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H. R. 3849

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent per gallon increases in motor fuel taxes enacted in 1993.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Collins (for himself, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Kingston) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Fuel Tax Cost Reduc-
- 5 tion Act of 2000".
- 6 SEC. 2. REPEAL OF 1993 INCREASES IN MOTOR FUEL
- 7 TAXES.
- 8 (a) Highway Gasoline.—Clause (i) of section
- 9 4081(a)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is

- 1 amended by striking "18.3 cents" and inserting "14
- 2 cents".
- 3 (b) AVIATION GASOLINE.—Clause (ii) of section
- 4 4081(a)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by striking "19.3"
- 5 cents" and inserting "15 cents".
- 6 (c) Diesel Fuel and Kerosene.—Clause (iii) of
- 7 section 4081(a)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by striking
- 8 "24.3 cents" and inserting "20 cents".
- 9 (d) AVIATION FUEL.—Paragraph (1) of section
- 10 4091(b) of such Code is amended by striking "21.8 cents"
- 11 and inserting "17.5 cents".
- 12 (e) Fuel Used on Inland Waterways.—
- 13 (1) Paragraph (1) of section 4042(b) of such
- 14 Code is amended by adding "and" at the end of sub-
- paragraph (A), by striking ", and" at the end of
- subparagraph (B) and inserting a period, and by
- 17 striking subparagraph (C).
- 18 (2) Paragraph (2) of section 4042(b) of such
- 19 Code is amended by striking subparagraph (C).
- 20 (f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—
- 21 (1) Subparagraph (B) of section 40(e)(1) of
- such Code is amended by striking "during which the
- rates of tax under section 4081(a)(2)(A) are 4.3
- cents per gallon" and inserting "during which the

1	rate of tax under section 4081(a)(2)(A)(i) does not
2	apply".
3	(2) Subparagraph (A) of section 4041(a)(1) of
4	such Code is amended by striking "or a diesel-pow-
5	ered train" each place it appears and by striking "or
6	train".
7	(3) Subparagraph (C) of section 4041(a)(1) of
8	such Code is amended by striking clause (ii) and by
9	redesignating clause (iii) as clause (ii).
10	(4) Subclause (I) of section $4041(a)(1)(C)(ii)$ of
11	such Code, as redesignated by paragraph (3), is
12	amended by striking "7.3 cents" and inserting "3
13	cents" and by striking "4.3 cents per gallon" and
14	inserting "zero".
15	(5) Subsection (a) of section 4041 of such Code
16	is amended by striking paragraph (3).
17	(6) Subparagraph (C) of section 4041(b)(1) of
18	such Code is amended by striking all that follows
19	"section 6421(e)(2)" and inserting a period.
20	(7) Subparagraph (B) of section 4041(a)(2) of
21	such Code is amended by striking all that follows
22	clause (i) and inserting the following new clauses:
23	"(ii) 10.4 cents per gallon in the case
24	of liquefied petroleum gas, and

1	"(iii) 9.1 cents per gallon in the case
2	of liquefied natural gas."
3	(8) Paragraph (3) of section 4041(e) of such
4	Code is amended to read as follows:
5	"(3) Termination.—The rate of the taxes im-
6	posed by paragraph (1) shall be zero after Sep-
7	tember 30, 2007."
8	(9) Subsection (d) of section 4041 of such Code
9	is amended by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
10	graph (4) and by inserting after paragraph (2) the
11	following new paragraph:
12	"(3) Diesel fuel used in trains.—There is
13	hereby imposed a tax of 0.1 cent per gallon on any
14	liquid other than gasoline (as defined in section
15	4083)—
16	"(A) sold by any person to an owner, les-
17	see, or other operator of a diesel-powered train
18	for use as a fuel in such train, or
19	"(B) used by any person as a fuel in a die-
20	sel-powered train unless there was a taxable
21	sale of such fuel under subparagraph (A).
22	No tax shall be imposed by this paragraph on the
23	sale or use of any liquid if tax was imposed on such
24	liquid under section 4081."

1	(10) Clauses (i) and (ii) of section
2	4041(m)(1)(A) of such Code are amended to read as
3	follows:
4	"(i) 7 cents per gallon on and after
5	the date of the enactment of this clause
6	and before October 1, 2005, and
7	"(ii) zero after September 30, 2005,
8	and".
9	(11) Subsection (c) of section 4081 of such
10	Code is amended by striking paragraph (6) and by
11	redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as paragraphs
12	(6) and (7), respectively.
13	(12) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 4081(d)
14	of such Code are amended to read as follows:
15	"(1) In general.—The rates of tax specified
16	in clauses (i) and (iii) of subsection (a)(2)(A) shall
17	be zero after September 30, 2005.
18	"(2) AVIATION GASOLINE.—The rate of tax
19	specified in subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii) shall be zero
20	after September 30, 2007."
21	(13) Subsection (f) of section 4082 of such
22	Code is amended by striking "section 4041(a)(1)"
23	and inserting "subsections (d)(3) and (a)(1) of sec-
24	tion 4041, respectively".

1	(14) Paragraph (3) of section 4083(a) of such
2	Code is amended by striking "or a diesel-powered
3	train".
4	(15) Subparagraph (A) of section 4091(b)(3) of
5	such Code is amended to read as follows:
6	"(A) The rate of tax specified in para-
7	graph (1) shall be zero after September 30,
8	2007."
9	(16) Paragraph (1) of section 4091(c) of such
10	Code is amended—
11	(A) by striking "14 cents" and inserting
12	"9.7 cents",
13	(B) by striking "13.3 cents" and inserting
14	"9 cents",
15	(C) by striking "13.2 cents" and inserting
16	"8.9 cents",
17	(D) by striking "13.1 cents" and inserting
18	"8.8 cents", and
19	(E) by striking "13.4 cents" and inserting
20	"9.1 cents".
21	(17) Subsection (c) of section 4091 of such
22	Code is amended by striking paragraph (4), and by
23	redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4).
24	(18) Subsection (b) of section 4092 of such
25	Code is amended by striking "attributable to" and

- all that follows and inserting "attributable to the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate imposed by such section. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term 'commercial aviation' means any use of an aircraft other than in noncommercial aviation (as defined in section 4041(c)(2))."
 - (19) Subparagraph (B) of section 6421(f)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and," and all that follows and inserting a period.
 - (20) Paragraph (3) of section 6421(f) of such Code is amended to read as follows:
 - "(3) GASOLINE USED IN TRAINS.—In the case of gasoline used as a fuel in a train, this section shall not apply with respect to the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate under section 4081."
 - (21) Subparagraph (A) of section 6427(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "7.4 cents" and inserting "3.1 cents".
- 21 (22) Paragraph (3) of section 6427(l) of such 22 Code is amended to read as follows:
- 23 "(3) REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES ON FUEL 24 USED IN DIESEL-POWERED TRAINS.—For purposes 25 of this subsection, the term 'nontaxable use' includes

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1	fuel used in a diesel-powered train. The preceding
2	sentence shall not apply to the tax imposed by sec-
3	tion 4041(d) and the Leaking Underground Storage
4	Tank Trust Fund financing rate under section 4081
5	except with respect to fuel sold for exclusive use by
6	a State or any political subdivision thereof."
7	(23) Paragraph (4) of section 6427(1) of such
8	Code is amended by striking "attributable to" and
9	all that follows through the period and inserting "at-
10	tributable to the Leaking Underground Storage
11	Tank Trust Fund financing rate imposed by such
12	section."
13	(g) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
14	this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
15	of this Act.
16	(h) Floor Stock Refunds.—
17	(1) In general.—If—
18	(A) before the date of the enactment of
19	this Act, tax has been imposed under section
20	4081 or 4091 of the Internal Revenue Code of
21	1986 on any liquid, and
22	(B) on such date such liquid is held by a
23	dealer and has not been used and is intended
24	for sale,

- there shall be credited or refunded (without interest)
 to the person who paid such tax (hereafter in this
 subsection referred to as the "taxpayer") an amount
 equal to the excess of the tax paid by the taxpayer
 over the amount of such tax which would be imposed
 on such liquid had the taxable event occurred on
 such date.
 - (2) Time for filing claims.—No credit or refund shall be allowed or made under this subsection unless—
 - (A) claim therefor is filed with the Secretary of the Treasury before the date which is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, based on a request submitted to the taxpayer before the date which is 3 months after such date of enactment, by the dealer who held the liquid on such date of enactment, and
 - (B) the taxpayer has repaid or agreed to repay the amount so claimed to such dealer or has obtained the written consent of such dealer to the allowance of the credit or the making of the refund.
 - (3) EXCEPTION FOR FUEL HELD IN RETAIL STOCKS.—No credit or refund shall be allowed under this subsection with respect to any liquid in retail

- stocks held at the place where intended to be sold at retail.
- 3 (4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-4 section, the terms "dealer" and "held by a dealer" 5 have the respective meanings given to such terms by 6 section 6412 of such Code.
 - (5) CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (b) and (c) of section 6412 of such Code shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

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