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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2013. It is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute, the applicability of the statute (ethanol, biodiesel, or both), and a brief description of the law. Some statutes listed do not specifically relate to biofuels, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of biofuels law in the state. These statutes are placed in reverse chronological order using the date of the most recent amendment to the statute. Many biofuels laws were enacted as amendments to previously passed laws.

Title	Citation	Applicability	Description
Biodiesel Heating Oil Act (2013)	R.I. GEN. LAWS §§ 23-23.7-1 TO 23-23.7-7	Biodiesel	Requires all No. 2 heating oil to contain a certain amount of biobased product; 2% by 2014, 3% by 2015, 4% by 2016, and 5% by 2017. Requirements can be suspended by the Governor if there are economic or availability issues.
Petroleum Savings and Independence Advisory Commission (2012)	R.I. GEN. LAWS §§ 42-140.4-1 TO 42-140.2-3	Both	Developed a state commission tasked with reducing petroleum consumption through alternative fuel adoption and infrastructure update incentives.
Promotion of Biofuels Act (2011)	R.I. GEN. LAWS §§ 31-36.2-1 TO 31-36.2-4	Both	Developed a state commission tasked with developing a strategy to increase the use of advanced biofuels within the state fleet and regional transit authorities.
Motor fuel tax; definitions (2009)	R.I. GEN. LAWS § 31-36-1	Biodiesel	Provides an exemption from the state fuel tax for the biodiesel portion of blended biodiesel fuels.
Alternative fuel vehicle and infrastructure tax credit (2008)	R.I. GEN. LAWS § 44-39.2-2 (REPEALED JAN. 1, 2008)	Both	Provided a tax credit up to 50% of investment in biofuel refueling infrastructure and/or new or conversion of alternative fuel compatible vehicles.

Exemption for certain vehicles; Warren (2006)	R.I. GEN. LAWS § 44-34-14	Both	Allows the town of Warren to provide a sales tax exemption up to \$100 for the purchase of vehicles fueled by biomass-based fuels.
Deductions for alternative fuel (2003)	R.I. GEN. LAWS § 44-13-5	Both	Provides for a tax credit for corporations that sell alternative fuels. Expired Dec 31, 2007.