

Motor Fuel Service Companies; HB 2136

HB 2136 establishes maximum license application fees for each service company that works with motor fuel dispensing devices. Beginning with the 2017 license year, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, by order, to set the fees with the following maximum amounts:

- Commencing July 1, 2017, the maximum amount shall be \$100;
- Commencing July 1, 2019, the maximum amount shall be \$110;
- Commencing July 1, 2021, the maximum amount shall be \$120; and
- Commencing July 1, 2023, the maximum amount shall be \$130.

The bill also changes the continuing education requirements for licensed fuel service technical representatives (technical representative). Beginning on July 1, 2017, each technical representative who has had ten years of continuous licensure with no administrative enforcement actions is eligible to obtain a three-year license. The bill establishes the three-year license fee at an amount not to exceed \$300 and requires those technical representatives to complete continuing education at a frequency not exceeding once every three years. The bill also eliminates the requirement for certain technical representatives to pass the annual state examination

Additionally, the bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations requiring technical representatives in violation of this legislation or rules and regulations to seek renewal of a license on an annual basis, as well as to establish criteria for reinstatement of eligibility for the three-year license. The bill also eliminates the requirement for certain technical representatives to pass the annual state examination.

The bill clarifies the Kansas Department of Agriculture's authority to charge a fee to the attendees of continuing education seminars sponsored by the Department in an amount not more than is necessary to cover the expenses incurred by the agency.