



Motor Fuel Tax Changes

Informational Bulletin

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violations:

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To: Motor Fuel Suppliers, Distributors, Receivers and
Operators of Recreational-type Watercraft

Effective August 2, 2001, changes to the Motor Fuel Tax Law now include penalties for the use of dyed diesel in recreational-type watercraft.

The change in the law now provides for specific penalties for selling, possessing, or using dyed diesel fuel in recreational-type watercraft on Illinois waters and waterways.

What penalties do I face if I sell dyed diesel for use in recreational-type watercraft?

If you knowingly sell or attempt to sell dyed diesel fuel for use in a recreational-type watercraft on Illinois waters you will be guilty of a Class 4 felony. Each subsequent offense will become a Class 2 felony.

Any licensed motor fuel distributor or licensed supplier who sells or attempts to sell dyed diesel fuel for use in a recreational-type watercraft on Illinois waters shall be required to pay a penalty of \$5,000 for a first occurrence and \$10,000 for each subsequent occurrence.

What penalties do I face if I possess or use dyed diesel in my recreational-type watercraft in Illinois?

If you knowingly possess dyed diesel fuel for use in a recreational-type watercraft you will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Each subsequent offense will become a Class 2 felony.

If a recreational-type watercraft is found on Illinois waters with dyed diesel fuel in the ordinary fuel tanks attached to the watercraft the operator will be required to pay a first occurrence penalty of \$2,500 and \$5,000 for each subsequent occurrence.