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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and extend the incentives for biodiesel.

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Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform and extend the incentives for biodiesel.

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 “American Renewable
5 Fuel and Job Creation Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFORM AND EXTENSION OF BIODIESEL TAX IN-** 7 **CENTIVES.**

8 (a) INCOME TAX CREDIT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—So much of section 40A of
 2 the Internal Revenue Code as precedes subsection
 3 (c) is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 40A. BIODIESEL FUELS CREDIT.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 38, the
 6 biodiesel fuels credit determined under this section for the
 7 taxable year is \$1.00 for each gallon of biodiesel produced
 8 by the taxpayer which during the taxable year—

9 “(1) is sold by the taxpayer to another per-
 10 son—

11 “(A) for use by such other person’s trade
 12 or business as a fuel or in the production of a
 13 qualified biodiesel mixture (other than casual
 14 off-farm production), or

15 “(B) who sells such biodiesel at retail to
 16 another person and places such biodiesel in the
 17 fuel tank of such other person, or

18 “(2) is used by such taxpayer for any purpose
 19 described in paragraph (1).

20 “(b) INCREASED CREDIT FOR SMALL PRODUCERS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any eligible
 22 small biodiesel producer, subsection (a) shall be ap-
 23 plied by increasing the dollar amount contained
 24 therein by 10 cents.

1 “(2) LIMITATION.—Paragraph (1) shall only
 2 apply with respect to the first 15,000,000 gallons of
 3 biodiesel produced by any eligible small biodiesel
 4 producer during any taxable year.”.

5 (2) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—Sec-
 6 tion 40A(d) of such Code is amended by striking all
 7 that follows paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
 8 lowing:

9 “(2) QUALIFIED BIODIESEL MIXTURE; BIO-
 10 DIESEL MIXTURE.—

11 “(A) QUALIFIED BIODIESEL MIXTURE.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘quali-
 13 fied biodiesel mixture’ means a biodiesel
 14 mixture which is—

15 “(I) sold by the producer of such
 16 mixture to any person for use as a
 17 fuel, or

18 “(II) used by the producer of
 19 such mixture as a fuel.

20 “(ii) SALE OR USE MUST BE IN
 21 TRADE OR BUSINESS, ETC.—A biodiesel
 22 mixture shall not be treated as a qualified
 23 biodiesel mixture unless the sale or use de-
 24 scribed in clause (i) is in a trade or busi-

1 ness of the person producing the biodiesel
2 mixture.

3 “(B) BIODIESEL MIXTURE.—The term
4 ‘biodiesel mixture’ means a mixture which con-
5 sists of biodiesel and diesel fuel (as defined in
6 section 4083(a)(3)), determined without regard
7 to any use of kerosene.

8 “(3) BIODIESEL NOT USED FOR A QUALIFIED
9 PURPOSE.—If—

10 “(A) any credit was determined with re-
11 spect to any biodiesel under this section, and

12 “(B) any person uses such biodiesel for a
13 purpose not described in subsection (a),

14 then there is hereby imposed on such person a tax
15 equal to the product of the rate applicable under
16 subsection (a) and the number of gallons of such
17 biodiesel.

18 “(4) PASS-THRU IN THE CASE OF ESTATES AND
19 TRUSTS.—Under regulations prescribed by the Sec-
20 retary, rules similar to the rules of subsection (d) of
21 section 52 shall apply.

22 “(5) LIMITATION TO BIODIESEL WITH CONNEC-
23 TION TO THE UNITED STATES.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No credit shall be de-
25 termined under subsection (a) with respect to

biodiesel unless such biodiesel is produced in the United States from qualified feedstocks. For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘United States’ includes any possession of the United States.

“(B) QUALIFIED FEEDSTOCKS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘qualified feedstock’ means any feedstock which is allowable for a fuel that is assigned a D code of 4 under section 80.1426(f) of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

(3) RULES FOR SMALL BIODIESEL PRODUCERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 40A(e) of such Code is amended—

(i) by striking “agri-biodiesel” each place it appears in paragraphs (1) and (5)(A) and inserting “biodiesel”,

(ii) by striking “subsection (b)(4)(C)” each place it appears in paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting “subsection (b)(2)”, and

(iii) by striking “subsection (a)(3)” each place it appears in paragraphs (5)(A),

1 (6)(A)(i), and (6)(B)(i) and inserting
 2 “subsection (b)”.

3 (B) The heading for subsection (e) of sec-
 4 tion 40A of such Code is amended by striking
 5 “AGRI-BIODIESEL” and inserting “BIODIESEL”.

6 (C) The headings for paragraphs (1) and
 7 (6) of section 40A(e) of such Code are each
 8 amended by striking “AGRI-BIODIESEL” and in-
 9 serting “BIODIESEL”.

10 (4) RENEWABLE DIESEL.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of sec-
 12 tion 40A(f) of such Code is amended to read as
 13 follows:

14 “(3) RENEWABLE DIESEL DEFINED.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘renewable
 16 diesel’ means liquid fuel derived from biomass
 17 which—

18 “(i) is not a mono-alkyl ester,

19 “(ii) can be used in engines designed
 20 to operate on conventional diesel fuel, and

21 “(iii) meets the requirements for any
 22 Grade No. 1–D fuel or Grade No. 2–D fuel
 23 covered under the American Society for
 24 Testing and Materials specification D–
 25 975–13a.

1 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term shall not
2 include—

3 “(i) any liquid with respect to which
4 a credit may be determined under section
5 40,

6 “(ii) any fuel derived from coproc-
7 essing biomass with a feedstock which is
8 not biomass, or

9 “(iii) any fuel that is not chemically
10 equivalent to petroleum diesel fuels that
11 can meet fuel quality specifications appli-
12 cable to diesel fuel, gasoline, or aviation
13 fuel.

14 “(C) BIOMASS.—For purposes of this
15 paragraph, the term ‘biomass’ has the meaning
16 given such term by section 45K(c)(3).”.

17 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
18 40A(f) of such Code is amended—

19 (i) by striking “Subsection (b)(4)” in
20 paragraph (2) and inserting “Subsection
21 (b)”, and

22 (ii) by striking paragraph (4) and in-
23 serting the following:

24 “(4) CERTAIN AVIATION FUEL.—Except as pro-
25 vided paragraph (3)(B), the term ‘renewable diesel’

1 shall include fuel derived from biomass which meets
 2 the requirements of a Department of Defense speci-
 3 fication for military jet fuel or an American Society
 4 for Testing and Materials specification for aviation
 5 turbine fuel.”.

6 (5) EXTENSION.—Subsection (g) of section 40A
 7 of such Code is amended by striking “December 31,
 8 2016” and inserting “December 31, 2020”.

9 (6) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 10 tions for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of
 11 chapter 1 of such Code is amended by striking the
 12 item relating to section 40A and inserting the fol-
 13 lowing new item:

“Sec. 40A. Biodiesel fuels credit.”.

14 (b) EXCISE TAX CREDIT.—

15 (1) REFORM.—Subsection (c) of section 6426
 16 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to
 17 read as follows:

18 “(c) BIODIESEL PRODUCTION CREDIT.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
 20 tion, the biodiesel production credit is \$1.00 for each
 21 gallon of biodiesel produced by the taxpayer and
 22 which—

23 “(A) is sold by such taxpayer to another
 24 person—

1 “(i) for use by such other person’s
 2 trade or business as a fuel or in the pro-
 3 duction of a qualified biodiesel mixture
 4 (other than casual off-farm production), or

5 “(ii) who sells such biodiesel at retail
 6 to another person and places such biodiesel
 7 in the fuel tank of such other person, or

8 “(B) is used by such taxpayer for any pur-
 9 pose described in subparagraph (A).

10 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this sub-
 11 section which is also used in section 40A shall have
 12 the meaning given such term by section 40A.

13 “(3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall not
 14 apply to any sale, use, or removal after December
 15 31, 2020.”.

16 (2) PRODUCER REGISTRATION REQUIRE-
 17 MENT.—Subsection (a) of section 6426 of such Code
 18 is amended by striking “subsections (d) and (e)” in
 19 the flush sentence at the end and inserting “sub-
 20 sections (c), (d), and (e)”.

21 (3) RECAPTURE.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of sec-
 23 tion 6426 of such Code is amended—

1 (i) by striking “or biodiesel” each
 2 place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and
 3 (B)(i) of paragraph (1),

4 (ii) by striking “or biodiesel mixture”
 5 in paragraph (1)(A), and

6 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
 7 paragraph (3) and by inserting after para-
 8 graph (1) the following new paragraph:

9 “(2) BIODIESEL.—If any credit was determined
 10 under this section or paid pursuant to section
 11 6427(e) with respect to the production of any bio-
 12 diesel and any person uses such biodiesel for a pur-
 13 pose not described in subsection (c)(1), then there is
 14 hereby imposed on such person a tax equal to \$1 for
 15 each gallon of such biodiesel.”.

16 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (i) Paragraph (3) of section 6426(f)
 18 of such Code, as redesignated by subpara-
 19 graph (A)(iii), is amended by inserting “or
 20 (2)” after “paragraph (1)”.

21 (ii) The heading for paragraph (1) of
 22 section 6426(f) of such Code is amended
 23 by striking “IMPOSITION OF TAX” and in-
 24 serting “IN GENERAL”.

1 (4) LIMITATION.—Section 6426(i) of such Code
2 is amended—

3 (A) in paragraph (2)—

4 (i) by striking “biodiesel or”, and

5 (ii) by striking “BIODIESEL AND” in
6 the heading, and

7 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(3) BIODIESEL.—No credit shall be deter-
10 mined under subsection (a) with respect to biodiesel
11 unless such biodiesel is produced in the United
12 States from qualified feedstocks (as defined in sec-
13 tion 40A(d)(5)(B)).”.

14 (5) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

15 (A) The heading of section 6426 of such
16 Code is amended by striking “**ALCOHOL**
17 **FUEL, BIODIESEL, AND ALTERNATIVE**
18 **FUEL MIXTURES**” and inserting “**ALCOHOL**
19 **FUEL MIXTURES, BIODIESEL PRODUCTION,**
20 **AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL MIXTURES**”.

21 (B) The item relating to section 6426 in
22 the table of sections for subchapter B of chap-
23 ter 65 of such Code is amended by striking “al-
24 cohol fuel, biodiesel, and alternative fuel mix-
25 tures” and inserting “alcohol fuel mixtures, bio-

1 diesel production, and alternative fuel mix-
 2 tures”.

3 (c) EXCISE PAYMENTS.—Subsection (e) of section
 4 6427 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “or the biodiesel mixture credit”
 6 in paragraph (1);

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
 8 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively, and
 9 by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new
 10 paragraph:

11 “(3) BIODIESEL PRODUCTION CREDIT.—If any
 12 person produces biodiesel and sells or uses such bio-
 13 diesel as provided in section 6426(c)(1), the Sec-
 14 retary shall pay (without interest) to such person an
 15 amount equal to the biodiesel production credit with
 16 respect to such biodiesel.”;

17 (3) by striking “paragraph (1) or (2)” each
 18 place it appears in paragraphs (4) and (6), as redes-
 19 ignated by paragraph (2), and inserting “paragraph
 20 (1), (2), or (3)”;

21 (4) by striking “alternative fuel” each place it
 22 appears in paragraphs (4) and (6), as redesignated
 23 by paragraph (2), and inserting “fuel”; and

24 (5) in paragraph (7)(B), as redesignated by
 25 paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “biodiesel mixture (as de-
2 fined in section 6426(c)(3))” and inserting
3 “biodiesel (within the meaning of section
4 40A)”; and

5 (B) by striking “December 31, 2016” and
6 inserting “December 31, 2020”.

7 (d) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
9 Treasury, or the Secretary’s delegate, shall issue prelimi-
10 nary guidance with respect to the amendments made by
11 this section.

12 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to fuel sold or used after December
14 31, 2016.

15 (f) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2017.—Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, in the case of any biodiesel mixture
17 credit properly determined under section 6426(c) of the
18 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for period beginning after
19 December 31, 2016, and ending before the date of the en-
20 actment of this Act, such credit shall be allowed, and any
21 refund or payment attributable to such credit (including
22 any payment under section 6427(e) of such Code) shall
23 be made, only in such manner as the Secretary of the
24 Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall provide. Such
25 Secretary shall issue guidance within 30 days after the

1 date of the enactment of this Act providing for a one- time
2 submission of claims covering periods described in the pre-
3 ceding sentence. Such guidance shall provide for a 180-
4 day period for the submission of such claims (in such man-
5 ner as prescribed by such Secretary) to begin not later
6 than 30 days after such guidance is issued. Such claims
7 shall be paid by such Secretary not later than 60 days
8 after receipt. If such Secretary has not paid pursuant to
9 a claim filed under this subsection within 60 days after
10 the date of the filing of such claim, the claim shall be paid
11 with interest from such date determined by using the over-
12 payment rate and method under section 6621 of such
13 Code.

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