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House Bill 151 (Chairman, Ways and Means Committee)
(Departmental - Comptroller)

Ways and Means

Motor Fuel Licenses - Qualifications of Applicants

This departmental bill provides that an entity qualifies for a Class A license if it is wholly owned by one or more entities that would otherwise qualify as a Class A licensee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Comptroller of the Treasury has determined that the bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: A person must be licensed by the Comptroller before the person may engage in the business of: (1) motor fuel dealer; (2) distributor; (3) a special fuel seller; (4) a special fuel user; or (5) a turbine fuel seller. To qualify for a Class A license, an applicant must be an entity that: (1) blends or refines gasoline; (2) owns or controls and dedicates at least 1 million gallons of storage capacity in the State to gasoline, other than to aviation gasoline, and to special fuel; and (3) keeps in the State an inventory of at least 500,000 gallons of that gasoline and special fuel.

Background: Those companies holding Class A licenses are authorized to: (1) import

gasoline on which the motor fuel tax has not been paid; (2) export gasoline on which the motor fuel tax has not been paid; and (3) acquire from another holder of a Class A license gasoline on which the motor fuel tax has not been paid. The bill allows the continuation of the privileges of Class A licenses to companies that have merged with, or have been sold by, other companies. No fees are charged for licenses issued by the Comptroller to motor fuel dealers, distributors, and special fuel sellers and users.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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