SB 116 INTRODUCED BY FARRELL STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF GASOLINE LICENSE TAX COLLECTION LAWS

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 - (2) "Aviation dealer" means any person in this state engaged in the business of selling aviation gasoline, either from a wholesale or retail outlet, on which the license tax has been paid to a licensed distributor as herein provided for.
- 22 (3) "Aviation gasoline" means gasoline or any other 23 liquid fuel by whatsoever name such liquid fuel may be known 24 or sold, compounded for use in and sold for use in aircraft, 25 including but not limited to any and all such gasoline or

- liquid fuel meeting or exceeding the minimum specifications 1 prescribed by the United States for use by its military forces in aircraft.
 - (4) "Bulk delivery" means placing gasoline in storage or containers. The term does not mean gasoline delivered into the supply tank of a motor vehicle.
 - (5) (a) Gasoline refined, produced, manufactured, or compounded in this state and placed in tanks thereat or gasoline transferred from a refinery or pipeline terminal in this state and placed in tanks thereat or gasoline imported into this state and placed in storage at refineries or pipeline terminals shall be deemed to be "distributed", for the purpose of this part, at the time the gasoline is withdrawn from such tanks, refinery, or terminal storage for sale or use in this state or for the transportation to destinations in this state other than by pipeline to another refinery or pipeline terminal in this state. When withdrawn from such tanks, refinery, or terminal, such gasoline may be distributed only by a person who is the holder of a valid distributor's license.
 - (b) Gasoline imported into this state, other than that gasoline placed in storage at refineries or pipeline terminals, shall be deemed to be "distributed" after it has arrived in and is brought to rest in this state.
 - (6) "Distributor" means:

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(a) any person who engages in the business in this state of producing, refining, manufacturing, or compounding qasoline for sale, use, or distribution;

- (b) any person who imports not less than one transport

 load of gasoline during any 6-month period from outside the
 state into Montana for sale, use, or distribution;
- (c) any person who engages in the wholesale distribution of gasoline in this state and chooses to become licensed to assume the Montana state gasoline tax liability;
- (d) any dealer licensed as of January 1, 1969, except a dealer at an established airport; or
- 12 (e) any person in Montana who blends alcohol with gasoline.
 - (7) "Export" means export as defined in 15-70-503.
 - (8) "Gasohol" means all products commonly or commercially known or sold as gasohol, used for the purpose of effectively and efficiently operating internal combustion engines, consisting of not less than 10% anhydrous ethanol produced in Montana from Montana agricultural products, including Montana wood or wood products.
 - (9) "Gasoline" includes all products commonly or commercially known or sold as gasolines, including casinghead gasoline, natural gasoline, aviation gasoline, and all flammable liquids composed of a mixture of selected hydrocarbons expressly manufactured and blended for the

purpose of effectively and efficiently operating internal combustion engines. Gasoline does not include special fuels as defined in 15-70-301(6).

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- 10 (11) "Motor vehicle" means all vehicles operated or 11 propelled upon the public highways or streets of this state 12 in whole or in part by the combustion of gasoline.
- 13 (12) "Person" means any person, firm, association,
 14 joint-stock company, syndicate, or corporation.
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- department in an amount to be determined by the department.

 However, the required amount of security may not exceed

 twice the estimated amount of gasoline taxes the distributor

 will pay to this state each month. Upon approval of the

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- 8 (2) Any person who engages in the wholesale
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 10 under--15-70-201(6)(c) shall pay an annual license fee of
 11 \$200 and upon renewal of the license shall pay an annual fee
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 department of commerce as provided by 67-1-301, as amended,
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 Each distributor shall, not later than the 25th day of each calendar month, render a true statement, duly signed, to the department of revenue of all gasoline distributed and received by him in this state during the preceding calendar month and containing such other information as the department may reasonably require in order to administer the gasoline license tax law. The statement shall be accompanied

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by a payment in an amount equal to the tax imposed by 15-70-204 less any refund credit issued under 15-70-226 and less 2% of the first 6 cents tax which shall be deducted by the distributor as an allowance for evaporation and other loss of gasoline distributed by such distributor; provided, however, that no such allowance shall be deducted from the 1 cent tax on aviation gasoline.

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- (2) Any distributor engaged in or carrying on his business at more than one place or location in this state may include all such places of business in one statement.
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- (a) set forth the name and address of the person to whom the purchaser for export delivered gasoline purchased from the licensed distributor;
- 21 (b) specify the date, time, and quantity of gasoline 22 so delivered;
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- 4 department that his failure to file a statement as
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- 6 the department shall waive the penalty."
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB116, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act to strengthen enforcement of the gasoline license tax collection laws; and amending sections 15-70-201, 15-70-202, 15-70-204, 15-70-205, and 15-70-209, MCA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Passage of this proposal would enable the Department of Revenue to more effectively tax gasoline imported for distribution in Montana. This proposal would also enhance the Department of Revenue's ability to collect gasoline license taxes on gasoline claimed to have been exported out of state (hence, tax exempt) but actually distributed within the state. Its fiscal impact would consist of additional gasoline distributor's license fees and possible additional gasoline license tax revenue. Gasoline distributor's license fee collections would increase by approximately \$12,000 per year (assuming 60 additional importers and refiners would pay the fee each year). The increase in gasoline license tax revenue realized under this proposal would depend on the number of additional gallons of gasoline it enabled the Department to tax each year (gallons of gasoline that would escape taxation under provisions of the current law).

Office of Budget and Program Planning

WILLIAM FARRELL, PRIMARY SPONSOR

Fiscal Note for SB116, as introduced

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- (3)(2) Alcohol that is blended or is to be blended 13 with gasoline to be sold as gasohol is subject to a tax per gallon equal to the license tax imposed on nonaviation 15 qasoline distributors under subsection (1)." 16
 - Section 4. Section 15-70-205, MCA, is amended to read: "15-70-205. Distributor's statement and payment. (1) Each distributor shall, not later than the 25th day of each calendar month, render a true statement, duly signed, to the department of revenue of all gasoline distributed and received by him in this state during the preceding calendar month and containing such other information as the department may reasonably require in order to administer the gasoline license tax law. The statement shall be accompanied

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by a payment in an amount equal to the tax imposed by
15-70-204 less any refund credit issued under 15-70-226 and
less 2% of the first 6 cents tax which shall be deducted by
the distributor as an allowance for evaporation and other
loss of gasoline distributed by such distributor; provided,
however, that no such allowance shall be deducted from the 1
cent tax on aviation gasoline.

(2) Any distributor engaged in or carrying on his business at more than one place or location in this state may include all such places of business in one statement.

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- (3) Each licensed distributor who sells gasoline for the purpose of export to a person not having a Montana gasoline distributor's license shall collect and remit the gasoline license tax on such sales unless, on or before the day the tax payment is due, the licensed distributor produces copies of bills of lading provided him by the purchaser for export that:
- 18 (a) set forth the name and address of the person to

 19 whom the purchaser for export delivered gasoline purchased

 20 from the licensed distributor;
- 21 (b) specify the date, time, and quantity of gasoline 22 so delivered;
- 23 (c) verify that the purchaser for export delivered to
 24 destinations outside of Montana all of the gasoline
 25 purchased from the licensed distributor for export."

Section 5. Section 15-70-209, MCA, is amended to read: 2 "15-70-209. Information reports. (1) Any person 3 receiving gasoline, including every common carrier, private 4 carrier, and contract carrier of property who shall haul, receive, transport, or ship any qasoline from any other state or foreign country into this state or from this state 7 to any other state or foreign country or from any refinery or pipeline terminal in this state to another point within 9 this state, shall submit to the department of revenue, upon 10 its request and within the time specified, a statement showing the number of gallons of gasoline contained in each 11 12 shipment in interstate commerce and the movement of such products from any refinery or pipeline terminal located 13 14 within this state to another point within this state during 15 the preceding calendar month, the names and addresses of the 16 consignor and the consignee, and the date of delivery to the 17 consignee.

- 18 (2) Any person who purchases gasoline in a foreign
 19 country and transports it through this state shall, not
 20 later than the 25th day of each month, render a true
 21 statement duly signed to the department listing the
 22 destination of and number of gallons contained in each
 23 shipment during the preceding month.
- 24 (2)(3) In case of any person, except licensed 25 distributors, who refuses or fails to file a statement as

- herein provided for, there is hereby imposed a penalty of \$25 for each failure or refusal; provided, however, that if any person shall establish to the satisfaction of the department that his failure to file a statement as prescribed by the department was due to reasonable cause, the department shall waive the penalty."

 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Extension of authority. Any
- NEW SECTION. Section 6. Extension of authority. Any
 existing authority of the department of revenue to make
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