.

The increased revenues derived from this subsection shall be deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund and used to

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fund the County Incentive Grant Program and the Small County Outreach Program. Up to 20 percent of such funds shall be used for the purpose of implementing the Small County Outreach Program as provided in this act. Notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, the requirements of ss. 339.135, 339.155, and 339.175 shall not apply to these funds and programs.

Section 12. Effective January 1, 2009, section 319.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.--

The department shall charge a fee of \$33 \$24 for each original certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$33 \$24 for each duplicate copy of a certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$2 for each salvage certificate of title, and \$3 for each assignment by a lienholder. It shall also charge a fee of \$2 for noting a lien on a title certificate, which fee shall include the services for the subsequent issuance of a corrected certificate or cancellation of lien when that lien is satisfied. If an application for a certificate of title is for a rebuilt vehicle, the department shall charge an additional fee of \$40 for conducting a physical examination of the vehicle to assure its identity. In addition to all other fees charged, a sum of \$1 shall be paid for the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of title to cover the cost of materials used for security purposes.

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(2)(a) There shall be a service charge of \$4.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the issuance, duplication, or transfer of any certificate of title. There shall be a service charge of \$1.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the recordation or notation of a lien on a motor vehicle or mobile home which is not in connection with the purchase of such vehicle.

- (b) The service charges specified in paragraph (a) shall be collected by the department on any application handled directly from its office. Otherwise, these service charges shall be collected and retained by the tax collector who handles the application.
- (3) The department shall charge a fee of \$4 in addition to that charged in subsection (1) for each original certificate of title issued for a vehicle previously registered outside this state.
- (4) The department shall charge a fee of \$7 for each lien placed on a motor vehicle by the state child support enforcement program pursuant to s. 319.24.
- (5) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (3) shall be paid into the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. Thirty dollars

 Twenty-one dollars of each fee for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title, after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20, shall be deposited into the State

 Transportation Trust Fund. All other fees collected by the department under this chapter shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

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(6) Notwithstanding chapter 116, every county officer within this state authorized to collect funds provided for in this chapter shall pay all sums officially received by the officer into the State Treasury no later than 5 working days after the close of the business day in which the officer received the funds. Payment by county officers to the state shall be made by means of electronic funds transfer.

Section 13. Effective January 1, 2010, section 319.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.--

The department shall charge a fee of \$42 \$33 for each original certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$42 \$33 for each duplicate copy of a certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$2 for each salvage certificate of title, and \$3 for each assignment by a lienholder. It shall also charge a fee of \$2 for noting a lien on a title certificate, which fee shall include the services for the subsequent issuance of a corrected certificate or cancellation of lien when that lien is satisfied. If an application for a certificate of title is for a rebuilt vehicle, the department shall charge an additional fee of \$40 for conducting a physical examination of the vehicle to assure its identity. In addition to all other fees charged, a sum of \$1 shall be paid for the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of title to cover the cost of materials used for security purposes.

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(2)(a) There shall be a service charge of \$4.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the issuance, duplication, or transfer of any certificate of title. There shall be a service charge of \$1.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the recordation or notation of a lien on a motor vehicle or mobile home which is not in connection with the purchase of such vehicle.

- (b) The service charges specified in paragraph (a) shall be collected by the department on any application handled directly from its office. Otherwise, these service charges shall be collected and retained by the tax collector who handles the application.
- (3) The department shall charge a fee of \$4 in addition to that charged in subsection (1) for each original certificate of title issued for a vehicle previously registered outside this state.
- (4) The department shall charge a fee of \$7 for each lien placed on a motor vehicle by the state child support enforcement program pursuant to s. 319.24.
- (5) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (3) shall be paid into the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. Thirty-nine dollars Thirty dollars of each fee for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title, after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20, shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. All other fees collected by the department under this chapter shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

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(6) Notwithstanding chapter 116, every county officer within this state authorized to collect funds provided for in this chapter shall pay all sums officially received by the officer into the State Treasury no later than 5 working days after the close of the business day in which the officer received the funds. Payment by county officers to the state shall be made by means of electronic funds transfer.

Section 14. Effective January 1, 2011, section 319.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.--

The department shall charge a fee of \$50 \$42 for each original certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$50 \$42 for each duplicate copy of a certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$2 for each salvage certificate of title, and \$3 for each assignment by a lienholder. It shall also charge a fee of \$2 for noting a lien on a title certificate, which fee shall include the services for the subsequent issuance of a corrected certificate or cancellation of lien when that lien is satisfied. If an application for a certificate of title is for a rebuilt vehicle, the department shall charge an additional fee of \$40 for conducting a physical examination of the vehicle to assure its identity. In addition to all other fees charged, a sum of \$1 shall be paid for the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of title to cover the cost of materials used for security purposes.

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(2)(a) There shall be a service charge of \$4.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the issuance, duplication, or transfer of any certificate of title. There shall be a service charge of \$1.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the recordation or notation of a lien on a motor vehicle or mobile home which is not in connection with the purchase of such vehicle.

- (b) The service charges specified in paragraph (a) shall be collected by the department on any application handled directly from its office. Otherwise, these service charges shall be collected and retained by the tax collector who handles the application.
- (3) The department shall charge a fee of \$4 in addition to that charged in subsection (1) for each original certificate of title issued for a vehicle previously registered outside this state.
- (4) The department shall charge a fee of \$7 for each lien placed on a motor vehicle by the state child support enforcement program pursuant to s. 319.24.
- (5) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (3) shall be paid into the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. Forty-seven dollars Thirty-nine dollars of each fee for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title, after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20, shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. All other fees collected by the department under this chapter shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

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(6) Notwithstanding chapter 116, every county officer within this state authorized to collect funds provided for in this chapter shall pay all sums officially received by the officer into the State Treasury no later than 5 working days after the close of the business day in which the officer received the funds. Payment by county officers to the state shall be made by means of electronic funds transfer.

Section 16. Effective January 1, 2012, section 319.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.--

The department shall charge a fee of \$50 for each original certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$50 for each duplicate copy of a certificate of title except for a certificate of title for a motor vehicle for hire registered under s. 320.08(6), for which the title fee shall be \$3, \$2 for each salvage certificate of title, and \$3 for each assignment by a lienholder. It shall also charge a fee of \$2 for noting a lien on a title certificate, which fee shall include the services for the subsequent issuance of a corrected certificate or cancellation of lien when that lien is satisfied. If an application for a certificate of title is for a rebuilt vehicle, the department shall charge an additional fee of \$40 for conducting a physical examination of the vehicle to assure its identity. In addition to all other fees charged, a sum of \$1 shall be paid for the issuance of an original or duplicate certificate of title to cover the cost of materials used for security purposes. Each January 1, the fee

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for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2008, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a cent.

- (2)(a) There shall be a service charge of \$4.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the issuance, duplication, or transfer of any certificate of title. There shall be a service charge of \$1.25 for each application which is handled in connection with the recordation or notation of a lien on a motor vehicle or mobile home which is not in connection with the purchase of such vehicle.
- (b) The service charges specified in paragraph (a) shall be collected by the department on any application handled directly from its office. Otherwise, these service charges shall be collected and retained by the tax collector who handles the application.
- (3) The department shall charge a fee of \$4 in addition to that charged in subsection (1) for each original certificate of title issued for a vehicle previously registered outside this state.
- (4) The department shall charge a fee of \$7 for each lien placed on a motor vehicle by the state child support enforcement program pursuant to s. 319.24.

(5) All fees collected pursuant to subsection (3) shall be paid into the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. The indexed fee less \$3 Forty-seven dollars of each fee for each applicable original certificate of title and each applicable duplicate copy of a certificate of title, after deducting the service charges imposed by s. 215.20, shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund. All other fees collected by the department under this chapter shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

(6) Notwithstanding chapter 116, every county officer within this state authorized to collect funds provided for in this chapter shall pay all sums officially received by the officer into the State Treasury no later than 5 working days after the close of the business day in which the officer received the funds. Payment by county officers to the state shall be made by means of electronic funds transfer.

Section 17. 320.08 License taxes.--Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as defined in s. 316.003(2), and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following:

- (1) MOTORCYCLES and MOPEDS.--
- (a) Any motorcycle: \$10 flat.
 - (b) Any moped: \$5 flat.
- (c) Upon registration of any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped there shall be paid in addition to the license

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taxes specified in this subsection a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50. The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and be used exclusively to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025 or the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s. 322.0255.

- (d) An ancient or antique motorcycle: \$10 flat.
- (2) AUTOMOBILES FOR PRIVATE USE. --
- (a) An ancient or antique automobile, as defined in s. 320.086, or a street rod, as defined in s. 320.0863: \$7.50 flat.
- (b) Net weight of less than 2,500 pounds: \$14.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$20 on January 1, 2009; to \$24.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$29 on January 1, 2011.
- (c) Net weight of 2,500 pounds or more, but less than 3,500 pounds: \$22.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$30 on January 1, 2009; to \$37.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$45 on January 1, 2011.
- (d) Net weight of 3,500 pounds or more: \$32.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$43.50 on January 1, 2009; to \$54.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$65 on January 1, 2011.
- (e) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the taxes specified in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the

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average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a dollar.

(3) TRUCKS.--

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- 1555 (a) Net weight of less than 2,000 pounds: \$14.50 flat. The

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- 1558 (b) Net weight of 2,000 pounds or more, but not more than
 1559 3,000 pounds: \$22.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$30 on
 1560 January 1, 2009; to \$37.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$45 on
 1561 January 1, 2011.
 - (c) Net weight more than 3,000 pounds, but not more than 5,000 pounds: \$32.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$43.50 on January 1, 2009; to \$54.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$65 on January 1, 2011.
 - (d) A truck defined as a "goat," or any other vehicle when used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the purpose of harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during such harvesting operations, and which is not principally operated upon the roads of the state: \$7.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$10 on January 1, 2009; to \$12.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$15 on January 1, 2011. A "goat" is a motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves or for the transportation of crops on farms, and which can also be used for the hauling of associated equipment or supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and the towing of farm trailers.
 - (e) An ancient or antique truck, as defined in s. 320.086: \$7.50 flat.

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1580	(f) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each
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- (4)HEAVY TRUCKS, TRUCK TRACTORS, FEES ACCORDING TO GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT. --
- Gross vehicle weight of 5,001 pounds or more, but less than 6,000 pounds: \$45 flat.
- Gross vehicle weight of 6,000 pounds or more, but less than 8,000 pounds: \$65 flat.
- (c) Gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds or more, but less than 10,000 pounds: \$76 flat.
- Gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more, but less than 15,000 pounds: \$87 flat.
- Gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds or more, but (e) less than 20,000 pounds: \$131 flat.
- (f) Gross vehicle weight of 20,000 pounds or more, but less than 26,001 pounds: \$186 flat.
- 1602 Gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, but 1603 less than 35,000: \$240 flat.
- 1605 Gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less (h) 1606 than 44,000 pounds: \$300 flat.

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1607 (i) Gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more, but 1608 less than 55,000 pounds: \$572 flat.

- (j) Gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more, but less than 62,000 pounds: \$678 flat.
- (k) Gross vehicle weight of 62,000 pounds or more, but less than 72,000 pounds: \$800 flat.
- 1613 (1) Gross vehicle weight of 72,000 pounds or more: \$979 1614 flat.
 - (m) Notwithstanding the declared gross vehicle weight, a truck tractor used within a 150-mile radius of its home address shall be eligible for a license plate for a fee of \$240 flat if:
 - 1. The truck tractor is used exclusively for hauling forestry products; or
 - 2. The truck tractor is used primarily for the hauling of forestry products, and is also used for the hauling of associated forestry harvesting equipment used by the owner of the truck tractor.
 - (n) A truck tractor or heavy truck, not operated as a forhire vehicle, which is engaged exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural products within a 150-mile radius of its home address, shall be eligible for a restricted license plate for a fee of \$65 flat, if such vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is less than 44,000 pounds; or \$240 flat, if such vehicle's declared gross vehicle weight is 44,000 pounds or more and such vehicle only transports:
 - From the point of production to the point of primary manufacture;

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2. From the point of production to the point of assembling the same; or

3. From the point of production to a shipping point of either a rail, water, or motor transportation company.

- Such not-for-hire truck tractors and heavy trucks used exclusively in transporting raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural products may be incidentally used to haul farm implements and fertilizers when delivered direct to the growers. The department may require any such documentation deemed necessary to determine eligibility prior to issuance of this license plate. For the purpose of this paragraph, "not-for-hire" means the owner of the motor vehicle must also be the owner of the raw, unprocessed, and nonmanufactured agricultural or horticultural product, or the
- (o) The taxes specified in this subsection shall increase by \$10 on January 1, 2009; by an additional \$10 on January 1, 2010; and by an additional \$10 on January 1, 2011.

user of the farm implements and fertilizer being delivered.

(p) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the taxes specified in this subsection shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a dollar.

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1662 (5) SEMITRAILERS, FEES ACCORDING TO GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT; 1663 SCHOOL BUSES; SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES.--

- (a)1. A semitrailer drawn by a GVW truck tractor by means of a fifth-wheel arrangement: \$10 flat per registration year or any part thereof.
- 2. A semitrailer drawn by a GVW truck tractor by means of a fifth-wheel arrangement: \$50 flat per permanent registration.
- (b) A motor vehicle equipped with machinery and designed for the exclusive purpose of well drilling, excavation, construction, spraying, or similar activity, and which is not designed or used to transport loads other than the machinery described above over public roads: \$32.50 flat.
- (c) A school bus used exclusively to transport pupils to and from school or school or church activities or functions within their own county: \$30 flat.
- (d) A wrecker, as defined in s. 320.01(40), which is used to tow a vessel as defined in s. 327.02(39), a disabled, abandoned, stolen-recovered, or impounded motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(38), or a replacement motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(39): \$30 flat.
- (e) A wrecker, as defined in s. 320.01(40), which is used to tow any motor vehicle, regardless of whether or not such motor vehicle is a disabled motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(38), a replacement motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(39), a vessel as defined in s. 327.02(39), or any other cargo, as follows:
- 1. Gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more, but less than 15,000 pounds: \$87 flat.

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2. Gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds or more, but less than 20,000 pounds: \$131 flat.

- 3. Gross vehicle weight of 20,000 pounds or more, but less than 26,000 pounds: \$186 flat.
- 4. Gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds: \$240 flat.
- 5. Gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000 pounds: \$300 flat.
- 1698 6. Gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more, but less 1699 than 55,000 pounds: \$572 flat.
 - 7. Gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more, but less than 62,000 pounds: \$678 flat.
- 8. Gross vehicle weight of 62,000 pounds or more, but less than 72,000 pounds: \$800 flat.
- 9. Gross vehicle weight of 72,000 pounds or more: \$979 flat.
 - (f) A hearse or ambulance: \$30 flat.
 - (g) The taxes specified in this subsection, except
 paragraphs (c) and (f), shall increase by \$10 on January 1,
 2009; by an additional \$10 on January 1, 2010; and by an
 additional \$10 on January 1, 2011.
 - (h) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the taxes specified in this subsection, except paragraphs (c) and (f), shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period

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- (6) MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE. --
- 1721 (a) Under nine passengers: \$12.50 flat plus \$1 per cwt.
- 1722 (b) Nine passengers and over: \$12.50 flat plus \$1.50 per 1723 cwt.
 - (c) The flat taxes specified in this subsection shall increase to \$17 on January 1, 2009; to \$21.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$25 on January 1, 2011.
 - (d) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the flat taxes specified in this subsection shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States

 Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a dollar.
 - (7) TRAILERS FOR PRIVATE USE. --
- 1736 (a) Any trailer weighing 500 pounds or less: \$5 flat per 1737 year or any part thereof.
- 1738 (b) Net weight over 500 pounds: \$2.50 flat plus 75 cents
 1739 per cwt.
 - (8) TRAILERS FOR HIRE.--
- 1741 (a) Net weight under 2,000 pounds: \$2.50 flat plus \$1 per

 1742 cwt. The flat tax shall increase to \$3.50 on January 1, 2009; to

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(b) Net weight 2,000 pounds or more: \$10 flat plus \$1 per cwt. The flat tax shall increase to \$14 on January 1, 2009; to \$1746 \$17 on January 1, 2010; and to \$20 on January 1, 2011.

- (c) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the flat taxes specified in this subsection shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States

 Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a dollar.
 - (9) RECREATIONAL VEHICLE-TYPE UNITS.--
- 1756 (a) A travel trailer or fifth-wheel trailer, as defined by 1757 s. 320.01(1)(b), that does not exceed 35 feet in length: \$20 1758 flat.
- 1759 (b) A camping trailer, as defined by s. 320.01(1)(b)2.: 1760 \$10 flat.
 - (c) A motor home, as defined by s. 320.01(1)(b)4.:
- 1. Net weight of less than 4,500 pounds: \$20 flat. The tax

 1763 shall increase to \$27 on January 1, 2009; to \$34 on January 1,

 2010; and to \$40 on January 1, 2011.
 - 2. Net weight of 4,500 pounds or more: \$35 flat. The tax shall increase to \$47 on January 1, 2009; to \$59 on January 1, 2010; and to \$70 on January 1, 2011.
 - (d) A truck camper as defined by s. 320.01(1)(b)3.:
 - 1. Net weight of less than 4,500 pounds: \$20 flat.
 - 2. Net weight of 4,500 pounds or more: \$35 flat.
 - (e) A private motor coach as defined by s. 320.01(1)(b)5.:

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- (f) Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the taxes specified in paragraphs (c) and (e) shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States

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- 1786 (10) PARK TRAILERS; TRAVEL TRAILERS; FIFTH-WHEEL TRAILERS; 1787 35 FEET TO 40 FEET.--
- 1788 (a) Park trailers.—Any park trailer, as defined in s. 1789 320.01(1)(b)7.: \$25 flat.
- (b) A travel trailer or fifth-wheel trailer, as defined in s. 320.01(1)(b), that exceeds 35 feet: \$25 flat.
- 1792 (11) MOBILE HOMES.--
- 1793 (a) A mobile home not exceeding 35 feet in length: \$20
- 1795 (b) A mobile home over 35 feet in length, but not exceeding 40 feet: \$25 flat.
- 1797 (c) A mobile home over 40 feet in length, but not exceeding 45 feet: \$30 flat.

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1799 (d) A mobile home over 45 feet in length, but not 1800 exceeding 50 feet: \$35 flat.

- (e) A mobile home over 50 feet in length, but not exceeding 55 feet: \$40 flat.
- (f) A mobile home over 55 feet in length, but not exceeding 60 feet: \$45 flat.
- (g) A mobile home over 60 feet in length, but not exceeding 65 feet: \$50 flat.
 - (h) A mobile home over 65 feet in length: \$80 flat.
- motor vehicle dealer, independent motor vehicle dealer, marine boat trailer dealer, or mobile home dealer and manufacturer license plate: \$12.50 flat. The tax shall increase to \$17 on January 1, 2009; to \$21.50 on January 1, 2010; and to \$25 on January 1, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a dollar.
- (13) EXEMPT OR OFFICIAL LICENSE PLATES.--Any exempt or official license plate: \$3 flat.
- (14) LOCALLY OPERATED MOTOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE.--A motor vehicle for hire operated wholly within a city or within 25 miles thereof: \$12.50 flat plus \$1.50 per cwt. The flat tax shall increase to \$17 on January 1, 2009; to \$21.50 on January

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1, 2010; and to \$25 on January 1, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the flat tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States

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a transporter pursuant to s. 320.133: \$75 flat. The tax shall increase to \$100 on January 1, 2009; to \$125 on January 1, 2010; and to \$150 on January 1, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2012, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the tax shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the average of the Consumer Price Index (All Items) issued by the United States Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period ending September 30, compared to the base year average, which is the average for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, and rounded to the nearest tenth of a dollar.

Section 19. Section 336.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

336.021 County transportation system; levy of ninth-cent fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel.—

(1)(a) In addition to other taxes allowed by law, there shall be levied as provided in Any county in the state, by extraordinary vote of the membership of its governing body or subject to a referendum, may levy the tax imposed by ss.

206.41(1)(d) and 206.87(1)(b) <u>a local fuel tax upon every gallon</u>

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of motor fuel and diesel fuel sold in a county and taxed under the provisions of part I or part II of chapter 206. County and municipal governments may use the moneys received under this paragraph only for transportation expenditures as defined in s. 336.025(7).

- (b) The governing body of the county may, by joint agreement with one or more of the municipalities located therein, provide for the transportation purposes authorized under paragraph (a) and the distribution of the proceeds of this tax within both the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county. The provisions for refund provided in ss. 206.625 and 206.64 shall not be applicable to such tax levied by any county.
- (c) Local <u>fuel</u> option taxes collected on sales or use of diesel fuel in this state shall be distributed in the following manner:
- 1. The fiscal year of July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996, shall be the base year for all distributions.
- 2. Each year the tax collected, less the service and administrative charges enumerated in s. 215.20 and the allowances allowed under s. 206.91, on the number of gallons reported, up to the total number of gallons reported in the base year, shall be distributed to each county using the distribution percentage calculated for the base year.
- 3. After the distribution of taxes pursuant to subparagraph 2., additional taxes available for distribution shall first be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph. A distribution shall be made to each county in which a qualified new retail station is located. A qualified new retail station is

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1883 a retail station that began operation after June 30, 1996, and 1884 that has sales of diesel fuel exceeding 50 percent of the sales 1885 of diesel fuel reported in the county in which it is located 1886 during the 1995-1996 state fiscal year. The determination of 1887 whether a new retail station is qualified shall be based on the 1888 total gallons of diesel fuel sold at the station during each 1889 full month of operation during the 12-month period ending 1890 January 31, divided by the number of full months of operation during those 12 months, and the result multiplied by 12. The 1891 1892 amount distributed pursuant to this subparagraph to each county 1893 in which a qualified new retail station is located shall equal 1894 the local fuel option taxes due on the gallons of diesel fuel 1895 sold by the new retail station during the year ending January 31, less the service charges enumerated in s. 215.20 and the 1896 1897 dealer allowance provided for by s. 206.91. Gallons of diesel fuel sold at the qualified new retail station shall be certified 1898 1899 to the department by the county requesting the additional 1900 distribution by June 15, 1997, and by March 1 in each subsequent 1901 year. The certification shall include the beginning inventory, 1902 fuel purchases and sales, and the ending inventory for the new 1903 retail station for each month of operation during the year, the 1904 original purchase invoices for the period, and any other 1905 information the department deems reasonable and necessary to 1906 establish the certified gallons. The department may review and 1907 audit the retail dealer's records provided to a county to establish the gallons sold by the new retail station. 1908 1909 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subparagraph, when more 1910 than one county qualifies for a distribution pursuant to this

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subparagraph and the requested distributions exceed the total taxes available for distribution, each county shall receive a prorated share of the moneys available for distribution.

After the distribution of taxes pursuant to subparagraph 3., all additional taxes available for distribution shall be distributed based on vehicular diesel fuel storage capacities in each county pursuant to this subparagraph. The total vehicular diesel fuel storage capacity shall be established for each fiscal year based on the registration of facilities with the Department of Environmental Protection as required by s. 376.303 for the following facility types: retail stations, fuel user/nonretail, state government, local government, and county government. Each county shall receive a share of the total taxes available for distribution pursuant to this subparagraph equal to a fraction, the numerator of which is the storage capacity located within the county for vehicular diesel fuel in the facility types listed in this subparagraph and the denominator of which is the total statewide storage capacity for vehicular diesel fuel in those facility types. The vehicular diesel fuel storage capacity for each county and facility type shall be that established by the Department of Environmental Protection by June 1, 1997, for the 1996-1997 fiscal year, and by January 31 for each succeeding fiscal year. The storage capacities so established shall be final. The storage capacity for any new retail station for which a county receives a distribution pursuant to subparagraph 3. shall not be included in the calculations pursuant to this subparagraph.

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(d) The tax received by the department on motor fuel pursuant to this paragraph shall be distributed monthly by the department to the county reported by the terminal suppliers, wholesalers, and importers as the destination of the gallons distributed for retail sale or use. The tax on diesel fuel shall be distributed monthly by the department to each county as provided in paragraph (c).

(2)(a) The tax collected by the department pursuant to subsection (1) shall be transferred to the Ninth-cent Fuel Tax Trust Fund, which fund is created for distribution to the counties pursuant to paragraph (1)(d). The department shall deduct the administrative costs incurred by it in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing back to the counties the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections authorized by this section. The total administrative cost shall be prorated among those counties levying the tax according to the following formula, which shall be revised on July 1 of each year: Two-thirds of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's proportional share of the number of dealers who are registered for purposes of chapter 212 on June 30th of the preceding state fiscal year, and one-third of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's share of the total amount of the tax collected during the preceding state fiscal year. The department has the authority to prescribe and publish all forms upon which reports shall be made to it and other forms and records deemed to be necessary for proper administration and collection of the tax levied by any county and shall adopt rules necessary to enforce this section, which

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- (b) The provisions of s. 206.43(7) shall apply to the incorrect reporting of the tax levied under this section.
- (3) It is expressly recognized and declared by the Legislature that the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a transportation system and related facilities and the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roads and streets fulfill a public purpose and that payment of the costs and expenses therefor may be made from county general funds, special taxing district funds, or such other funds as may be authorized by special or general law. Counties are authorized to expend the funds received under this section in conjunction with the state or federal government in joint projects.

(4)(a) A certified copy of the ordinance proposing to levy the tax pursuant to referendum shall be furnished by the county to the department within 10 days after approval of such ordinance. Furthermore, the county levying the tax pursuant to referendum shall notify the department within 10 days after the

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passage of the referendum of such passage and of the time period during which the tax will be levied. The failure to furnish the certified copy will not invalidate the passage of the ordinance.

- (b) A county levying the tax pursuant to ordinance shall notify the department within 10 days after the governing body of the county adopts the ordinance and, at the same time, furnish the department with a certified copy of the ordinance.
- (5) All impositions of the tax shall be levied before July 1 of each year to be effective January 1 of the following year. However, levies of the tax which were in effect on July 1, 2002, and which expire on August 31 of any year may be reimposed at the current authorized rate to be effective September 1 of the year of expiration. All impositions shall be required to end on December 31 of a year. A decision to rescind the tax shall not take effect on any date other than December 31 and shall require a minimum of 60 days' notice to the department of such decision.
- (4)(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the tax authorized pursuant to this section shall be levied in every county at the rate of 1 cent per gallon of diesel fuel beginning January 1, 1994.
- Section 20. Section 336.025, Florida Statues, is amended to read:
- 336.025 County transportation system; levy of local option fuel tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel.--
- (1)(a) In addition to other taxes allowed by law, there shall may be levied as provided in ss. 206.41(1)(e) and 206.87(1)(c) a 1-cent, 2-cent, 3-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent, or 6-cent local option fuel tax upon every gallon of motor fuel and diesel

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fuel sold in a county and taxed under the provisions of part I or part II of chapter 206. County and municipal governments may use moneys received pursuant to this paragraph only for transportation expenditures.

- 1. All impositions and rate changes of the tax shall be levied before July 1 to be effective January 1 of the following year for a period not to exceed 30 years, and the applicable method of distribution shall be established pursuant to subsection (3) or subsection (4). However, levies of the tax which were in effect on July 1, 2002, and which expire on August 31 of any year may be reimposed at the current authorized rate effective September 1 of the year of expiration. Upon expiration, the tax may be relevied provided that a redetermination of the method of distribution is made as provided in this section.
- 2. County and municipal governments shall utilize moneys received pursuant to this paragraph only for transportation expenditures.
- 3. Any tax levied pursuant to this paragraph may be extended on a majority vote of the governing body of the county. A redetermination of the method of distribution shall be established pursuant to subsection (3) or subsection (4), if, after July 1, 1986, the tax is extended or the tax rate changed, for the period of extension or for the additional tax.
- (b) In addition to other taxes allowed by law, there <u>shall</u> may be levied as provided in s. 206.41(1)(e) a l cent, 2 cent, 3-cent, 4-cent, or 5-cent local option fuel tax upon every gallon of motor fuel sold in a county and taxed under the

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provisions of part I of chapter 206. The tax shall be levied by an ordinance adopted by a majority plus one vote of the membership of the governing body of the county or by referendum.

1. All impositions and rate changes of the tax shall be levied before July 1, to be effective January 1 of the following year. However, levies of the tax which were in effect on July 1, 2002, and which expire on August 31 of any year may be reimposed at the current authorized rate effective September 1 of the year of expiration.

1.2. The county may, prior to levy of the tax, establish by interlocal agreement with one or more municipalities located therein, representing a majority of the population of the incorporated area within the county, a distribution formula for dividing the entire proceeds of the tax among county government and all eligible municipalities within the county. If no interlocal agreement is adopted before the effective date of the tax, tax revenues shall be distributed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (4). If no interlocal agreement exists, a new interlocal agreement may be established prior to June 1 of any year pursuant to this subparagraph. However, any interlocal agreement agreed to under this subparagraph after the initial levy of the tax or change in the tax rate authorized in this section shall under no circumstances materially or adversely affect the rights of holders of outstanding bonds which are backed by taxes authorized by this paragraph, and the amounts distributed to the county government and each municipality shall not be reduced below the amount necessary for the payment of principal and interest and reserves for principal and interest

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as required under the covenants of any bond resolution outstanding on the date of establishment of the new interlocal agreement.

- 2.3. County and municipal governments shall use moneys received pursuant to this paragraph for transportation expenditures needed to meet the requirements of the capital improvements element of an adopted comprehensive plan or for expenditures needed to meet immediate local transportation problems and for other transportation-related expenditures that are critical for building comprehensive roadway networks by local governments. For purposes of this paragraph, expenditures for the construction of new roads, the reconstruction or resurfacing of existing paved roads, or the paving of existing graded roads shall be deemed to increase capacity and such projects shall be included in the capital improvements element of an adopted comprehensive plan. Expenditures for purposes of this paragraph shall not include routine maintenance of roads.
- (c) Local governments may use the services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration pursuant to the State Bond Act to issue any bonds through the provisions of this section and may pledge the revenues from local option fuel taxes to secure the payment of the bonds. Counties and municipalities may join together for the issuance of bonds issued pursuant to this section.
- (d) If an interlocal agreement entered into under this section does not provide for automatic adjustments or periodic review by the local governmental entities of the method of distribution of

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local option fuel tax revenues, the parties to the agreement shall review and hold public hearings on the terms of the agreement at least every 2 years.

The tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) shall be collected and remitted in the same manner provided by ss. 206.41(1)(e) and 206.87(1)(c). The tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) shall be collected and remitted in the same manner provided by s. 206.41(1)(e). The taxes remitted pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the Local Option Fuel Tax Trust Fund, which fund is created for distribution to the county and eligible municipal governments within the county in which the tax was collected and which fund is subject to the service charge imposed in chapter 215. The tax shall be distributed monthly by the department in the same manner provided by s. 336.021(1)(c) and (d). The department shall deduct the administrative costs incurred by it in collecting, administering, enforcing, and distributing back to the counties the tax, which administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections authorized by this section. The total administrative costs shall be prorated among those counties levying the tax according to the following formula, which shall be revised on July 1 of each year: Two-thirds of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's proportional share of the number of dealers who are registered for purposes of chapter 212 on June 30 of the preceding state fiscal year, and one-third of the amount deducted shall be based on the county's share of the total amount of the tax collected during the preceding state fiscal year. The department has the authority to prescribe and

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2134 publish all forms upon which reports shall be made to it and 2135 other forms and records deemed to be necessary for proper 2136 administration and collection of the taxes levied in by any 2137 county and shall promulgate such rules as may be necessary for the enforcement of this section, which rules shall have the full 2138 2139 force and effect of law. The provisions of ss. 206.026, 206.027, 2140 206.028, 206.051, 206.052, 206.054, 206.055, 206.06, 206.07, 2141 206.075, 206.08, 206.09, 206.095, 206.10, 206.11, 206.12, 206.13, 206.14, 206.15, 206.16, 206.17, 206.175, 206.18, 2142 2143 206.199, 206.20, 206.204, 206.205, 206.21, 206.215, 206.22, 206.24, 206.27, 206.28, 206.41, 206.416, 206.44, 206.45, 206.48, 2144 206.49, 206.56, 206.59, 206.626, 206.87, 206.872, 206.873, 2145 2146 206.8735, 206.874, 206.8741, 206.94, and 206.945 shall, as far 2147 as practicable, be applicable to the levy and collection of 2148 taxes imposed pursuant to this section as if fully set out in this section. 2149

- (b) The provisions of s. 206.43(7) shall apply to the incorrect reporting of the tax levied under this section.
- (c) The provisions for refund provided in s. 206.625 are not applicable to the tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (1)(b) by any county.
- (3) The tax authorized pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) shall be levied using either of the following procedures:
- (a) The tax may be levied by an ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the governing body or upon approval by referendum. Such ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with the requirements imposed under one of the following circumstances, whichever is applicable:

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(3)(a) The county may, prior to June 1, establish by interlocal agreement with one or more of the municipalities located therein, representing a majority of the population of the incorporated area within the county, a distribution formula for dividing the entire proceeds of the local option fuel tax among the county government and all eligible municipalities within the county. If no interlocal agreement exists, a new interlocal agreement may be established prior to August 1, 1986, or June 1 of any year thereafter pursuant to this paragraph subparagraph. However, any interlocal agreement agreed to under this paragraph subparagraph after the initial imposition of the tax, extension of the tax, or change in the tax rate authorized in this section shall under no circumstances materially or adversely affect the rights of holders of outstanding bonds which are backed by taxes authorized by this section, and the amounts distributed to the county government and each municipality shall not be reduced below the amount necessary for the payment of principal and interest and reserves for principal and interest as required under the covenants of any bond resolution outstanding on the date of establishment of the new interlocal agreement.

- 2. If an interlocal agreement has not been executed pursuant to subparagraph 1., the county may, prior to June 10, adopt a resolution of intent to levy the tax allowed in paragraph (1)(a).
- $\underline{\text{(b)}3.}$ Notwithstanding <u>paragraph (a)</u> subparagraphs 1. and 2., any inland county with a population greater than 500,000 as of July 1, 1996, with an interlocal agreement with one or more

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of the incorporated areas within the county established pursuant to paragraph (a) subparagraph 1. must utilize the population estimates of local governmental units as of April 1 of each year pursuant to s. 186.901, for dividing the proceeds of the local option fuel tax contained in such interlocal agreement. However, any interlocal agreement agreed to under this subparagraph after the initial imposition of the tax, extension of the tax, or change in the tax rate authorized in this section shall under no circumstances materially or adversely affect the rights of holders of outstanding bonds which are backed by taxes authorized by this section, and the amounts distributed to the county government and each municipality shall not be reduced below the amount necessary for the payment of principal and interest and reserves for principal and interest as required under the covenants of any bond resolution outstanding on the date of establishment of the new interlocal agreement.

(b) If no interlocal agreement or resolution is adopted pursuant to subparagraph (a)1. or subparagraph (a)2., municipalities representing more than 50 percent of the county population may, prior to June 20, adopt uniform resolutions approving the local option tax, establishing the duration of the levy and the rate authorized in paragraph (1)(a), and setting the date for a countywide referendum on whether to levy the tax. A referendum shall be held in accordance with the provisions of such resolution and applicable state law, provided that the county shall bear the costs thereof. The tax shall be levied and collected countywide on January 1 following 30 days after voter approval.

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(4)(a) If no interlocal agreement has been executed pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)1. or paragraph (3)(a), the tax authorized pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) is levied under the circumstances of subparagraph (3)(a)2. or paragraph (3)(b), the proceeds of the tax shall be distributed among the county government and eligible municipalities based on the transportation expenditures of each for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years, as a proportion of the total of such expenditures for the county and all municipalities within the county. After the initial levy of a tax being distributed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, the proportions shall be recalculated every 10 years based on the transportation expenditures of the immediately preceding 5 years. However, such recalculation shall under no circumstances materially or adversely affect the rights of holders of bonds outstanding on July 1, 1986, which are backed by taxes authorized in paragraph (1)(a), and the amounts distributed to the county government and each municipality shall not be reduced below the amount necessary for the payment of principal and interest and reserves for principal and interest as required under the covenants of any bond resolution outstanding on the date of the recalculation.

(b) Any newly incorporated municipality which is eligible for participation in the distribution of moneys under parts II and VI of chapter 218 and which is located in a county levying the tax pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (1)(b) is entitled to receive a share of the tax revenues. Distribution of such revenues to a newly incorporated municipality shall begin

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in the first full fiscal year following incorporation. The distribution to a newly incorporated municipality shall be:

- 1. Equal to the county's per lane mile expenditure in the previous year times the lane miles within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the municipality, in which case the county's share shall be reduced proportionately; or
- 2. Determined by the local act incorporating the municipality.

Such distribution shall under no circumstances materially or adversely affect the rights of holders of outstanding bonds which are backed by taxes authorized in this section, and the amounts distributed to the county government and each municipality shall not be reduced below the amount necessary for the payment of principal and interest and reserves for principal and interest as required under the covenants of any bond resolution outstanding on the date of the redistribution.

Department of Revenue of the rate of the taxes levied pursuant to paragraphs (1)(a) and (b), and of its decision to rescind or change the rate of a tax, if applicable, and shall provide the department with a certified copy of the interlocal agreement established under subparagraph (1)(b)1. or paragraph (3)(a) subparagraph (1)(b)2. or subparagraph (3)(a)1. with distribution proportions established by such agreement or pursuant to subsection (4), if applicable. A decision to rescind a tax shall not take effect on any date other than December 31 and shall

require a minimum of 60 days' notice to the Department of Revenue of such decision.

- (b) Any dispute as to the determination by the county of distribution proportions shall be resolved through an appeal to the Administration Commission in accordance with procedures developed by the commission. Pending final disposition of such proceeding, the tax shall be collected pursuant to this section, and such funds shall be held in escrow by the clerk of the circuit court of the county until final disposition.
- (6) Only those municipalities and counties eligible for participation in the distribution of moneys under parts II and VI of chapter 218 are eligible to receive moneys under this section. Any funds otherwise undistributed because of ineligibility shall be distributed to eligible governments within the county in proportion to other moneys distributed pursuant to this section.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, "transportation expenditures" means expenditures by the local government from local or state shared revenue sources, excluding expenditures of bond proceeds, for the following programs:
 - (a) Public transportation operations and maintenance.
- (b) Roadway and right-of-way maintenance and equipment and structures used primarily for the storage and maintenance of such equipment.
 - (c) Roadway and right-of-way drainage.
- (d) Street lighting.
- (e) Traffic signs, traffic engineering, signalization, and pavement markings.

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- 2301 (f) Bridge maintenance and operation.
 - (g) Debt service and current expenditures for transportation capital projects in the foregoing program areas, including construction or reconstruction of roads and sidewalks.
 - In addition to the uses specified in subsection (7), the governing body of a county with a population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, or the governing body of a municipality within such a county may use the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) in any fiscal year to fund infrastructure projects, if such projects are consistent with the local government's approved comprehensive plan or, if the approval or denial of the plan has not become final, consistent with the plan last submitted to the state land planning agency. In addition, no more than an amount equal to the proceeds from 4 cents per gallon of the tax imposed pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) may be used by such county for the express and limited purpose of paying for a court-ordered refund of special assessments. Except as provided in subsection (7), such funds shall not be used for the operational expenses of any infrastructure. Such funds may be used for infrastructure projects under this subsection only after the local government, prior to the fiscal year in which the funds are proposed to be used, or if pledged for bonded indebtedness, prior to the fiscal year in which the bonds will be issued, has held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed use of the funds and has adopted a resolution certifying that the local government has met all of the transportation needs identified in its approved comprehensive plan or, if the approval or denial of the plan has not become

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final, consistent with the plan last submitted to the state land planning agency. The proceeds shall not be pledged for bonded indebtedness for a period exceeding 10 years, except that, for the express and limited purpose of using such proceeds in any fiscal year to pay a court-ordered refund of special assessments, the proceeds may be pledged for bonded indebtedness not exceeding 15 years. For the purposes of this subsection, "infrastructure" has the same meaning as provided in s. 212.055.

- (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the tax on diesel fuel authorized in this section shall be levied in every county at the rate of 6 cents per net gallon.
- Section 22. Section 339.2816, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 339.2816 Small County Road Assistance Program. -
- (1) There is created within the Department of Transportation the Small County Road Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to assist small county governments in resurfacing or reconstructing county roads.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "small county" means any county that has a population of 75,000 or less according to 1990 federal census data.
- (3) Beginning with fiscal year 1999-2000 until fiscal year 2009-2010 up to \$25 million annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund may be used for the purposes of funding the Small County Road Assistance Program as described in this section.
- (4)(a) Small counties shall be eligible to compete for funds that have been designated for the Small County Road

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Assistance Program for resurfacing or reconstruction projects on county roads that were part of the county road system on June 10, 1995. Capacity improvements on county roads shall not be eligible for funding under the program.

- (b) In determining a county's eligibility for assistance under this program, the department may consider whether the county has attempted to keep county roads in satisfactory condition and shall use , including the amount of local option fuel tax and ad valorem millage rate imposed by the county. The department may also consider the extent to which the county has offered to provide a match of local funds with state funds provided under the program. At a minimum, small counties shall be eligible only if:
- 1. The county has enacted the maximum rate of the local option fuel tax authorized by s. 336.025(1)(a), and has imposed an ad valorem millage rate of at least 8 mills; or
- 2. The county has imposed an ad valorem millage rate of 10 mills.
- (c) the following criteria shall be used to prioritize road projects for funding under the program:
- 1. The primary criterion is the physical condition of the road as measured by the department.
 - 2. As secondary criteria the department may consider:
 - a. Whether a road is used as an evacuation route.
 - b. Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel.
 - c. Whether a road is considered a major arterial route.
 - d. Whether a road is considered a feeder road.

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- (5) The department is authorized to administer contracts on behalf of a county selected to receive funding for a project under this section. All projects funded under this section shall be included in the department's work program developed pursuant to s. 339.135.
- Section 23. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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