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SB-2 Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 2

Introduced by Senator Jones

(Coauthors: Senators Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, and Valladares)

December 02, 2024

An act to add Section 39617.2 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2, as amended, Jones. Low-carbon fuel standard: regulations.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions to ensure that the statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to at least 40% below the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, as defined, no later than December 31, 2030. Pursuant to the act, the state board has adopted the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations.

This bill would void specified amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations adopted by the state board on November 8, ~~2024~~ 2024, *or as subsequently adopted, as specified*.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 39617.2 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

39617.2. Notwithstanding any other law, the final regulation order of the state board to amend the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations (Subarticle 7 (commencing with Section 95480) of Article 4 of Subchapter 10 of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 17 of

the California Code of Regulations) that *adopts Sections 95486.3, 95486.4, and 95491.2 of, and* amends Sections *95480*, 95481, 95482, 95483, 95483.1, 95483.2, 95483.3, 95484, 95485, 95486, 95486.1, 95486.2, 95487, 95488, 95488.1, 95488.2, 95488.3, 95488.4, 95488.5, 95488.6, 95488.7, 95488.8, 95488.9, 95488.10, 95489, 95490, 95491, 95491.1, 95495, 95500, 95501, 95502, and 95503 ~~of~~ *of*, Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, as adopted on November 8, 2024, *or as that final regulation order is subsequently rewritten and adopted by the state board in response to the Office of Administrative Law's Notice of Disapproval of Regulatory Action in OAL Matter Number 2025-0103-01*, is hereby void.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

Californians need immediate relief from unnecessarily high gasoline prices that will be driven even higher by recent amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations. California consistently leads the nation with the highest gasoline prices, largely driven by excessive government taxes, fees, and regulations, and it is estimated that these recent amendments to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations will increase the cost of a gallon of gasoline by sixty-five cents (\$0.65) to eighty-five cents (\$0.85). This will worsen the current affordability crisis and decimate our economy.