

HCS HB 2141 -- COMPRESSED AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

SPONSOR: Diehl

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill specifies measurement standards and tax rates for compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas as a motor fuel and removes them from the provisions regarding alternative fuel decal and tax requirements. The tax on compressed natural gas fuel must be five cents per gasoline gallon equivalent as specified in the bill until December 31, 2019, then 11 cents per equivalent until December 31, 2024, and then 17 cents per equivalent thereafter.

The tax on liquefied natural gas fuel must be five cents per diesel gallon equivalent as specified in the bill until December 31, 2019, then 11 cents per equivalent until December 31, 2024, and then 17 cents per equivalent thereafter.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill helps with state commerce because out-of-state drivers do not have the decal and cannot refuel in Missouri without one.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Diehl; Laclede Gas Company; Missouri Energy Development Association; Ron Leone, Missouri Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association; and Ross Nichols, Missouri Trucking Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the alternative fuel tax needs to be kept low to encourage conversion to alternative fuels.

Testifying on the bill were the Missouri Department of Transportation and Raymond McCarty.