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HOUSE BILL 22

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; REFORMING TAX ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES  
BY AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE GASOLINE TAX ACT;  
CHANGING THE INCIDENCE OF THE GASOLINE TAX; PROVIDING FOR  
REIMBURSEMENTS FOR NONTAXABLE SALES AND USES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 7-13-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,  
Chapter 207, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-13-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Gasoline Tax Act:

A. "aviation gasoline" means gasoline sold for use  
in aircraft propelled by engines other than turbo-prop or jet-  
type engines;

B. "department" means the taxation and revenue  
department, the secretary of taxation and revenue or any  
employee of the department exercising authority lawfully

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1 delegated to that employee by the secretary;

2 C. "distributor" means ~~[any]~~ a person, not  
3 including the United States of America or any of its agencies  
4 except to the extent now or hereafter permitted by the  
5 constitution and laws thereof, who ~~[receives gasoline in this~~  
6 ~~state]~~ transports, distributes and sells for resale gasoline  
7 purchased from a refinery or pipeline terminal in New Mexico or  
8 imports gasoline for resale in New Mexico; "distributor" shall  
9 be construed so that a person simultaneously may be both a  
10 distributor and a retailer or importer;

11 D. "drip gasoline" means a combustible hydrocarbon  
12 liquid formed as a product of condensation from either  
13 associated or nonassociated natural or casing head gas and that  
14 remains a liquid at room temperature and pressure;

15 E. "ethanol blended fuel" means gasoline containing  
16 a minimum of ten percent by volume of denatured ethanol, of at  
17 least one hundred ninety-nine proof, exclusive of denaturants;

18 F. "fuel supply tank" means ~~[any]~~ a tank or other  
19 receptacle in which or by which fuel may be carried and  
20 supplied to the fuel-furnishing device or apparatus of the  
21 propulsion mechanism of a motor vehicle when the tank or  
22 receptacle either contains gasoline or gasoline is delivered  
23 into it;

24 G. "gallon" means the quantity of liquid necessary  
25 to fill a standard United States gallon liquid measure or that

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1 same quantity adjusted to a temperature of sixty degrees  
2 fahrenheit at the election of [~~any~~] a distributor, but [~~a~~] the  
3 distributor shall report on the same basis for a period of at  
4 least one year;

5 H. "gasoline" means [~~any~~] a flammable liquid  
6 hydrocarbon used primarily as fuel for the propulsion of motor  
7 vehicles, motorboats or aircraft except for diesel engine fuel,  
8 kerosene, liquefied petroleum gas, compressed or liquefied  
9 natural gas and products specially prepared and sold for use in  
10 aircraft propelled by turbo-prop or jet-type engines;

11 I. "government-licensed vehicle" means a motor  
12 vehicle lawfully displaying a registration plate, as defined in  
13 the Motor Vehicle Code, issued by the United States or any  
14 state, identifying the motor vehicle as belonging to the United  
15 States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities or an Indian  
16 nation, tribe or pueblo or any of its political subdivisions,  
17 agencies or instrumentalities;

18 J. "highway" means every road, highway,  
19 thoroughfare, street or way, including toll roads, generally  
20 open to the use of the public as a matter of right for the  
21 purpose of motor vehicle travel regardless of whether it is  
22 temporarily closed for the purpose of construction,  
23 reconstruction, maintenance or repair;

24 K. "motor vehicle" means [~~any~~] a self-propelled  
25 vehicle or device that is either subject to registration under

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1 Section 66-3-1 NMSA 1978 or used or that may be used on the  
2 public highways in whole or in part for the purpose of  
3 transporting persons or property and includes ~~any~~ a connected  
4 trailer or semitrailer;

5 L. "person" means an individual or any other  
6 entity, including, to the extent permitted by law, any federal,  
7 state or other government or any department, agency,  
8 instrumentality or political subdivision of any federal, state  
9 or other government;

10 M. "rack operator" means the operator of a refinery  
11 in this state or the owner of gasoline stored at a pipeline  
12 terminal in this state; "rack operator" shall be construed so  
13 that a person simultaneously may be a rack operator and a  
14 distributor;

15 N. "registered Indian tribal distributor" means an  
16 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo recognized by the United States  
17 whose reservation or pueblo grant lies wholly or partly in this  
18 state, a corporation or other enterprise wholly owned by that  
19 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or a corporation or other  
20 enterprise wholly owned by one or ~~more members~~ of that Indian  
21 nation, tribe or pueblo that is registered with the department  
22 as a distributor pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act; provided  
23 that the department shall register a corporation or other  
24 enterprise as an Indian tribal distributor only upon  
25 certification by the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo that the

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1 corporation or other enterprise is wholly owned by that nation,  
2 tribe or pueblo or wholly owned by one or more of its members;

3 O. "retailer" means a person who sells gasoline  
4 generally in quantities of thirty-five gallons or less and  
5 delivers such gasoline into the fuel supply tanks of motor  
6 vehicles. "Retailer" shall be construed so that a person  
7 simultaneously may be both a retailer and a distributor or  
8 wholesaler;

9 P. "secretary" means the secretary of taxation and  
10 revenue or the secretary's delegate;

11 Q. "taxpayer" means a person required to pay  
12 gasoline tax;

13 R. "unloaded" means removal of gasoline from tank  
14 cars, tank trucks, tank wagons or other types of transportation  
15 equipment into a nonmobile container at the place at which the  
16 unloading takes place; and

17 S. "wholesaler" means a person who is not a  
18 distributor and who sells gasoline in quantities of thirty-five  
19 gallons or more and does not deliver such gasoline into the  
20 fuel supply tanks of motor vehicles. "Wholesaler" shall be  
21 construed so that a person simultaneously may be a wholesaler  
22 and a retailer."

23 Section 2. Section 7-13-2.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999,  
24 Chapter 190, Section 2) is amended to read:

25 "7-13-2.1. WHEN GASOLINE RECEIVED AND BY WHOM --

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1           A. Gasoline that is produced, refined,  
2 manufactured, blended or compounded at a refinery in this state  
3 or stored at a pipeline terminal in this state by a person is  
4 received by that person when it is loaded there into tank cars,  
5 tank trucks, tank wagons or other types of transportation  
6 equipment, or when it is placed there into a tank or other  
7 container from which sales or deliveries not involving  
8 transportation are made; however,

9                   ~~[(1) when gasoline is delivered at the~~  
10 ~~refinery or pipeline terminal to a person registered as a~~  
11 ~~distributor pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act, then it is~~  
12 ~~received there by the distributor to whom it is delivered at~~  
13 ~~the time of the delivery;~~

14                   ~~(2) when gasoline is delivered at the refinery~~  
15 ~~or pipeline terminal to a person not registered as a~~  
16 ~~distributor pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act for the account of~~  
17 ~~a person that is registered as a distributor, it is received~~  
18 ~~there by the distributor for whose account it is delivered at~~  
19 ~~the time of delivery; and~~

20                   (3)] gasoline is not received when it is  
21 shipped from one refinery or pipeline terminal to another  
22 refinery or pipeline terminal.

23           B. Gasoline imported into New Mexico by any means  
24 other than in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle or by  
25 pipeline is received at the time and place it is imported into

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1 this state. The person who owns the gasoline at the time of  
2 importation receives the gasoline at the time and place of  
3 importation [~~unless the gasoline is delivered to a person who~~  
4 ~~is registered as a distributor pursuant to the Gasoline Tax~~  
5 ~~Act, in which case the distributor is deemed to have received~~  
6 ~~the gasoline at the time and place of importation~~].

7 C. Any product other than gasoline that is blended  
8 in this state to produce gasoline other than at a refinery or  
9 pipeline terminal is received by the person who is the owner of  
10 the gasoline at the time and place the blending is completed.

11 D. If gasoline is received within the exterior  
12 boundaries of an Indian reservation or pueblo grant and the  
13 gasoline tax is not paid with respect to the gasoline by the  
14 person receiving the gasoline within the exterior boundaries of  
15 the Indian reservation or pueblo grant, the gasoline is also  
16 received when the gasoline is transported off the reservation  
17 or pueblo grant by any means other than in the fuel supply tank  
18 of a motor vehicle. In such a case, the person who owns the  
19 gasoline immediately after the time of transportation off the  
20 reservation or pueblo grant [~~or, if the gasoline is delivered~~  
21 ~~to a person registered as a distributor pursuant to the~~  
22 ~~Gasoline Tax Act, the distributor~~] receives the gasoline at the  
23 time and place the gasoline is transported off the reservation  
24 or pueblo grant. "

25 Section 3. Section 7-13-3.5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997,

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1 Chapter 192, Section 3) is amended to read:

2 "7-13-3.5. BOND REQUIRED OF TAXPAYERS. --

3 A. [~~Except as provided in Subsection H of this~~  
4 ~~section~~] Every taxpayer shall file with the department a bond  
5 on a form approved by the attorney general with a surety  
6 company authorized by the [~~state corporation~~] public regulation  
7 commission to transact business in this state as a surety and  
8 upon which bond the taxpayer is the principal obligor and the  
9 state the obligee. The bond shall be conditioned upon the  
10 prompt filing of true reports and the payment by the taxpayer  
11 to the department of all taxes levied by the Gasoline Tax Act,  
12 together with all applicable penalties and interest thereon.

13 B. In lieu of the bond, the taxpayer may elect to  
14 file with the department cash or bonds of the United States or  
15 New Mexico or of any political subdivision of the state.

16 C. The total amount of the bond, cash or securities  
17 required of any taxpayer shall be fixed by the department and  
18 may be increased or reduced by the department at any time,  
19 subject to the limitations provided in this section.

20 D. In fixing the total amount of the bond, cash or  
21 securities required of any taxpayer required to post bond, the  
22 department shall require an equivalent in total amount to at  
23 least two times the amount of the department's estimate of the  
24 taxpayer's monthly gasoline tax, determined in such manner as  
25 the secretary may deem proper; provided, however, the total

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1 amount of bond, cash or securities required of a taxpayer shall  
2 never be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

3 E. In the event the department decides that the  
4 amount of the existing bond, cash or securities is insufficient  
5 to insure payment to this state of the amount of the gasoline  
6 tax and any penalties and interest for which the taxpayer is or  
7 may at any time become liable, [~~then~~] the taxpayer, upon  
8 written demand of the department mailed to the last known  
9 address of the taxpayer as shown on the records of the  
10 department, shall file an additional bond, cash or securities  
11 in the manner, form and amount determined by the department to  
12 be necessary to secure at all times the payment by the taxpayer  
13 of all taxes, penalties and interest due under the Gasoline Tax  
14 Act.

15 F. A surety on a bond furnished by a taxpayer as  
16 required by this section shall be released and discharged from  
17 all liability accruing on the bond after the expiration of  
18 ninety days from the date upon which the surety files with the  
19 department a written request to be released and discharged;  
20 provided, however, that such request shall not operate to  
21 release or discharge the surety from any liability already  
22 accrued or that shall accrue before the expiration of the  
23 ninety-day period, unless a new bond is filed during the  
24 ninety-day period, in which case the previous bond may be  
25 canceled as of the effective date of the new bond. On receipt

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1 of notice of such request, the department promptly shall notify  
2 the taxpayer who furnished the bond that the taxpayer, on or  
3 before the expiration of the ninety-day period, shall file with  
4 the department a new bond with a surety satisfactory to the  
5 department in the amount and form required in this section.

6 G. The taxpayer required to file bond with or  
7 provide cash or securities to the department in accordance with  
8 this section and who is required by another state law to file  
9 another bond with or provide cash or securities to the  
10 department may elect to file a combined bond or provide cash or  
11 securities applicable to the provisions of both this section  
12 and the other law, with the approval of the secretary. The  
13 amount of the combined bond, cash or securities shall be  
14 determined by the department and the form of the combined bond  
15 shall be approved by the attorney general.

16 H. ~~[Every taxpayer who, for the twenty-four month~~  
17 ~~period immediately preceding July 1, 1994, has not been a~~  
18 ~~delinquent taxpayer pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act is exempt~~  
19 ~~from the requirement pursuant to this section to file a bond.]~~

20 A taxpayer required to file a bond pursuant to the provisions  
21 of this section who, for a twenty-four consecutive month period  
22 ending after July 1, [1994] 2006, has not been a delinquent  
23 taxpayer pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act may request to be  
24 exempt from the requirement to file a bond beginning with the  
25 first day of the first month following the end of the twenty-

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1 four month period. If a taxpayer exempted pursuant to this  
2 subsection subsequently becomes a delinquent taxpayer under the  
3 Gasoline Tax Act, the department may terminate the exemption  
4 and require the filing of a bond in accordance with this  
5 section. If the department terminates the exemption, the  
6 termination shall not be effective any earlier than ten days  
7 after the date the department notifies the taxpayer in writing  
8 of the termination. "

9 Section 4. Section 7-13-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,  
10 Chapter 9, Section 32, as amended) is amended to read:

11 "7-13-4. DEDUCTIONS--GASOLINE TAX.--In computing the  
12 gasoline tax due, the following amounts of gasoline may be  
13 deducted from the total amount of gasoline received in New  
14 Mexico during the tax period, provided satisfactory proof  
15 thereof is furnished to the department:

16 A. gasoline received in New Mexico, but exported  
17 from this state by a rack operator [~~distributor or wholesaler~~]  
18 other than in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle or sold  
19 for export by a rack operator [~~or distributor~~]; provided that,  
20 in either case:

21 (1) the person exporting the gasoline is  
22 registered in or licensed by the destination state to pay that  
23 state's gasoline or equivalent fuel tax;

24 (2) proof is submitted that the destination  
25 state's gasoline or equivalent fuel tax has been paid or is not

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1 due with respect to the gasoline; or

2 (3) the destination state's gasoline or  
3 equivalent fuel tax is paid to New Mexico in accordance with  
4 the terms of an agreement entered into pursuant to Section  
5 9-11-12 NMSA 1978 with the destination state;

6 B. gasoline received in New Mexico sold to the  
7 United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof for the  
8 exclusive use of the United States or any agency or  
9 instrumentality thereof [~~Gasoline sold to the United States~~  
10 ~~includes gasoline delivered into the supply tank of a~~  
11 ~~government-licensed vehicle of the United States;~~—

12 C. ~~gasoline received in New Mexico sold to an~~  
13 ~~Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or any political subdivision,~~  
14 ~~agency or instrumentality of that Indian nation, tribe or~~  
15 ~~pueblo for the exclusive use of the Indian nation, tribe or~~  
16 ~~pueblo or any political subdivision, agency or instrumentality~~  
17 ~~thereof. Gasoline sold to an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo~~  
18 ~~includes gasoline delivered into the supply tank of a~~  
19 ~~government-licensed vehicle of the Indian nation, tribe or~~  
20 ~~pueblo]; and~~

21 [~~D.~~] C. gasoline received in New Mexico that has  
22 been dyed in accordance with department regulations [~~and used~~]  
23 for use in [~~any~~] a manner other than for propulsion of motor  
24 vehicles on the highways of this state or motorboats or  
25 activities ancillary to that propulsion

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1                   ~~[E.—gasoline received in New Mexico and sold at~~  
2 ~~retail by a registered Indian tribal distributor if:~~

3                                 ~~(1) the sale occurs on the Indian reservation,~~  
4 ~~pueblo grant or trust land of the distributor's Indian nation,~~  
5 ~~tribe or pueblo;~~

6                                 ~~(2) the gasoline is placed into the fuel~~  
7 ~~supply tank of a motor vehicle on that reservation, pueblo~~  
8 ~~grant or trust land; and~~

9                                 ~~(3) the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo has~~  
10 ~~certified to the department that it has in effect an excise,~~  
11 ~~privilege or similar tax on the gasoline; provided that the~~  
12 ~~volume of gasoline deducted pursuant to this subsection shall~~  
13 ~~be the total gallons sold in accordance with the provisions of~~  
14 ~~this subsection multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which~~  
15 ~~is the rate of the tribal tax certified to the department by~~  
16 ~~the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo and the denominator of which~~  
17 ~~is the rate of the gasoline tax imposed pursuant to the~~  
18 ~~Gasoline Tax Act, but if the fraction exceeds one, it shall be~~  
19 ~~one for purposes of determining the deduction; and~~

20                   ~~F.—gasoline received in New Mexico and sold by a~~  
21 ~~registered Indian tribal distributor from a nonmobile storage~~  
22 ~~container located within that distributor's Indian reservation,~~  
23 ~~pueblo grant or trust land for resale outside that~~  
24 ~~distributor's Indian reservation, pueblo grant or trust land;~~  
25 ~~provided the department certifies that the distributor claiming~~

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1 ~~the deduction sold no less than one million gallons of gasoline~~  
2 ~~from a nonmobile storage container located within that~~  
3 ~~distributor's Indian reservation, pueblo grant or trust land~~  
4 ~~for resale outside that distributor's Indian reservation,~~  
5 ~~pueblo grant or trust land during the period of May through~~  
6 ~~August 1998; and provided further that the amount of gasoline~~  
7 ~~deducted by a registered Indian tribal distributor pursuant to~~  
8 ~~this subsection shall not exceed two million five hundred~~  
9 ~~thousand gallons per month, calculated as a monthly average~~  
10 ~~during the calendar year. Volumes deducted pursuant to~~  
11 ~~Subsection E of this section shall not be deducted pursuant to~~  
12 ~~this subsection]. "~~

13 Section 5. A new section of the Gasoline Tax Act, Section  
14 7-13-4.5 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

15 "7-13-4.5. [NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTORS AND WHOLESALERS--  
16 TAXABLE PRESUMPTION--NONTAXABLE SALES AND USES--  
17 REIMBURSEMENT.--

18 A. Gasoline purchased by a distributor or  
19 wholesaler from a person who received the gasoline in New  
20 Mexico and on which the tax has been paid or is due shall be  
21 presumed to be taxable unless the distributor or wholesaler  
22 provides proof satisfactory to the department that the gasoline  
23 was sold, exported or used for one of the following nontaxable  
24 purposes:

- 25 (1) the gasoline was exported from this state

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1 by the distributor or wholesaler other than in the fuel supply  
2 tank of a motor vehicle or sold for export by the distributor;  
3 provided that, in either case:

4 (a) the person exporting the gasoline is  
5 registered in or licensed by the destination state to pay that  
6 state's gasoline or equivalent fuel tax;

7 (b) proof is submitted that the  
8 destination state's gasoline or equivalent fuel tax has been  
9 paid or is not due with respect to the gasoline; or

10 (c) the destination state's gasoline or  
11 equivalent fuel tax is paid to New Mexico in accordance with  
12 the terms of an agreement entered into pursuant to Section  
13 9-11-12 NMSA 1978 with the destination state;

14 (2) the gasoline was sold to the United States  
15 or an agency or instrumentality thereof for the exclusive use  
16 of the United States or an agency or instrumentality thereof.  
17 Gasoline sold to the United States includes gasoline delivered  
18 into the fuel supply tank of a government-licensed vehicle of  
19 the United States;

20 (3) the gasoline was sold to an Indian nation,  
21 tribe or pueblo or a political subdivision, agency or  
22 instrumentality of that Indian nation, tribe or pueblo for the  
23 exclusive use of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo or a  
24 political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof.

25 Gasoline sold to an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo includes

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1 gasoline delivered into the supply tank of a government-  
2 licensed vehicle of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo;

3 (4) the gasoline was dyed in accordance with  
4 department regulations and used in a manner other than for  
5 propulsion of motor vehicles on the highways of this state or  
6 motorboats or activities ancillary to that propulsion;

7 (5) the gasoline was sold at retail by a  
8 registered Indian tribal distributor and:

9 (a) the sale occurred on the Indian  
10 reservation, pueblo grant or trust land of the distributor's  
11 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo;

12 (b) the gasoline was placed into the  
13 fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle on that reservation, pueblo  
14 grant or trust land; and

15 (c) the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo  
16 has certified to the department that it has in effect an  
17 excise, privilege or similar tax on the gasoline; provided that  
18 the volume of gasoline for which a tax refund may be claimed  
19 pursuant to this paragraph shall be the total gallons sold in  
20 accordance with the provisions of this paragraph multiplied by  
21 a fraction the numerator of which is the rate of the tribal tax  
22 certified to the department by the Indian nation, tribe or  
23 pueblo and the denominator of which is the rate of the gasoline  
24 tax imposed pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act, but if the  
25 fraction exceeds one, it shall be one for purposes of

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1 determining the refund;

2 (6) gasoline received in New Mexico and sold  
3 by a registered Indian tribal distributor from a nonmobile  
4 storage container located within that distributor's Indian  
5 reservation, pueblo grant or trust land for resale outside that  
6 distributor's Indian reservation, pueblo grant or trust land;  
7 provided the department certifies that the distributor claiming  
8 the refund sold no less than one million gallons of gasoline  
9 from a nonmobile storage container located within that  
10 distributor's Indian reservation, pueblo grant or trust land  
11 for resale outside that distributor's Indian reservation,  
12 pueblo grant or trust land during the period of May through  
13 August 1998; and provided further that the amount of gasoline  
14 for which a tax refund is claimed by a registered Indian tribal  
15 distributor pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed two  
16 million five hundred thousand gallons per month, calculated as  
17 a monthly average during the calendar year. Volumes for which  
18 a tax refund is claimed pursuant to Paragraph (5) of this  
19 subsection shall not be eligible for refund pursuant to this  
20 paragraph; and

21 (7) the distributor is not a registered Indian  
22 tribal distributor and the gasoline was sold at retail in New  
23 Mexico and:

24 (a) the sale occurred on an Indian  
25 reservation, pueblo grant or trust land;

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1 (b) the gasoline was placed into the  
2 fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle on that reservation, pueblo  
3 grant or trust land;

4 (c) the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo  
5 has certified to the department that it has in effect an  
6 excise, privilege or similar tax on gasoline; provided that the  
7 gallons of gasoline for which a tax refund may be claimed  
8 pursuant to this paragraph shall be the total gallons sold in  
9 accordance with the provisions of this paragraph multiplied by  
10 a fraction, the numerator of which is the rate of the tribal  
11 tax certified to the department by the Indian nation, tribe or  
12 pueblo and the denominator of which is the rate of the gasoline  
13 tax imposed pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act, but, if the  
14 fraction exceeds one, the fraction shall be deemed to be one  
15 for purposes of determining the refund; and

16 (d) the person is subject to and in  
17 compliance with the tax on gasoline imposed by the Indian  
18 nation, tribe or pueblo where the sale occurred.

19 B. Upon a showing satisfactory to the department  
20 that a distributor or wholesaler purchased gasoline on which  
21 the excise tax pursuant to the Gasoline Tax Act was paid and  
22 the gasoline was subsequently sold, exported or used for a  
23 nontaxable purpose pursuant to Subsection A of this section,  
24 the distributor or wholesaler may apply to the department for a  
25 reimbursement in an amount equal to the tax paid on that

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1 gasoline.

2 C. A distributor who is eligible to apply for a  
3 reimbursement pursuant to Subsection B of this section shall  
4 apply on a form and in the manner determined by the department.  
5 The department shall determine what documentation is necessary  
6 to establish satisfactory proof that the gasoline was sold,  
7 exported or used for a nontaxable purpose. "

8 Section 6. Section 7-13-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,  
9 Chapter 207, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "7-13-5. TAX RETURNS--PAYMENT OF TAX. -- [~~Distributors~~]  
11 Taxpayers shall file gasoline tax returns in form and content  
12 as prescribed by the secretary on or before the twenty-fifth  
13 day of the month following the month in which gasoline is  
14 received in New Mexico. Such returns shall be accompanied by  
15 payment of the amount of gasoline tax due. "

16 Section 7. Section 7-13-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,  
17 Chapter 207, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "7-13-12. MANIFEST OR BILL OF LADING REQUIRED WHEN  
19 TRANSPORTING GASOLINE. --Every person transporting gasoline from  
20 a refinery or pipeline terminal in this state, importing  
21 gasoline into this state or exporting gasoline from this state,  
22 other than by pipeline or in the fuel supply tanks of motor  
23 vehicles, shall carry a manifest or bill of lading in form and  
24 content as prescribed by or acceptable to the department. The  
25 manifest or bill of lading shall be signed by the consignor and

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1 by every person accepting the gasoline or any part of it, with  
2 a notation as to the amount accepted. If a manifest or bill of  
3 lading is not required to be carried by the terms of this  
4 section, any person transporting gasoline without such a  
5 manifest or bill of lading shall, upon demand, furnish proof  
6 acceptable to the department that the gasoline so transported  
7 was legally acquired by a registered distributor [~~who assumed~~  
8 ~~liability~~] from a person who is liable for payment of the tax  
9 imposed by the Gasoline Tax Act. "

10 Section 8. TEMPORARY PROVISION. --The provisions of the  
11 Gasoline Tax Act in effect prior to the effective date of this  
12 act shall apply to gasoline received, as that term was then  
13 defined in the Gasoline Tax Act, prior to the effective date of  
14 this act.

15 Section 9. REPEAL. --Section 7-13-4.4 NMSA 1978 (being  
16 Laws 2000, Chapter 50, Section 1) is repealed.

17 Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
18 provisions of this act is January 1, 2005.