



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5728.06 Excise tax on use of motor fuel.

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(A) For the following purposes, an excise tax is hereby imposed on the use of motor fuel to operate on the public highways of this state a commercial car with three or more axles, regardless of weight, operated alone or as part of a commercial tandem, a commercial car with two axles having a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding twenty-six thousand pounds operated alone or as part of a commercial tandem, or a commercial tractor operated alone or as part of a commercial tractor combination or commercial tandem: to provide revenue for maintaining the state highway system, to widen existing surfaces on such highways, to resurface such highways, to enable the counties of the state properly to plan for, maintain, and repair their roads, to enable the municipal corporations to plan, construct, reconstruct, repave, widen, maintain, repair, clear, and clean public highways, roads, and streets; to pay that portion of the construction cost of a highway project that a county, township, or municipal corporation normally would be required to pay, but that the director of transportation, pursuant to division (B) of section 5531.08 of the Revised Code, determines instead will be paid from moneys in the highway operating fund; to maintain and repair bridges and viaducts; to purchase, erect, and maintain street and traffic signs and markers; to purchase, erect, and maintain traffic lights and signals; to pay the costs apportioned to the public under section 4907.47 of the Revised Code; and to supplement revenue already available for such purposes, to distribute equitably among those persons using the privilege of driving motor vehicles upon such highways and streets the cost of maintaining and repairing the same, and to pay the interest, principal, and charges on bonds and other obligations issued pursuant to Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and sections 5528.30 and 5528.31 of the Revised Code. The tax is imposed in the same amount as the motor fuel tax imposed under Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code plus an additional tax of three cents per gallon of motor fuel used before July 1, 2004, provided that the additional tax shall be reduced to two cents per gallon of motor fuel used from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, as determined by the gallons consumed while operated on the public highways of this state. Subject to section 5735.292 of the Revised Code, on and after July 1, 2005, the tax shall be imposed in the same amount as the motor fuel tax imposed under Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code. Payment of the fuel use tax shall be made by the purchase within Ohio of such gallons of motor fuel, for which the tax imposed under Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code has been paid, as is equivalent to the



gallons consumed while operating such a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state, or by direct remittance to the treasurer of state with the fuel use tax return filed pursuant to section 5728.08 of the Revised Code.

Any person subject to the tax imposed under this section who purchases motor fuel in this state for use in another state in excess of the amount consumed while operating such motor vehicle on the public highways of this state shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this section or a refund equal to the motor fuel tax paid to this state on such excess. No such credit or refund shall be allowed for taxes paid to any state that imposes a tax on motor fuel purchased or obtained in this state and used on the highways of such other state but does not allow a similar credit or refund for the tax paid to this state on motor fuel purchased or acquired in the other state and used on the public highways of this state.

The tax commissioner is authorized to determine whether such credits or refunds are available and to prescribe such rules as are required for the purpose of administering this chapter.

(B) Within sixty days after the last day of each month, the tax commissioner shall determine the amount of motor fuel tax allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this section. The commissioner shall certify the amount to the director of budget and management and the treasurer of state, who shall credit the amount in accordance with section 5728.08 of the Revised Code from current revenue arising from the tax levied by section 5735.05 of the Revised Code.

(C) The owner of each commercial car and commercial tractor subject to sections 5728.01 to 5728.14 of the Revised Code is liable for the payment of the full amount of the taxes imposed by this section.

An owner who is a person regularly engaged, for compensation, in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles without furnishing drivers may designate that the lessee of a motor vehicle leased for a period of thirty days or more shall report and pay the tax incurred during the duration of the lease. An owner who is an independent contractor that furnishes both the driver and motor vehicle, may designate that the person so furnished with the driver and motor vehicle for a period of thirty days or more shall report and pay the tax incurred during that period. An independent contractor that is not an owner, but that furnishes both the driver and motor vehicle and that has been designated by the



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owner of the motor vehicle to report and pay the tax, may designate that the person so furnished with driver and motor vehicle for a period of thirty days or more shall report and pay the tax incurred during that period.