

# Senate Ways and Means Committee

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**SB 187**, clarifying the application of the road toll.

**Hearing Date:** March 15, 2017

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Sanborn, Giuda, Daniels and Feltes

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senator D'Allesandro

**Bill Analysis:** This bill modifies the description of vehicles using special fuel on which the supplier has prepaid the road toll fees.

This bill also repeals the provision entitling diplomats to a refund of the road toll.

This bill is a request of the department of transportation.

**Sponsors:**

Sen. Feltes

Sen. Watters

Rep. Sykes

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**Who supports the bill:** Sen. Feltes

**Who opposes the bill:** No one

**Who is neutral on the bill:** Scott Bryer

**Summary of testimony presented:**

**Sen. Feltes**

- Section one adds wording on line 6 in order to be consistent with the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA).
- Because we don't currently have this language in our statute, it has been interpreted that it doesn't apply.
- Section 2 of the bill provides a technical correction to certain statutes relative to a bill that passed last year that repealed the exemption for the federal govt. from paying the road toll. An exemption for diplomatic personnel was left in and this section repeals that too.

**Sen. Sanborn** asked why the number in the bill is 26,000 pounds rather than 10,000 pounds.

**Sen. Feltes** said that is the number used in the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

**Scott Bryer**

- Handed out proposed language for an amendment.
- The International Fuel Tax Agreement is an inter-jurisdictional agreement. All companies

that have fleets and trucks used to have file tax returns in each state. Now they file in the state they are based in and it gets allocated based on the states they drive in.

- 26,000 pounds is the amount in the IFTA agreement.
- Proposed amendment deals with taking away the exemption for the federal government.

There's another spot in the statute that didn't get revised based on last year's bill and this will correct that. It's a technical correction to update the appropriate RSA's.

**Sen. Sanborn** asked if the language in lines 3-9 will result in any change to what the state receives in gas tax revenue.

**Mr. Bryer** said no.

**Mr. Bryer** - "Combination of vehicles" means the weight of a truck and trailer combined. Qualified vehicles is defined in the IFTA

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