HOUSE BILL NO. 151

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO RAISE FROM \$100 TO \$800 THE MAXIMUM TAX LIABILITY TRIGGERING MANDATORY WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A QUARTERLY SPECIAL FUELS TAX RETURN: AMENDING SECTION 15-70-325, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 15-70-325, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-70-325. Returns. (1) For the purpose of determining the amount of his liability for the tax herein imposed, each special fuel dealer shall file with the department a monthly tax return and each special fuel user shall file with the department, on forms prescribed by said department, a quarterly tax return.

- (2) Upon annual application, the department shall waive the filing of a quarterly tax return of any special fuel user who establishes that such user's annual tax liability is or will be \$100 \$100 or less.
- (3) Such user shall make an annual report and return to the department on forms prescribed by said department, on or before January 31 of each year. Should the department determine that a user filing annual returns as herein provided is delinquent in making reports and payments, it

shall require such person to file quarterly returns as
herein provided. Such return, annual or quarterly, shall
contain a declaration by the person making the same to the
effect that the statements contained are true and are made
under penalties of perjury, which declarations shall have
the same force and effect as a verification. The return
shall show such information as the department may reasonably
require for the proper administration and enforcement of
this part.

- (4) If a special fuel dealer or user is also a wholesale distributor of special fuel at a location where special fuel is delivered into the supply tank of a motor vehicle and if separate storage is provided thereat from which special fuel is delivered or placed into fuel supply tanks of motor vehicles, the return to the department need not include inventory control data covering bulk storage from which wholesale distribution of special fuel is made.
- (5) The special fuel dealer or special fuel user shall file the return on or before the last day of the next succeeding calendar month following the period to which it relates; provided, however, that for good cause the department may grant a taxpayer a reasonable extension of time for filing but not to exceed 30 days."
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STATE OF MONTANA

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN113-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received <u>January 16</u>, 19 <u>85</u>, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for <u>H.B. 151</u> pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION

An act to raise from \$100 to \$800 the maximum tax liability triggering mandatory waiver of the requirement for filing a quarterly special fuels tax return.

ASSUMPTIONS

The proposal will increase the clerical duties of the Motor Fuels Division prior to the January 31 deadline prescribed for annual reports and returns, but it will decrease the clerical duties of the Division prior to the deadlines for quarterly tax returns. However, when the annual payment deadline occurs, additional clerical and administrative work will occur because of an anticipated increase in delinquent tax payments. Some decrease in revenue will occur because of increased delinquencies. There will also be reduced revenues because of reduced interest earnings by the state.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Revenue is unable to estimate the net Fiscal impact of this proposal although it is felt it will be minor.

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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