HOUSE TAXATION AND REVENUE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 47

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; EXPANDING THE DEDUCTION FOR LOCOMOTIVE FUEL FROM GROSS RECEIPTS AND FROM COMPENSATING TAX.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7-9-110.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2011, Chapter 60, Section 3 and Laws 2011, Chapter 61, Section 3) is amended to read:

"7-9-110.3. PURPOSE AND REQUIREMENTS OF LOCOMOTIVE FUEL DEDUCTION.--

A. The purpose of the deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts and from compensating tax is to encourage the construction, renovation, maintenance and operation of railroad locomotive refueling facilities and [related activities] other railroad capital investments in New Mexico.

B. To be eligible for the deduction on fuel loaded
or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from
compensating tax, the fuel shall be used or loaded by a common
carrier that, after July 1, 2011:

(1) made a capital investment of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) or more in new construction or renovations at the railroad locomotive refueling facility in which the fuel is loaded or used; or

investment of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) or more in new railroad infrastructure improvements, including railroad facilities, track, signals and supporting railroad network, located in New Mexico; provided that the new railroad infrastructure improvements are not required by a regulatory agency to correct problems, such as regular or preventative maintenance, specifically identified by that agency as requiring necessary corrective action.

C. To be eligible for the deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts, a common carrier shall deliver an appropriate nontaxable transaction certificate to the seller and the sale shall be made to a common carrier that:

(1) after July 1, 2011, made a capital investment of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) or more in new construction or renovations at the railroad

locomotive refueling facility in which the fuel is sold [and the common carrier shall deliver an appropriate nontaxable transaction certificate to the seller]; or

investment of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) or more in new railroad infrastructure improvements, including railroad facilities, track, signals and supporting railroad network, located in New Mexico; provided that the new railroad infrastructure improvements are not required by a regulatory agency to correct problems, such as regular or preventative maintenance, specifically identified by that agency as requiring necessary corrective action.

D. The economic development department shall promulgate rules for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility for the purposes of claiming a deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts or compensating tax. A common carrier may request a certificate of eligibility from the economic development department to provide to the taxation and revenue department to establish eligibility for a nontaxable transaction certificate for the deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts. The taxation and revenue department shall issue nontaxable transaction certificates to a common carrier upon the presentation of a certificate of eligibility obtained from

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the economic development department pursuant to this subsection.

- E. The economic development department shall keep a record of temporary and permanent jobs from all railroad activity [at each railroad locomotive refueling facility] where a capital investment is made by a common carrier that claims a deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts or from compensating tax. The economic development department and the taxation and revenue department shall estimate the amount of state revenue that is attributable to all railroad activity [occurring at each locomotive refueling facility] where a capital investment is made by a common carrier that claims a deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts or from compensating tax.
- F. The economic development department and the taxation and revenue department shall compile an annual report with the number of taxpayers who claim the deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts and from compensating tax, the number of jobs created as a result of that deduction, the amount of that deduction approved, the net revenue to the state as a result of that deduction and any other information required by the legislature to aid in evaluating the effectiveness of that deduction. A taxpayer who claims a deduction on fuel loaded or

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used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts or from compensating tax shall provide the economic development department and the taxation and revenue department with the information required to compile that report. economic development department and the taxation and revenue department shall present that report before the legislative interim revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and the legislative finance committee by November of each year. Notwithstanding any other section of law to the contrary, the economic development department and the taxation and revenue department may disclose the number of applicants for the deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts and from compensating tax, the amount of the deduction approved, the number of employees of the taxpayer and any other information required by the legislature or the taxation and revenue department to aid in evaluating the effectiveness of that deduction.

G. An appropriate legislative committee shall review the effectiveness of the deduction for each taxpayer who claims the deduction on fuel loaded or used by a common carrier in a locomotive engine from gross receipts and from compensating tax every six years beginning in 2019."

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.--If any part or application of this act is held invalid, the remainder or its application to other situations or persons shall not be affected.

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SECTION 3. REPEAL.--Laws 2011, Chapter 60, Sections 4 and 5 and Laws 2011, Chapter 61, Sections 4 and 5 are repealed.

SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY.--The deductions provided in this act apply to gross receipts tax and compensating tax reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2013; provided that the economic development department certifies to the taxation and revenue department that at least one common carrier, prior to July 1, 2012, in a class A county with a population according to the most recent federal decennial census of more than two hundred thousand but less than three hundred thousand, has commenced land acquisition, acquisition of all necessary permits and actual construction.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2012.

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