

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 991 works to increase and improve consumer transparency concerning retail motor fuel taxes by amending the Agriculture Code to require the Texas Department of Agriculture to display on each motor fuel pump from which motor fuel is sold at retail a notice of the current rates of the federal and state motor fuel taxes. The bill requires the notice to display the current rate of each tax, in cents per gallon, for each type of motor fuel; to be displayed on each face of the motor fuel pump on which the price of the motor fuel sold from the pump is displayed; and to be displayed in a clear, conspicuous and prominent manner.

H.B. 991 amends current law relating to the display of notice of federal and state tax rates for motor fuel sold at retail.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 17, Agriculture Code, by adding Section 17.0515, as follows:

Sec. 17.0515. NOTICE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES. Requires the Texas Department of Agriculture to display on each motor fuel pump from which motor fuel is sold at retail a notice of the current rates of the federal and state motor fuel taxes. Requires that the notice:

- (1) display the current rate of each tax, in cents per gallon, for each type of motor fuel;
- (2) be displayed on each face of the motor fuel pump on which the price of the motor fuel sold from the pump is displayed; and
- (3) be displayed in a clear, conspicuous, and prominent manner.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2016.