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Compressed Natural Gas Tax

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Reference Number: CTAS-1623

Description. A tax on the privilege of using compressed natural gas for the propulsion of motor vehicles on the public highways of this state. Governmental agencies are exempt. T.C.A. §§ 67-3-1113 through 67-3-1118.

Rate. 13 cents (13¢) per gallon. For the purpose of determining the tax, a gallon equivalent factor of 5.66 pounds per gallon is used. T.C.A. § 67-3-1113.

Distribution. The tax is distributed as follows:

1. 1.62 percent to the state general fund.
2. 24.75 percent to the counties to become a part of the county highway fund in the following manner:
 - a. 50 percent equally among all counties;
 - b. 25 percent on the basis of population; and
 - c. 25 percent on the basis of area.
3. 12.38 percent to the municipalities on the basis of population, with minor exceptions.
4. 61.25 percent to the state highway fund. T.C.A. § 67-3-905.

As part of the IMPROVE Act, the tax will increase to sixteen cents (16¢) effective July 1, 2017, to eighteen cents (18¢) effective July 1, 2018 and to twenty-one cents (21¢) effective July 1, 2019. The revenue from this increase goes to the state highway fund.

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