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I-81 Gas Tax Becomes Law July 1 ***List of Impacted Jurisdictions Follows***

Virginia Governors have the unique power to totally re-write bills and submit them for consideration at the annual one-day veto session, even if those provisions have been defeated during the regular legislative session. That is precisely what happened this past Wednesday, and our efforts opposing expansion or local fuels taxation were unsuccessful.

Now that there are less than three months to implement these significant changes, we have already begun a dialogue with the Department of Motor Vehicles to assure the new tax is transparent to consumers and industry and is implemented without delay.

We will hold a series of compliance seminars, probably in early June, that will bring us along with DMV tax staff to Western Virginia to review how record keeping, online remission and other issues will be addressed and to answer your questions in person.

We are already receiving questions about where the new tax will be assessed. Unfortunately, the legislation does not name specific jurisdictions but rather the planning districts in which the tax will be assessed: They are:

Planning District 3 - Mt. Rogers:

Counties of: Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, Wythe
Cities of: Bristol, Galax

Planning District 4 - New River Valley

Counties of: Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski

- City of: Radford

Planning District 5 - Roanoke Valley / Allegheny

- Counties of: Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, Roanoke
- Cities of: Covington, Roanoke, Salem

Planning District 6 - Central Shenandoah

- Counties of: Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, Rockingham
- Cities of: Buena Vista, Lexington, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro

Planning District 7 - Northern Shenandoah Valley

- Counties of: Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, Warren
- City of: Winchester

We have requested and DMV is preparing a list of zip codes for these jurisdictions where the tax will be imposed. Until that is available it may not be possible to determine if specific sites are inside or outside of the taxing district.

In the meantime we will furnish you additional information on the law and planned compliance seminars as soon as it is available.