
HOUSE BILL No. 1245

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-8.1-1-1; IC 6-10.

Synopsis: County option gasoline tax. Allows a county to adopt a county gasoline tax at a rate of four cents, five cents, six cents, seven cents, or eight cents per gallon of gasoline sold in the county. Provides for the administration and collection of the county gasoline tax. Requires the tax revenues to be allocated among the county and the cities and towns located in the county. Provides that the revenue realized from the county gasoline tax is additional revenue available for road maintenance and construction. Provides that the department of local government finance may not reduce a unit's actual or maximum permissible levy because of the additional revenue from the county gasoline tax.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-8.1-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2006,
2 SECTION 35, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. "Listed taxes" or "taxes" includes only the
4 pari-mutuel taxes (IC 4-31-9-3 through IC 4-31-9-5); the river boat
5 admissions tax (IC 4-33-12); the river boat wagering tax (IC 4-33-13);
6 the gross income tax (IC 6-2.1) (repealed); the utility receipts and
7 utility services use taxes (IC 6-2.3); the state gross retail and use taxes
8 (IC 6-2.5); the adjusted gross income tax (IC 6-3); the supplemental net
9 income tax (IC 6-3-8) (repealed); the county adjusted gross income tax
10 (IC 6-3.5-1.1); the county option income tax (IC 6-3.5-6); the county
11 economic development income tax (IC 6-3.5-7); the municipal option
12 income tax (IC 6-3.5-8); the auto rental excise tax (IC 6-6-9); the
13 financial institutions tax (IC 6-5.5); the gasoline tax (IC 6-6-1.1); the
14 alternative fuel permit fee (IC 6-6-2.1); the special fuel tax
15 (IC 6-6-2.5); the motor carrier fuel tax (IC 6-6-4.1); a motor fuel tax
16 collected under a reciprocal agreement under IC 6-8.1-3; the motor
17 vehicle excise tax (IC 6-6-5); the commercial vehicle excise tax

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1 (IC 6-6-5.5); the hazardous waste disposal tax (IC 6-6-6.6); the
 2 cigarette tax (IC 6-7-1); the beer excise tax (IC 7.1-4-2); the liquor
 3 excise tax (IC 7.1-4-3); the wine excise tax (IC 7.1-4-4); the hard cider
 4 excise tax (IC 7.1-4-4.5); the malt excise tax (IC 7.1-4-5); the
 5 petroleum severance tax (IC 6-8-1); the various innkeeper's taxes
 6 (IC 6-9); the various food and beverage taxes (IC 6-9); the county
 7 admissions tax (IC 6-9-13 and IC 6-9-28); **a county gasoline tax**
 8 **(IC 6-10)**; the oil inspection fee (IC 16-44-2); the emergency and
 9 hazardous chemical inventory form fee (IC 6-6-10); the penalties
 10 assessed for oversize vehicles (IC 9-20-3 and IC 9-30); the fees and
 11 penalties assessed for overweight vehicles (IC 9-20-4 and IC 9-30); the
 12 underground storage tank fee (IC 13-23); the solid waste management
 13 fee (IC 13-20-22); and any other tax or fee that the department is
 14 required to collect or administer.

15 SECTION 2. IC 6-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A
 16 NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 17 2007]:

18 **ARTICLE 10. COUNTY GASOLINE TAX**

19 **Chapter 1. Application**

20 **Sec. 1. This article does not apply to a county that imposes the**
 21 **county motor vehicle excise surtax under IC 6-3.5-4 and the county**
 22 **wheel tax under IC 6-3.5-5.**

23 **Chapter 2. Definitions**

24 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**
 25 **article.**

26 **Sec. 2. "Department" refers to the department of state revenue.**

27 **Sec. 3. "Gasoline" has the meaning set forth in IC 6-6-1.1-103.**

28 **Chapter 3. County Gasoline Tax Ordinance Requirements**

29 **Sec. 1. (a) After January 1 but before August 1 of a year, the**
 30 **legislative body of a county may adopt an ordinance to impose a**
 31 **county gasoline tax.**

32 **(b) Before a legislative body may adopt an ordinance imposing**
 33 **a county gasoline tax, the legislative body must hold a public**
 34 **hearing on the proposed ordinance, with notice of the time, date,**
 35 **and place of the public hearing given in accordance with IC 5-3-1.**

36 **(c) If a legislative body adopts an ordinance under this chapter,**
 37 **the legislative body shall immediately send a certified copy of the**
 38 **ordinance to the department.**

39 **(d) If the legislative body of a county that is subject to**
 40 **IC 36-2-3.5 or IC 36-3-1 adopts an ordinance to impose a county**
 41 **gasoline tax under this chapter, the ordinance is not effective unless**
 42 **the county executive approves the ordinance. If the legislative body**

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1 of a county that is not subject to IC 36-2-3.5 or IC 36-3-1 adopts an
2 ordinance to impose a county gasoline tax under this chapter, the
3 ordinance is not effective unless the county's fiscal body adopts a
4 substantially similar ordinance to impose the county gasoline tax
5 in the county.

6 (e) If an ordinance to impose a county gasoline tax is adopted by
7 the legislative body of a county and becomes effective under
8 subsection (d), the ordinance takes effect January 1 of the year
9 following the year in which the ordinance is adopted.

10 Sec. 2. The county gasoline tax may be imposed at a rate of:

- 11 (1) four cents (\$0.04);
- 12 (2) five cents (\$0.05);
- 13 (3) six cents (\$0.06);
- 14 (4) seven cents (\$0.07); or
- 15 (5) eight cents (\$0.08);

16 per gallon of gasoline sold in the county.

17 Sec. 3. (a) The legislative body may adopt an ordinance to
18 rescind, decrease, or increase the county gasoline tax rate. An
19 ordinance described in this subsection must be adopted after
20 January 1 but before August 1 of a year.

21 (b) If a county has outstanding bonds, leases, obligations, or
22 other evidences of indebtedness that are payable from the county
23 gasoline tax, the county gasoline tax may not be decreased below
24 a rate that would produce one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25)
25 times the total of the highest annual payment requirements due on
26 the bonds, leases, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness to
27 their final maturity.

28 (c) For purposes of subsection (b), the determination of a tax
29 rate sufficient to produce one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25)
30 times the total of the highest annual payment requirements shall be
31 based on an average of the collections of the county gasoline tax for
32 the immediately preceding three (3) years, if the tax has been
33 imposed for the preceding three (3) years. If the county gasoline
34 tax has not been imposed for the preceding three (3) years, the
35 county gasoline tax may not be reduced below a rate that would
36 produce one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25) times the total of
37 the highest annual payment requirements due on the bonds, leases,
38 obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness, based on a study by
39 a qualified public accountant or financial adviser.

40 Sec. 4. If no bonds, leases, obligations, or other evidences of
41 indebtedness that are payable from the county gasoline tax are
42 outstanding, the legislative body that imposed a county gasoline tax

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1 may adopt an ordinance to repeal the county gasoline tax. The
2 ordinance to repeal the tax must be adopted after January 1 but
3 before August 1 of a year.

4 **Chapter 4. Collection Procedures for County Gasoline Taxes**

5 **Sec. 1. A county gasoline tax imposed under IC 6-10-3 shall be**
6 **imposed, paid, and collected in the same manner that the state**
7 **gasoline tax is imposed, paid, and collected under IC 6-6-1.1.**
8 **However, the return that is filed for the payment of the tax may be**
9 **a separate return or may be combined with the return filed for the**
10 **payment of the state gasoline tax as prescribed by the department.**

11 **Sec. 2. (a) The department shall notify the county auditor of a**
12 **county that imposes a county gasoline tax under IC 6-10-3 of the**
13 **amount of the tax paid in the county.**

14 **(b) The amounts received from taxes imposed under IC 6-10-3**
15 **shall be paid monthly by the treasurer of state on warrants issued**
16 **by the auditor of state to the county treasurer.**

17 **Sec. 3. If a county imposes a county gasoline tax under**
18 **IC 6-10-3, the county treasurer shall establish a county gasoline tax**
19 **fund into which all amounts received monthly from the treasurer**
20 **of state shall be deposited.**

21 **Sec. 4. (a) Before the twentieth day of each month, the county**
22 **auditor shall allocate the money deposited in the county gasoline**
23 **tax fund during the previous month among the county and the**
24 **cities and the towns in the county as follows:**

25 **(1) In a county having a population of more than fifty**
26 **thousand (50,000), sixty percent (60%) of the money shall be**
27 **distributed on the basis of the population of the city or town**
28 **as a percentage of the total population of the county and forty**
29 **percent (40%) shall be distributed on the basis of the ratio of**
30 **city and town street mileage to county road mileage.**

31 **(2) In a county having a population of fifty thousand (50,000)**
32 **or less, twenty percent (20%) of the money shall be**
33 **distributed on the basis of the population of the city or town**
34 **as a percentage of the total population of the county and**
35 **eighty percent (80%) shall be distributed on the basis of the**
36 **ratio of city and town street mileage to county road mileage.**

37 **(3) For purposes of allocating funds as provided in this**
38 **section, a town that becomes incorporated as a town between**
39 **the effective dates of decennial censuses shall be eligible for**
40 **allocations upon the effectiveness of a corrected population**
41 **count for the town under IC 1-1-3.5.**

42 **(b) Before the twenty-fifth day of each month, the county**

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1 treasurer shall distribute to the county and the cities and towns in
2 the county the money deposited in the county gasoline tax fund
3 during the previous month. The county treasurer shall base the
4 distribution on allocations made by the county auditor for the
5 pervious month under subsection (a).

6 Sec. 5. A county gasoline tax imposed under this article is a
7 listed tax for purposes of IC 6-8.1-1.

8 Chapter 5. Use of Revenue

9 Sec. 1. Revenue derived from the imposition of a county gasoline
10 tax under this article may be treated by each unit as additional
11 revenue for the purpose of fixing its budget for the budget year
12 during which the revenues are to be distributed to the county.

13 Sec. 2. A unit may use revenues from the imposition of a county
14 gasoline tax for any of the following purposes:

- 15 (1) Paying debt service or lease rentals on:
 - 16 (A) bonds;
 - 17 (B) leases;
 - 18 (C) obligations; or
 - 19 (D) any other evidence of indebtedness of the unit;
- 20 incurred to finance a road construction project.
- 21 (2) Paying the costs of any road construction project.
- 22 (3) As operating revenue for the maintenance of the unit's
23 roads.

24 Sec. 3. The department of local government finance may not
25 reduce a unit's actual or maximum permissible levy because of any
26 revenue received from a county gasoline tax.

27 Chapter 6. Covenants

28 Sec. 1. The general assembly covenants with the respective units
29 and the purchasers and owners of bonds, leases, obligations, or any
30 other evidences of indebtedness of a unit payable from a county
31 gasoline tax imposed under this article that this article will not be
32 repealed or amended in any manner that will adversely affect the
33 imposition or collection of a tax imposed under this article so long
34 as the principal, interest, or lease rentals due under those bonds,
35 leases, obligations, or other evidences of indebtedness of a unit that
36 are payable from a tax imposed under this article remain unpaid.

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