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Governor Makes Minor Amendments to Transportation Bill

Fuel Tax Increases Take Effect July 1

The one change impacting the membership is the governor has reduced the first-year increase in diesel taxes from 21.2 to 20.2 cents per gallon, which is in keeping with the diesel tax increase passed last year. The remainder of the funding bill is the same with gasoline and diesel taxes increasing in 2020 and 2021, and then being indexed to the Consumer Price Index. Additionally, on July 1 the local 7.6/7.7 cpg tax currently in effect in Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads and Interstate 81 will be imposed statewide. Following is a map which details the changes, with the exception of the proposed 20.2 cpg diesel increase for 2020.

Transportation Funding

Effective July 1, 2020



Current Fuels Tax Rates

Green Areas 16.2 + 7.6 cpg gasoline/7.7 diesel

Orange Areas 16.2 cpg

Statewide Fuels Tax Rates Effective 7/1/2020

All Areas 21.2 + 7.6 = 28.8 cpg/28.9 diesel

Statewide Fuels Tax Rates Effective 7/1/2021

All Areas 26.2 + 7.6 = 33.8 cpg/34.7 diesel



We still expect to have a webinar on these changes, however, the date remains uncertain because of the government shutdown. Details will be forwarded in the near future.

Skill Games

As a friend of mine said today "it took a global pandemic to save skill games in Virginia." As we reported last night, the governor's recommendations will allow skill games at least until June 30, 2021, provided that game suppliers pay a \$1,200/month fee that will fund a new state COVID-19 relief fund. Estimates of new revenue to the state vary, but a minimum or \$125 million is expected next year. It is important to note that the governor's amendment allows skill games in convenience stores, restaurants, truck stops and other businesses with an ABC license. Locations with skill machines only will not be legal after June 30th.

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