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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credits for alcohol used as a fuel, and for other purposes.

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Mr. FORTENBERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Renewable Fuels for
5 America’s Future Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN CREDIT FOR FUEL REQUIRED TO**
2 **MEET RENEWABLE FUEL OBLIGATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 40 of the
4 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(8) ALCOHOL REQUIRED TO MEET RENEW-
7 ABLE FUEL OBLIGATION NOT TAKEN INTO AC-
8 COUNT.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Alcohol used to meet
10 the renewable fuel obligation applicable to the
11 taxpayer shall not be taken into account for
12 purposes of determining a credit under this sec-
13 tion.

14 “(B) RENEWABLE FUEL OBLIGATION.—
15 For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term
16 ‘renewable fuel obligation’ means the renewable
17 fuel obligation determined under section
18 211(o)(3) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
19 7545(o)(3)).

20 “(C) USE OF RINS.—Determinations for
21 purposes of subparagraph (A) shall be made
22 through the use of renewable identification
23 numbers received from the taxpayer by the Ad-
24 ministrator of the Environmental Protection
25 Agency pursuant to regulations issued under
26 section 211(o) of such Act.”.

1 (b) EXCISE TAX CREDIT AND PAYMENT.—

2 (1) EXCISE TAX.—Subsection (b) of section
3 6426 of such Code, as amended by section 4 of this
4 Act, is amended by redesignating paragraph (6) as
5 paragraph (7) and by inserting after paragraph (5)
6 the following new paragraph:

7 “(6) ALCOHOL REQUIRED TO MEET RENEW-
8 ABLE FUEL OBLIGATION NOT TAKEN INTO AC-
9 COUNT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Alcohol used to meet
11 the renewable fuel obligation applicable to the
12 taxpayer shall not be taken into account for
13 purposes of determining a credit under this
14 subsection.

15 “(B) RENEWABLE FUEL OBLIGATION.—
16 For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term
17 ‘renewable fuel obligation’ means the renewable
18 fuel obligation determined under section
19 211(o)(3) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
20 7545(o)(3)).

21 “(C) USE OF RINS.—Determinations for
22 purposes of subparagraph (A) shall be made
23 through the use of renewable identification
24 numbers received from the taxpayer by the Ad-
25 ministrator of the Environmental Protection

1 Agency pursuant to regulations issued under
2 section 211(o) of such Act.”.

3 (2) PAYMENT.—Paragraph (2) of section
4 6427(e) of such Code is amended by adding at the
5 end the following: “For purposes of this subsection,
6 alternative fuel shall not include any alcohol used to
7 meet the renewable fuel obligation (as defined in sec-
8 tion 6426(e)(6)) applicable to the taxpayer”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to fuel produced or sold after De-
11 cember 31, 2010.

12 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ALCOHOL**
13 **USED AS FUEL.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 40(e) of
15 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

16 (1) by striking “December 31, 2011” in sub-
17 paragraph (A) and inserting “December 31, 2016”,
18 and

19 (2) by striking “January 1, 2012” in subpara-
20 graph (B) and inserting “January 1, 2017”.

21 (b) CELLULOSIC BIOFUEL.—Subparagraph (H) of
22 section 40(b)(6) of such Code is amended by striking
23 “January 1, 2013” and inserting “January 1, 2017”.

24 (c) REDUCED AMOUNT FOR ETHANOL BLENDERS.—
25 Paragraph (2) of section 40(h) of such Code is amended

1 by striking “2011” both places it appears and inserting
2 “2016”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
5 of this Act.

6 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF EXCISE TAX CREDIT FOR ALCOHOL**
7 **USED AS FUEL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (6) of section 6426(b)
9 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
10 ing “December 31, 2011” and inserting “December 31,
11 2016”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
14 of this Act.

15 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF PAYMENT FOR ALCOHOL FUEL MIX-**
16 **TURE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section
18 6427(e)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
19 amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting
20 “December 31, 2016”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 this subsection shall apply to sales and uses after Decem-
23 ber 31, 2010.

1 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF ADDITIONAL DUTIES ON ETHANOL.**

2 Headings 9901.00.50 and 9901.00.52 of the Har-
 3 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States are each
 4 amended in the effective period column by striking “1/1/
 5 2012” and inserting “1/1/2017”.

6 **SEC. 7. ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF DUAL FUELED**
 7 **AUTOMOBILES AND LIGHT DUTY TRUCKS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 329 of title 49, United
 9 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 32902
 10 the following:

11 **“§ 32902A. Requirement to manufacture dual fueled**
 12 **automobiles and light duty trucks**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For each model year listed in the
 14 following table, each manufacturer shall ensure that the
 15 percentage of automobiles and light duty trucks manufac-
 16 tured by the manufacturer for sale in the United States
 17 that are dual fueled automobiles and light duty trucks is
 18 not less than the percentage set forth for that model year
 19 in the following table:

“Model Year	Percentage
Model years 2013 and 2014	50 percent
Model year 2015 and each subsequent model year	90 percent.

20 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
 21 automobiles or light duty trucks that operate only on elec-
 22 tricity.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 24 for chapter 329 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-

1 ed by inserting after the item relating to section 32902
2 the following:

“32902A. Requirement to manufacture dual fueled automobiles and light duty trucks.”.

3 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
5 Transportation shall prescribe regulations to carry out the
6 amendments made by this section.

7 **SEC. 8. BLENDER PUMP PROMOTION.**

8 (a) BLENDER PUMP GRANT PROGRAM.—

9 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

10 (A) BLENDER PUMP.—The term “blender
11 pump” means an automotive fuel dispensing
12 pump capable of dispensing at least 3 different
13 blends of gasoline and ethanol, as selected by
14 the pump operator, including blends ranging
15 from 0 percent ethanol to 85 percent denatured
16 ethanol, as determined by the Secretary.

17 (B) E-85 FUEL.—The term “E-85 fuel”
18 means a blend of gasoline approximately 85
19 percent of the content of which is ethanol.

20 (C) ETHANOL FUEL BLEND.—The term
21 “ethanol fuel blend” means a blend of gasoline
22 and ethanol, with a minimum of 0 percent and
23 maximum of 85 percent of the content of which
24 is denatured ethanol.

1 (D) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
2 means the Secretary of Energy.

3 (2) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants
4 under this subsection to eligible facilities (as deter-
5 mined by the Secretary) to pay the Federal share
6 of—

7 (A) installing blender pump fuel infra-
8 structure, including infrastructure necessary—

9 (i) for the direct retail sale of ethanol
10 fuel blends (including E-85 fuel), includ-
11 ing blender pumps and storage tanks; and

12 (ii) to directly market ethanol fuel
13 blends (including E-85 fuel) to gas retail-
14 ers, including inline blending equipment,
15 pumps, storage tanks, and loadout equip-
16 ment; and

17 (B) providing subgrants to direct retailers
18 of ethanol fuel blends (including E-85 fuel) for
19 the purpose of installing fuel infrastructure for
20 the direct retail sale of ethanol fuel blends (in-
21 cluding E-85 fuel), including blender pumps
22 and storage tanks.

23 (3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
24 the cost of a project carried out under this sub-

1 section shall be 50 percent of the total cost of the
2 project.

3 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
5 retary to carry out this subsection, to remain avail-
6 able until expended—

7 (A) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

8 (B) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

9 (C) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;

10 (D) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2015;

11 and

12 (E) \$350,000,000 for fiscal year 2016.

13 (b) INSTALLATION OF BLENDER PUMPS BY MAJOR
14 FUEL DISTRIBUTORS AT OWNED STATIONS AND BRAND-
15 ED STATIONS.—Section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42
16 U.S.C. 7545(o)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(13) INSTALLATION OF BLENDER PUMPS BY
19 MAJOR FUEL DISTRIBUTORS AT OWNED STATIONS
20 AND BRANDED STATIONS.—

21 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

22 “(i) E-85 FUEL.—The term ‘E-85
23 fuel’ means a blend of gasoline approxi-
24 mately 85 percent of the content of which
25 is ethanol.

1 “(ii) ETHANOL FUEL BLEND.—The
2 term ‘ethanol fuel blend’ means a blend of
3 gasoline and ethanol, with a minimum of 0
4 percent and maximum of 85 percent of the
5 content of which is denatured ethanol.

6 “(iii) MAJOR FUEL DISTRIBUTOR.—

7 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term
8 ‘major fuel distributor’ means any
9 person that owns a refinery and di-
10 rectly markets the output of a refin-
11 ery.

12 “(II) EXCLUSION.—The term
13 ‘major fuel distributor’ does not in-
14 clude any person that owns less than
15 50 retail fueling stations.

16 “(iv) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Sec-
17 retary’ means the Secretary of Energy,
18 acting in consultation with the Adminis-
19 trator and the Secretary of Agriculture.

20 “(B) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall
21 promulgate regulations to ensure that each
22 major fuel distributor that sells or introduces
23 gasoline into commerce in the United States
24 through majority-owned stations or branded
25 stations installs or otherwise makes available 1

1 or more blender pumps that dispense E-85 fuel
 2 and ethanol fuel blends (including any other
 3 equipment necessary, such as tanks, to ensure
 4 that the pumps function properly) for a period
 5 of not less than 5 years at not less than the ap-
 6 plicable percentage of the majority-owned sta-
 7 tions and the branded stations of the major fuel
 8 distributor specified in subparagraph (C).

9 “(C) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For the
 10 purpose of subparagraph (B), the applicable
 11 percentage of the majority-owned stations and
 12 the branded stations shall be determined in ac-
 13 cordance with the following table:

**“Applicable percentage of
 majority-owned stations
 and branded stations**

Calendar year:	Percent:
2012	10
2014	20
2016	35
2018 and each calendar year thereafter	50.

14 “(D) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
 16 (ii), in promulgating regulations under
 17 subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall en-
 18 sure that each major fuel distributor de-
 19 scribed in that subparagraph installs or
 20 otherwise makes available 1 or more blend-
 21 er pumps that dispense E-85 fuel and eth-

1 anol fuel blends at not less than a min-
2 imum percentage (specified in the regula-
3 tions) of the majority-owned stations and
4 the branded stations of the major fuel dis-
5 tributors in each State.

6 “(ii) REQUIREMENT.—In specifying
7 the minimum percentage under clause (i),
8 the Secretary shall ensure that each major
9 fuel distributor installs or otherwise makes
10 available 1 or more blender pumps de-
11 scribed in that clause in each State in
12 which the major fuel distributor operates.

13 “(E) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—In
14 promulgating regulations under subparagraph
15 (B), the Secretary shall ensure that each major
16 fuel distributor described in that subparagraph
17 assumes full financial responsibility for the
18 costs of installing or otherwise making available
19 the blender pumps described in that subpara-
20 graph and any other equipment necessary (in-
21 cluding tanks) to ensure that the pumps func-
22 tion properly.

23 “(F) PRODUCTION CREDITS FOR EXCEED-
24 ING BLENDER PUMPS INSTALLATION REQUIRE-
25 MENT.—

1 “(i) EARNING AND PERIOD FOR AP-
2 PLYING CREDITS.—If the percentage of the
3 majority-owned stations and the branded
4 stations of a major fuel distributor at
5 which the major fuel distributor installs
6 blender pumps in a particular calendar
7 year exceeds the percentage required under
8 subparagraph (C), the major fuel dis-
9 tributor shall earn credits under this para-
10 graph, which may be applied to any of the
11 3 consecutive calendar years immediately
12 after the calendar year for which the cred-
13 its are earned.

14 “(ii) TRADING CREDITS.—Subject to
15 clause (iii), a major fuel distributor that
16 has earned credits under clause (i) may
17 sell the credits to another major fuel dis-
18 tributor to enable the purchaser to meet
19 the requirement under subparagraph (C).

20 “(iii) EXCEPTION.—A major fuel dis-
21 tributor may not use credits purchased
22 under clause (ii) to fulfill the geographic
23 distribution requirement in subparagraph
24 (D).”.

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