RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, That House Rule 13, Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13, Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 1905 (certain state and local taxes, including ad valorem taxes, and the repeal of certain of those taxes) to consider and take action on the following matters:

8 (1) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit 9 the committee to add text on matters not included in either the 10 house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new 11 provisions to the bill:

SECTION 3. Section 2001.103(d), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 (d) An organization operating under a temporary license is 15 subject to:

16 (1) the [taxes and] fees authorized or imposed by this 17 chapter; and

18 (2) the other provisions of this chapter to the extent19 they can be made applicable.

20 SECTION 4. Section 2001.312, Occupations Code, is amended 21 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 2001.312. FAILURE TO FILE [TAX OR] FEE REPORTS. A 23 person is not eligible for a license or a license renewal unless all 24 required reports [, tax returns,] and requested information have

1 been filed under this chapter.

2 SECTION 5. Section 2001.355(b), Occupations Code, is 3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) Before temporarily suspending a license, the director
5 of bingo operations must follow any prehearing rules adopted by the
6 commission to determine if the license holder's continued operation
7 may constitute:

8 (1) an immediate threat to the health, safety, morals,9 or welfare of the public; or

10 (2) a financial loss to this state, which includes a 11 license holder's failure to remit [taxes under Section 2001.501 or] 12 prize fee payments under Section 2001.502 to the commission as 13 required by that section [those sections].

SECTION 6. Section 2001.437(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) If the unit accounting agreement of a unit states that a
17 unit manager is responsible for compliance with commission rules
18 and this chapter, the unit manager is responsible for:

19 (1) the filing of one quarterly report for the unit on20 a form prescribed by the commission; and

(2) the payment of [taxes and] fees and the maintenance of the bingo inventory and financial records of the unit.

24 SECTION 7. Section 2001.438(f), Occupations Code, is 25 amended to read as follows:

26 (f) Each licensed authorized organization that is a member 27 of the unit shall be jointly and severally liable for:

1 (1) compliance with the requirements of this 2 subchapter and the rules of the commission relating to the filing of 3 required reports;

4 (2) the maintenance of bingo inventory and financial 5 records; and

6 (3) the payment of [taxes,] fees [,] and any penalties
7 imposed for a violation of this subchapter or commission rules
8 related to the operations of the unit.

9 SECTION 8. The heading to Subchapter K, Chapter 2001,
10 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 SUBCHAPTER K. [TAXES AND] PRIZE FEES

SECTION 9. Section 2001.504, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.504. PAYMENT AND REPORTING OF [TAX OR] FEE. (a) A [tax or] fee <u>on prizes</u> authorized or imposed under this subchapter is due and is payable by the license holder or a person conducting bingo without a license to the commission quarterly on or before the 25th day of the month succeeding each calendar quarter.

(b) The report of <u>the</u> [a tax or] fee <u>on prizes</u> must be filed
under oath on forms prescribed by the commission.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules for the payment of the
<u>fee on prizes</u> [taxes and fees].

(d) A license holder required to file a <u>report of the fee on</u>
<u>prizes</u> [tax return] shall deliver the quarterly <u>report</u> [return]
with the net amount of the <u>fee</u> [tax] due to the commission.

26 [(e) The commission shall deposit the revenue collected 27 under this section to the credit of the general revenue fund.]

SECTION 10. Section 2001.508, Occupations Code, is amended
 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 2001.508. PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY OR REPORT. (a) 4 If a person fails to file a <u>report of the fee on prizes</u> [return] as 5 required by this chapter or fails to pay to the commission <u>the fee</u> 6 <u>on prizes</u> [taxes] imposed under this chapter when the <u>report</u> 7 [return] or payment is due, the person forfeits five percent of the 8 amount due as a penalty, and after the first 30 days, the person 9 forfeits an additional five percent.

(b) A delinquent <u>payment of the fee on prizes</u> [tax] accrues
interest at the rate provided by Section 111.060, Tax Code,
beginning on the 60th day after the due date.

13 SECTION 11. Section 2001.509, Occupations Code, is amended 14 to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.509. RECOMPUTATION OF <u>PRIZE FEE</u> [TAX]. If the commission is not satisfied with a <u>report of the fee on prizes</u> [tax return] or the amount of <u>the fee on prizes</u> [tax] required to be remitted under this chapter to the state by a person, the commission may compute and determine the amount required to be paid on the basis of:

(1) the facts contained in the <u>report of the fee on</u>
 <u>prizes</u> [return] or report of receipts and expenses; or

(2) any information possessed by the commission or
that may come into the possession of the commission, without regard
to the period covered by the information.

26 SECTION 12. The heading to Section 2001.510, Occupations 27 Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2001.510. DETERMINATION IF NO <u>REPORT</u> [RETURN] MADE.
 SECTION 13. Sections 2001.510(a) and (c), Occupations Code,
 are amended to read as follows:

(a) If a license holder fails to make a required <u>report of</u>
<u>the fee on prizes</u> [return], or if a person conducts bingo without a
license, the commission shall make an estimate of the prizes
awarded at a bingo occasion [or of the gross rentals received by a
license holder for the rental of premises]. The commission shall
make the estimate for the period in respect to which the license
holder or other person failed to make a <u>report</u> [return].

(c) On the basis of the commission's estimate, the commission shall compute and determine the amount of <u>the fee on</u> <u>prizes</u> [taxes or fees] required to be paid to the state and shall add to that amount a penalty of 10 percent of the amount.

15 SECTION 14. Sections 2001.511(a) and (c), Occupations Code, 16 are amended to read as follows:

17 (a) If the commission believes that the collection of the $[\frac{1}{4}]$ gross rental tax or] fee on prizes, an amount of the [tax or] fee on 18 prizes required to be remitted to the state, or the amount of a 19 determination will be jeopardized by delay, the commission shall 20 make a determination of the [tax or] fee on prizes or amount of the 21 [tax or] fee required to be collected, noting the finding of 22 23 jeopardy on the determination. The determined amount is due and 24 payable immediately.

(c) A delinquency penalty of 10 percent of the [tax or] fee
on prizes or amount of the [tax or] fee on prizes and interest at the
rate of 10 percent a year attaches to the amount of the [tax or] fee

on prizes or the amount of the [tax or] fee on prizes required to be
 collected.

3 SECTION 15. Section 2001.512, Occupations Code, is amended 4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 2001.512. APPLICATION OF TAX LAWS. (a) Subtitle B, 6 Title 2, Tax Code, applies to the administration, collection, and 7 enforcement of [the gross rentals tax imposed under Section 8 2001.501 and] the fee on prizes imposed under Section 2001.502 9 except as modified by this chapter.

10 (b) In applying the provisions of Subtitle B, Title 2, Tax 11 Code, to [the gross rentals tax imposed under Section 2001.501 and] 12 the fee on prizes imposed under Section 2001.502 only, the fee on 13 prizes is treated as if it were a tax and the powers and duties 14 assigned to the comptroller under that subtitle are assigned to the 15 commission.

SECTION 16. Section 2001.513(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At any time within three years after a person is
delinquent in the payment of an amount of <u>the</u> [gross rentals tax or]
fee on prizes, the commission may collect the amount under this
section.

SECTION 17. Sections 2001.514(a), (c), and (d), Occupations
Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To secure payment of [the tax on gross rentals or] the
25 fee on prizes imposed under this subchapter, each license holder
26 shall furnish to the commission:

27 (1) a cash bond;

(2) a bond from a surety company chartered or
 authorized to do business in this state;

certificates of deposit;

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(4) certificates of savings;

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(5) United States treasury bonds;

6 (6) subject to the approval of the commission, an7 assignment of negotiable stocks or bonds; or

8 (7) other security as the commission considers 9 sufficient.

10 (c) On a license holder's failure to pay [the gross rentals 11 tax or] the fee on prizes imposed under this subchapter, the 12 commission may notify the license holder and any surety of the 13 delinquency by jeopardy or deficiency determination. If payment is 14 not made when due, the commission may forfeit all or part of the 15 bond or security.

(d) If the license holder ceases to conduct bingo and relinquishes the license holder's license, the commission shall authorize the release of all bonds and other security on a determination that no amounts of [the gross rentals tax or] the fee on prizes remain due and payable under this subchapter.

21 SECTION 18. Section 2001.515, Occupations Code, is amended 22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 2001.515. COMMISSION'S [TAX] DUTIES. The commission 24 shall perform all functions incident to the administration, 25 collection, enforcement, and operation of <u>the fee on prizes</u> [a tax] 26 imposed under this subchapter.

27 SECTION 19. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is

1	amended by adding Section 11.211 to read as follows:
2	Sec. 11.211. REAL PROPERTY LEASED TO CERTAIN SCHOOLS. A
3	person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the real
4	property that the person owns and leases to a school that is
5	qualified as provided by Section 11.21(d) if:
6	(1) the real property is used exclusively by the
7	school for educational functions;
8	(2) the real property is reasonably necessary for the
9	operation of the school;
10	(3) the owner certifies by affidavit to the school
11	that the rent for the lease of the real property will be reduced by
12	an amount equal to the amount by which the taxes on the property are
13	reduced as a result of the exemption;
14	(4) the owner provides the school with a disclosure
15	document stating the amount by which the taxes on the real property
16	are reduced as a result of the exemption and the method the owner
17	will implement to ensure that the rent charged for the lease of the
18	property fully reflects that reduction; and
19	(5) the rent charged for the lease of the real property
20	reflects the reduction in the amount of taxes on the property
21	resulting from the exemption through a monthly or annual credit
22	against the rent.
23	(b) This section applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed
24	for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this
25	section.
26	SECTION 20. (a) Section 11.231, Tax Code, is amended by
27	adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1	(a-1) In addition to an organization described by
2	Subsection (a), in this section, "nonprofit community business
3	organization" also means a Type A corporation governed by Chapter
4	504, Local Government Code, and a Type B corporation governed by
5	Chapter 505, Local Government Code.
6	(b) This section applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed
7	for a tax year that begins on or after the effective date of this
8	section.
9	SECTION 21. Section 151.314, Tax Code, is amended by
10	amending Subsections (b-1), (c-2), and (h) and adding Subsection
11	(c-4) to read as follows:
12	(b-1) For purposes of this section, "snack items" <u>means</u>
13	[includes]:
14	(1) breakfast bars, granola bars, nutrition bars,
15	sports bars, protein bars, or yogurt bars, unless labeled and
16	marketed as candy;
17	(2) snack mix or trail mix;
18	(3) nuts, <u>but not including pine nuts or</u> [unless]
19	candy-coated <u>nuts;</u>
20	(4) popcorn; [and]
21	(5) chips, crackers, [or] hard pretzels <u>, pork rinds,</u>
22	<u>or corn nuts;</u>
23	(6) sunflower seeds or pumpkin seeds;
24	(7) ice cream, sherbet, or frozen yogurt; and
25	(8) ice pops, juice pops, sorbet, or other frozen
26	fruit items containing not more than 50 percent fruit juice by
27	volume.

H.R. No. 3494 1 (c-2) The exemption provided by Subsection (a) does not 2 include the following prepared food:

3 (1)food, food products, and drinks, including meals, milk and milk products, fruit and fruit products, sandwiches, 4 salads, processed meats and seafoods, vegetable juice, and ice 5 cream in cones or small cups, served, prepared, or sold ready for 6 immediate consumption [in or] by restaurants, lunch counters, 7 8 cafeterias, delis, vending machines, hotels, or like places of business or sold ready for immediate consumption from pushcarts, 9 10 motor vehicles, or any other form of vehicle;

11 (2) food sold in a heated state or heated by the 12 seller; or

13 (3) two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by 14 the seller for sale as a single item, including items that are sold 15 in an unheated state by weight or volume as a single item, but not 16 including food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the 17 seller.

18 (c-4) For purposes of Subdivision (c-2)(1), if a grocery 19 store or convenience store contains a type of location listed in 20 that subdivision, the store is considered a like place of business 21 for purposes of that subdivision, but only in relation to items sold 22 at that location.

(h) The exemption provided by Subsection (a) does not apply to a snack item if the item is sold through a vending machine or is sold in individual-sized portions. For purposes of this subsection, an individual-sized portion is a portion that:

27 (1) is labeled as having not more than one serving; or

(2) contains less than 2.5 ounces[, if the package
 2 does not specify the number of servings].

3 SECTION 22. (a) Section 156.001, Tax Code, is amended to 4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 156.001. <u>DEFINITIONS</u> [<u>DEFINITION</u>]. <u>(a)</u> In this 6 chapter, "hotel" means a building in which members of the public 7 obtain sleeping accommodations for consideration. The term 8 includes a hotel, motel, tourist home, tourist house, tourist 9 court, lodging house, inn, rooming house, or bed and breakfast. The 10 term does not include:

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a hospital, sanitarium, or nursing home;

(2) a dormitory or other housing facility owned or leased and operated by an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education as those terms are defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, used by the institution for the purpose of providing sleeping accommodations for persons engaged in an educational program or activity at the institution; or

19 (3) an oilfield portable unit, as defined by Section20 152.001.

(b) For purposes of the imposition of a hotel occupancy tax under this chapter, Chapter 351 or 352, or other law, "hotel" includes a short-term rental. In this subsection, "short-term rental" means the rental of all or part of a residential property to a person who is not a permanent resident under Section 156.101.

(b) The heading to Section 351.005, Tax Code, is amended to27 read as follows:

Sec. 351.005. REIMBURSEMENT FOR [TAX COLLECTION] EXPENSES
 OF TAX COLLECTION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC TAX ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM.

3 (c) Section 351.005(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (a) A municipality may permit a person who is required to 6 collect and pay over to the municipality the tax authorized by this 7 chapter not more than one percent of the amount collected and 8 required to be reported as reimbursement to the person for the costs 9 in collecting the tax <u>and, if applicable, the use of an electronic</u> 10 <u>tax administration system described by Section 351.1012</u>.

11 (d) Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended by 12 adding Section 351.1012 to read as follows:

Sec. 351.1012. ELECTRONIC TAX ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM. (a)
Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a municipality
may spend not more than one percent of the revenue derived from the
tax authorized by this chapter for the creation, maintenance,
operation, and administration of an electronic tax administration
system.

(b) A municipality may contract with a third party to assist
 in the creation, maintenance, operation, or administration of the
 electronic tax administration system.

(e) The amendments made by this section to Section 156.001,
Tax Code, are a clarification of existing law and do not imply that
existing law may be construed as inconsistent with the law as
amended by this section.

26 (f) This section takes effect immediately if this Act 27 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each

house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for this section to
 have immediate effect, this section takes effect September 1, 2015.

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4 SECTION 24. Section 162.104(a), Tax Code, is amended to 5 read as follows:

6 (a) The tax imposed by this subchapter does not apply to7 gasoline:

8 (1) sold to the United States for its exclusive use, 9 provided that the exemption does not apply with respect to fuel sold 10 or delivered to a person operating under a contract with the United 11 States;

12 (2) sold to a public school district in this state for13 the district's exclusive use;

14 (3) sold to a commercial transportation company or a
15 metropolitan rapid transit authority operating under Chapter 451,
16 Transportation Code, that provides public school transportation
17 services to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code,
18 and that uses the gasoline only to provide those services;

19 (4) exported by either a licensed supplier or a 20 licensed exporter from this state to any other state, provided 21 that:

(A) for gasoline in a situation described by
Subsection (d), the bill of lading indicates the destination state
and the supplier collects the destination state tax; or

(B) for gasoline in a situation described by
Subsection (e), the bill of lading indicates the destination state,
the gasoline is subsequently exported, and the exporter is licensed

H.R. No. 3494 1 in the destination state to pay that state's tax and has an 2 exporter's license issued under this subchapter;

3 (5) moved by truck or railcar between licensed 4 suppliers or licensed permissive suppliers and in which the 5 gasoline removed from the first terminal comes to rest in the second 6 terminal, provided that the removal from the second terminal rack 7 is subject to the tax imposed by this subchapter;

8 (6) delivered or sold into a storage facility of a 9 licensed aviation fuel dealer from which gasoline will be delivered 10 solely into the fuel supply tanks of aircraft or aircraft servicing 11 equipment, or sold from one licensed aviation fuel dealer to 12 another licensed aviation fuel dealer who will deliver the aviation 13 fuel exclusively into the fuel supply tanks of aircraft or aircraft 14 servicing equipment;

15 (7) exported to a foreign country if the bill of lading 16 indicates the foreign destination and the fuel is actually exported 17 to the foreign country; [or]

18 (8) sold to a volunteer fire department in this state
19 for the department's exclusive use; or

20 (9) sold to a nonprofit entity that is organized for 21 the sole purpose of and engages exclusively in providing emergency 22 medical services and that uses the gasoline exclusively to provide 23 emergency medical services, including rescue and ambulance 24 services.

25 SECTION 25. Section 162.125, Tax Code, is amended by adding 26 Subsection (g-2) to read as follows:

27 (g-2) A nonprofit entity exempted under Section

162.104(a)(9) from the tax imposed under this subchapter that paid 1 tax on the purchase of gasoline is entitled to a refund of the tax 2 paid, and the entity may file a refund claim with the comptroller 3 4 for that amount. 5 SECTION 26. Section 162.204(a), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows: 6 7 (a) The tax imposed by this subchapter does not apply to: 8 (1)diesel fuel sold to the United States for its exclusive use, provided that the exemption does not apply to diesel 9 10 fuel sold or delivered to a person operating under a contract with the United States; 11 (2) diesel fuel sold to a public school district in 12 this state for the district's exclusive use; 13 14 (3) diesel fuel sold to a commercial transportation 15 company or a metropolitan rapid transit authority operating under Chapter 451, Transportation Code, that provides public school 16 17 transportation services to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code, and that uses the diesel fuel only to provide those 18 19 services; diesel fuel exported by either a licensed supplier 20 (4) or a licensed exporter from this state to any other state, provided 21 22 that: for diesel fuel in a situation described by 23 (A) 24 Subsection (d), the bill of lading indicates the destination state and the supplier collects the destination state tax; or 25 26 (B) for diesel fuel in a situation described by 27 Subsection (e), the bill of lading indicates the destination state,

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1 the diesel fuel is subsequently exported, and the exporter is 2 licensed in the destination state to pay that state's tax and has an 3 exporter's license issued under this subchapter;

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4 (5) diesel fuel moved by truck or railcar between
5 licensed suppliers or licensed permissive suppliers and in which
6 the diesel fuel removed from the first terminal comes to rest in the
7 second terminal, provided that the removal from the second terminal
8 rack is subject to the tax imposed by this subchapter;

9 (6) diesel fuel delivered or sold into a storage 10 facility of a licensed aviation fuel dealer from which the diesel 11 fuel will be delivered solely into the fuel supply tanks of aircraft 12 or aircraft servicing equipment, or sold from one licensed aviation 13 fuel dealer to another licensed aviation fuel dealer who will 14 deliver the diesel fuel exclusively into the fuel supply tanks of 15 aircraft or aircraft servicing equipment;

16 (7) diesel fuel exported to a foreign country if the 17 bill of lading indicates the foreign destination and the fuel is 18 actually exported to the foreign country;

(8) dyed diesel fuel sold or delivered by a supplier to another supplier and dyed diesel fuel sold or delivered by a supplier or distributor into the bulk storage facility of a dyed diesel fuel bonded user or to a purchaser who provides a signed statement as provided by Section 162.206;

(9) the volume of water, fuel ethanol, renewable
diesel, biodiesel, or mixtures thereof that are blended together
with taxable diesel fuel when the finished product sold or used is
clearly identified on the retail pump, storage tank, and sales

1 invoice as a combination of diesel fuel and water, fuel ethanol, 2 renewable diesel, biodiesel, or mixtures thereof;

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3 (10) dyed diesel fuel sold by a supplier or permissive
4 supplier to a distributor, or by a distributor to another
5 distributor;

6 (11) dyed diesel fuel delivered by a license holder 7 into the fuel supply tanks of railway engines, motorboats, or 8 refrigeration units or other stationary equipment powered by a 9 separate motor from a separate fuel supply tank;

10 (12) dyed kerosene when delivered by a supplier, 11 distributor, or importer into a storage facility at a retail 12 business from which all deliveries are exclusively for heating, 13 cooking, lighting, or similar nonhighway use;

14 (13) diesel fuel used by a person, other than a 15 political subdivision, who owns, controls, operates, or manages a 16 commercial motor vehicle as defined by Section 548.001, 17 Transportation Code, if the fuel:

18 (A) is delivered exclusively into the fuel supply19 tank of the commercial motor vehicle; and

(B) is used exclusively to transport passengers
for compensation or hire between points in this state on a fixed
route or schedule; [or]

(14) diesel fuel sold to a volunteer fire department
in this state for the department's exclusive use; or

25 (15) diesel fuel sold to a nonprofit entity that is 26 organized for the sole purpose of and engages exclusively in 27 providing emergency medical services and that uses the diesel fuel

H.R. No. 3494 exclusively to provide emergency medical services, including 1 2 rescue and ambulance services. SECTION 27. Section 162.227, Tax Code, is amended by adding 3 Subsection (f-2) to read as follows: 4 5 (f-2) A nonprofit entity exempted under Section 162.204(a)(15) from the tax imposed under this subchapter that paid 6 7 tax on the purchase of diesel fuel is entitled to a refund of the tax paid, and the entity may file a refund claim with the comptroller 8 for that amount. 9 10 SECTION 36. The following are repealed: 11 (2) Section 2001.501, Occupations Code; . . . 12 Explanation: The additions are necessary to repeal certain 13 taxes and to address the application and administration of certain 14 15 other taxes. 16 (2) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit 17 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following text to 18 SECTION 28 of the bill, in added Section 162.356(a)(9), Tax Code: 19 a motor vehicle operated exclusively by a nonprofit entity that is 20 organized for the sole purpose of and engages exclusively in 21 providing emergency medical services and that uses the fuel 22 exclusively to provide emergency medical services, including 23 24 rescue and ambulance services; 25 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide an exemption

26 from the tax imposed on compressed natural gas or liquefied natural 27 gas for certain nonprofit entities.

(3) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
 the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the
 house or senate version of the bill by adding the following text to
 SECTION 29 of the bill, in added Section 162.365(a)(10), Tax Code:
 (10) is a nonprofit entity that is organized for the

5 (10) is a nonprofit entity that is organized for the 6 sole purpose of and engages exclusively in providing emergency 7 medical services and the fuel was delivered into the fuel supply 8 tank of a motor vehicle operated exclusively by the nonprofit 9 entity to provide emergency medical services, including rescue and 10 ambulance services.

Explanation: The change is necessary to allow for a credit on a tax return or an application for a refund for tax paid on compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas by certain nonprofit entities.

15 (4) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(1), is suspended to permit 16 the committee to amend text not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 17 39 of the bill to read as follows:

18 SECTION 39. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this Act,19 this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

(b) Section 19 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2016, but only if a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation real property leased to certain schools organized and operated primarily for the purpose of engaging in educational functions is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, Section 19 of this Act has no effect.

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(c) Section 20 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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1 Explanation: The change is necessary to provide for different
2 effective dates for certain provisions in the bill.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3494 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 106, Nays 34, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House