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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 655**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk**

February 24, 2015

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An act to amend Section 19315 of, *and to add Section 19300.1 to*, the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to ~~inedible kitchen grease, rendering,~~ and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 655, as amended, Quirk. ~~Inedible kitchen grease: transporters: additional fee. Rendering: inedible kitchen grease: additional fee.~~

Existing law *regulates rendering, which is defined as the recycling, processing, and conversion of, among other things, inedible kitchen grease.* Existing law requires transporters of inedible kitchen grease to be registered and to pay a specified registration fee. Existing law, operative until July 1, 2020, ~~and repealed as of January 1, 2021,~~ authorizes the Department of Food and Agriculture to charge an additional fee not to exceed \$300 per year per vehicle that is operated to transport kitchen grease for purposes of administering the provisions regulating these transporters. Existing law exempts from 75% of the additional fee a registered transporter who transports inedible kitchen grease for his or her own personal, noncommercial use as an alternative fuel, subject to specified requirements. Existing law requires fees collected pursuant to these provisions to be deposited into the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund and continuously appropriates the collected funds for the purposes described above.

This bill increase the additional fee to not to exceed \$350 per year per vehicle that is operated to transport kitchen grease. By increasing

this additional fee, which fee is ~~required to be collected and deposited~~ into a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would also make related findings and declarations *regarding the rendering industry and the process of rendering.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 19300.1 is added to the Food and  
2 Agricultural Code, to read:

3 19300.1. (a) *The rendering industry is a critical health and*  
4 *safety infrastructure for California. Rendering is an effective tool*  
5 *to eliminate many human and animal disease pathogens, protect*  
6 *our groundwater and air resources, and greatly reduce greenhouse*  
7 *gas emissions compared to other alternative disposal options.*

8 (b) *Rendering is the process of recycling waste animal tissue*  
9 *into stable, value-added materials. Each year rendering recycles*  
10 *approximately 59 billion pounds of perishable material generated*  
11 *by the meat and poultry processing, food processing, supermarket,*  
12 *and restaurant industries. The rendering industry turns this*  
13 *material into valuable ingredients such as biofuels, various soaps,*  
14 *paints and varnishes, cosmetics, explosives, toothpaste,*  
15 *pharmaceuticals, leather, textiles, and lubricants used daily in*  
16 *most households.*

17 SECTION 1. ~~The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of~~  
18 ~~the following:~~

19 (a) ~~The rendering industry is a critical health and safety~~  
20 ~~infrastructure for California. Rendering is an effective tool to~~  
21 ~~eliminate many human and animal disease pathogens, protects our~~  
22 ~~groundwater and air resources, and greatly reduces greenhouse~~  
23 ~~gas emissions compared to other alternative disposal options.~~

24 (b) ~~Rendering is the process of recycling waste animal tissue~~  
25 ~~into stable, value-added materials. Each year rendering recycles~~  
26 ~~approximately 59 billion pounds of perishable material generated~~  
27 ~~by the livestock and poultry meat and poultry processing, food~~  
28 ~~processing, supermarket, and restaurant industries. The rendering~~  
29 ~~industry turns this material into valuable ingredients such as~~  
30 ~~biofuels, various soaps, paints and varnishes, cosmetics, explosives,~~

1 ~~toothpaste, pharmaceuticals, leather, textiles, and lubricants used~~  
2 ~~daily in most households.~~

3 SEC. 2. Section 19315 of the Food and Agricultural Code is  
4 amended to read:

5 19315. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), in addition  
6 to the registration fee required by Section 19312, the department  
7 may charge a fee necessary to cover the costs of administering this  
8 article. Any additional fee charged pursuant to this section shall  
9 not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) per year per vehicle  
10 that is operated to transport kitchen grease, and shall not exceed  
11 three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per year per registered transporter.

12 (b) An individual registered pursuant to this article who  
13 transports inedible kitchen grease for his or her own personal,  
14 noncommercial use as an alternative fuel is exempt from 75 percent  
15 of the fee charged pursuant to subdivision (a), and shall meet all  
16 of the following requirements:

17 (1) The individual shall meet all other requirements of this  
18 article.

19 (2) The individual shall not transport more than 55 gallons of  
20 inedible kitchen grease per load for that purpose, and shall have  
21 no more than 165 gallons of inedible kitchen grease in his or her  
22 possession or control at any time.

23 (3) The individual shall not take any inedible kitchen grease  
24 from a container owned by another registered transporter of  
25 inedible kitchen grease or from an inedible kitchen grease provider  
26 under contract with a registered transporter of inedible kitchen  
27 grease or from a container owned by a renderer or collection center.

28 (4) The individual shall have a document in his or her possession  
29 while transporting inedible kitchen grease signed by the responsible  
30 party providing the inedible kitchen grease to the individual at the  
31 source of the inedible kitchen grease that provides permission for  
32 the inedible kitchen grease to be removed from that site.

33 (5) The individual shall specify where the inedible kitchen  
34 grease is stored and processed as an alternative fuel, if that address  
35 is different from the address included on the registration form for  
36 that individual pursuant to Section 19312.

37 (6) The individual shall not sell, barter, or trade any inedible  
38 kitchen grease.

39 (c) The secretary shall fix the annual fee established pursuant  
40 to this section and may fix different fees for transporters of inedible

1 kitchen grease and collection centers, and for transporters of  
2 interceptor grease. The secretary shall also fix the date the fee is  
3 due and the method of collecting the fee. If an additional fee is  
4 imposed on licensed renderers pursuant to subdivision (a) of  
5 Section 19227 and an additional fee is imposed on registered  
6 transporters pursuant to subdivision (a), only one additional fee  
7 may be imposed on a person or firm that is both licensed as a  
8 renderer pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 19300)  
9 and registered as a transporter of inedible kitchen grease pursuant  
10 to this article, which fee shall be the higher of the two fees.

11 (d) If the fee established pursuant to this section is not paid  
12 within one calendar month of the date it is due, a penalty shall be  
13 imposed in the amount of 10 percent per annum on the amount of  
14 the unpaid fee.

15 (e) For purposes of this section, “interceptor grease” means  
16 inedible kitchen grease that is principally derived from food  
17 preparation, processing, or waste, and that is removed from a grease  
18 trap or grease interceptor.

19 (f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2020, and,  
20 as of January 1, 2021, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
21 which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2021, deletes or  
22 extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.