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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill would extend the exemption for number 1 diesel fuel from the state's biodiesel content mandate during winter months. Under current law, in general all diesel fuel sold in the state must contain at least five percent biodiesel year round.

This exemption would expire on May 1, 2015. The bill would also extend existing exemptions for certain industries by eight years to May 1, 2020.

Biodiesel is defined in state law as "a renewable, biodegradable, mono alkyl ester combustible liquid that is derived from agricultural plant oils or animal fats and that meets American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification D6751-08 for Biodiesel Fuel (B100) Blend Stock for Distillate Fuels." (Minn. Stat. § 239.761, subd. 16).

- 1 Exceptions.** Eliminates an expired biodiesel mandate exception for airport vehicles and equipment. Sets all exceptions in this section to expire on May 1, 2020, instead of May 1, 2012.
- 2 Extension of commissioner's order.** Extends until March 31, 2015, the existing exception for number 1 diesel fuel sold or offered for sale during October, November, December, January, February, and March.
- 3 Effective date.** Sections 1 and 2 would be effective April 1, 2012.