



States' Biofuels Statutes

STATE OF OHIO

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125.831 Definitions

As used in sections 125.831 to 125.834 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Alternative fuel" means any of the following fuels used in a motor vehicle:

(1) E85 blend fuel;

(2) Blended biodiesel;

(3) Natural gas;

(4) Liquefied petroleum gas;

(5) Hydrogen;

(6) Compressed air;

(7) Any power source, including electricity;

(8) Any fuel not described in divisions (A)(1) to (7) of this section that the United States department of energy determines, by final rule, to be substantially not petroleum, and that would yield substantial energy security and environmental benefits.

(B) "Biodiesel" means a mono-alkyl ester combustible liquid fuel that is derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, or any combination of those reagents that meets the American society for testing and materials specification for biodiesel fuel (B100) blend stock distillate fuels and any other standards that the director of administrative services adopts by rule.

(C) "Blended biodiesel" means a blend of biodiesel with petroleum based diesel fuel in which the

resultant product contains not less than twenty per cent biodiesel that meets the American society for testing and materials specification for blended diesel fuel and any other standards that the director of administrative services adopts by rule.

(D) “Diesel fuel” means any liquid fuel that is capable of use in discrete form or as a blend component in the operation of engines of the diesel type.

(E) “E85 blend fuel” means fuel containing eighty-five per cent or more ethanol as defined in section 5733.46 of the Revised Code or containing any other percentage of not less than seventy per cent ethanol if the United States department of energy determines, by rule, that the lower percentage is necessary to provide for the requirements of cold start, safety, or vehicle functions, and that meets the American society for testing and materials specification for E85 blend fuel and any other standards that the director of administrative services adopts by rule.

(F) “Law enforcement officer” means an officer, agent, or employee of a state agency upon whom, by statute, a duty to conserve the peace or to enforce all or certain laws is imposed and the authority to arrest violators is conferred, within the limits of that statutory duty and authority, but does not include such an officer, agent, or employee if that duty and authority is location specific.

(G)(1) “Motor vehicle” means any automobile, car minivan, cargo van, passenger van, sport utility vehicle, or pickup truck with a gross vehicle weight of under twelve thousand pounds.

(2) “Motor vehicle” does not include, except for the purposes of division (C) of section 125.832 of the Revised Code, any vehicle described in division (G)(1) of this section that is used by a law enforcement officer and law enforcement agency or any vehicle that is so described and that is equipped with specialized equipment that is not normally found in such a vehicle and that is used to carry out a state agency’s specific and specialized duties and responsibilities.

(H) “Specialized equipment” does not include standard mobile radios with no capabilities other than voice communication, exterior and interior lights, or roof-mounted caution lights.

(I) “State agency” means every organized body, office, board, authority, commission, or agency established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any governmental or quasi-governmental function of state government regardless of the funding source for that entity, other than any state institution of higher education, the office of the governor, lieutenant governor, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of state, or attorney general, the general assembly or any legislative agency, the courts or any judicial agency, or any state retirement system or retirement program established by or referenced in the Revised Code.

(J) “State institution of higher education” has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

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