

1-1 By: Burns (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 4296
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;
 1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of dyed diesel fuel to operate a motor vehicle
 1-20 during and for a limited period following certain disasters.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 162.235, Tax Code, is amended by adding
 1-23 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-24 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a person who purchases
 1-25 dyed motor fuel and furnishes to the licensed supplier or
 1-26 distributor under Section 162.206(a) a signed statement that
 1-27 includes an end user number issued by the comptroller may operate a
 1-28 motor vehicle on a public highway in this state with that dyed motor
 1-29 fuel in the fuel supply tank of the motor vehicle during a period
 1-30 beginning on the date a state of disaster is declared under Section
 1-31 418.014, Government Code, due to a fire, flood, earthquake,
 1-32 tornado, hurricane, storm, or energy emergency and ending on the
 1-33 30th day after the declaration expires or otherwise terminates, if
 1-34 the motor vehicle is operated:

1-35 (1) in the area designated a disaster area by the
 1-36 disaster declaration; or

1-37 (2) in an area other than the area described by
 1-38 Subdivision (1) if the dyed motor fuel was placed in the fuel supply
 1-39 tank of the motor vehicle in the area described by that subdivision.

1-40 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-41 to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-42 Conduct that occurred before the effective date of this Act is
 1-43 governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and
 1-44 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-45 purposes of this section, conduct occurred before the effective
 1-46 date of this Act if any element of the conduct occurred before that
 1-47 date.

1-48 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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