

SENATE BILL NO. 195

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2195.3(A)(1)(a)(i) and 2195.8(A), and to repeal R.S.  
3 30:2195.3(A)(10), relative to the Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust  
4 Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of  
5 Environmental Quality; to provide for the Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank  
6 Trust Fund Advisory Board; to provide for the fee collected by the operator of a bulk  
7 facility; to provide for the fee calculation; to provide terms, conditions, and  
8 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 30:2195.3(A)(1)(a)(i) and 2195.8(A) are hereby amended and  
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §2195.3. Source of funding; limitations on disbursements from the Tank Trust Fund;  
13 limit on amount in Tank Trust Fund

14 A.(1)(a) A fee is imposed on the first sale or delivery of a motor fuel upon  
15 withdrawal from bulk of that fuel. This fee shall not, however, apply to new or used  
16 motor oil. Each operator of a bulk facility on withdrawal from bulk of a motor fuel  
17 shall either retain or collect from the person who ordered the fuel a fee in an amount  
18 determined as follows:

19 (i) ~~Seventy-two~~ **An amount not to exceed seventy-two** dollars for each  
20 separate withdrawal of nine thousand gallons **as determined by the secretary after**  
21 **consideration of the recommendations of the board as provided for in R.S.**  
22 **30:2195.8(A).**

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24 §2195.8. Advisory board

1           A.~~(1)~~ There shall be a Motor Fuels Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund  
2           Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the "board," to advise the secretary with  
3           regard to implementation of the Tank Trust Fund including investment of the trust;  
4           and issuance of loans, ~~changing of the trust ceiling if after a reasonable time this~~  
5           ~~would be deemed appropriate and with regard to the minimum level of funding.~~

6                       **(2) The board shall determine the minimum level of funding of the Tank**  
7                       **Trust Fund by conducting an annual review of receipts from the Tank Trust**  
8                       **Fund from the previous fiscal year along with the projected amounts expected**  
9                       **to be expended in the following fiscal year for purposes of recommending**  
10                      **changes to the fee. Prior to the end of each fiscal year, the board shall meet to**  
11                      **determine its recommendation on the setting of the fee for the next fiscal year**  
12                      **and shall make such recommendation to the secretary.**

13                      **(3)** The board shall annually review the "Louisiana Motor Fuels Underground  
14           Storage Tank Trust Fund Cost Control Guidance Document" and may make  
15           recommendations for changes. ~~Prior to the promulgation of any proposed~~  
16           ~~underground storage tank regulations, the department shall provide proposed changes~~  
17           ~~to the board for review.~~

18                      **(4) The board shall review any proposed underground storage tank**  
19                      **regulations prior to the adoption of such regulations.**

20                      **(5)** The board shall also determine the role of the Tank Trust Fund in  
21           establishing financial responsibility as required by federal or state law, except that  
22           such requirement shall not exceed those established by the U.S. Environmental  
23           Protection Agency.

24                      **(6)** The board shall additionally examine claims made and loss experience,  
25           make recommendations to the secretary regarding minimum levels of financial  
26           responsibility for underground storage tank owners, and the necessity for and  
27           contents of rules and regulations issued under the Environmental Quality Act in  
28           similar matters.

29                      **(7)** The board may recommend standards for the qualification of response  
30           action contractors ~~as defined herein.~~

