BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Biodiesel fuel blended with regular diesel fuel receives a tax exemption based on the volume of biodiesel in the blend. However, there is no such tax exemption for ethanol blended with regular gasoline. Such an exemption may encourage retail outlets to sell, and consumers to purchase, gasoline blended with ethanol.

As proposed, S.B. 1936 exempts the ethanol portion of an ethanol and gasoline blend from the hydrocarbon portion of the gasoline tax.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 162.104, Tax Code, by adding Subsection (g) to provide that the tax imposed by this subchapter (Gasoline Tax), does not apply to the volume of fuel ethanol blended together with taxable gasoline when the finished product sold or used is clearly identified on the sales invoice as a combination of gasoline and fuel ethanol.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.