CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

Representative McGhee offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove lines 865-965 and insert:

(1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an excise tax of 6.9 cents per gallon of aviation fuel is imposed upon every gallon of aviation fuel sold in this state, or brought into this state for use, upon which such tax has not been paid or the payment thereof has not been lawfully assumed by some person handling the same in this state. Fuel taxed pursuant to this part <u>is shall</u> not be subject to the taxes imposed by ss. 206.41(1)(d), (e), and (f) and 206.87(1)(b), (c), and (d).

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Any licensed wholesaler or terminal supplier that
delivers aviation fuel to an air carrier offering
transcontinental jet service and that hires a military veteran
in a new, after January 1, 1996, but before July 1, 2016,
increases the air carrier's Florida workforce by more than 1,000
percent and by 250 or more full-time position equivalent
employee positions, may receive a credit or refund as the
ultimate vendor of the aviation fuel for 2.63 the 6.9 cents per
gallon of the excise tax previously paid up to the full value of
the salary paid to each such employee, provided that the air
carrier has no facility for fueling highway vehicles from the
tank in which the aviation fuel is stored. The maximum amount
that may be recovered from any one salary is $150,000 per year.
In calculating such the new or additional Florida full-time
equivalent employee positions, any full-time equivalent employee
positions of parent or subsidiary corporations which existed
before July 1, 2016 <del>January 1, 1996</del>, shall not be counted as new
positions toward reaching the Florida employment increase
thresholds. The refund allowed under this paragraph is in
furtherance of the goals and policies of the State Comprehensive
Plan set forth in s. 187.201(16)(a), (b)1., 2., (17)(a), (b)1.,
4., (19)(a), (b)5., (21)(a), (b)1., 2., 4., 7., 9., and 12.
     (c) If, before July 1, 2001, the number of full-time
equivalent employee positions created or added to the air
carrier's Florida workforce falls below 250, the exemption
granted pursuant to this section shall not apply during the
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period in which the air carrier has fewer than the 250 additional employees.

(c) (d) The exemption taken by credit or refund pursuant to paragraph (b) shall apply only under the terms and conditions set forth therein. If any part of that paragraph is judicially declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of any provisions taxing aviation fuel shall not be affected and all fuel exempted pursuant to paragraph (b) shall be subject to tax as if the exemption was never enacted. Every person benefiting from such exemption shall be liable for and make payment of all taxes for which a credit or refund was granted.

(d) (e) 1. Sales of aviation fuel to, and exclusively used for flight training through a school of aeronautics or college of aviation by, a college based in this state which is a tax-exempt organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a university based in this state are exempt from the tax imposed by this part if the college or university:

- a. Is accredited by or has applied for accreditation by the Aviation Accreditation Board International; and
- b. Offers a graduate program in aeronautical or aerospace engineering or offers flight training through a school of aeronautics or college of aviation.
- 2. A licensed wholesaler or terminal supplier that sells aviation fuel to a college or university qualified under this paragraph and that does not collect the aviation fuel tax from the college or university on such sale may receive an ultimate

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vendor credit for the 6.9-cent excise tax previously paid on the aviation fuel delivered to such college or university.

3. A college or university qualified under this paragraph which purchases aviation fuel from a retail supplier, including a fixed-base operator, and pays the 6.9-cent excise tax on the purchase may apply for and receive a refund of the aviation fuel tax paid.

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DIRECTORY AMENDMENT

Remove line 862 and insert:

Section 12. Effective July 1, 2019, subsection (1) of section 206.9825,

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 47-53 and insert:

bonds; amending s. 206.9825, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria for wholesalers and terminal suppliers to receive aviation fuel tax refunds or credits of previously paid excise taxes; providing future eligibility criteria for wholesalers and terminal suppliers to receive aviation fuel tax refunds or credits of previously paid excise taxes; amending s. 210.13, F.S.; providing

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