

**MOTOR FUELS QUALITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 44 of 1984**

**290.647 Inspection, investigation, and testing program; establishment; purpose; monitoring; payment of expenses; consumer hot line; violation; providing documents; authority of director; enforcement powers; transmitting information; rules; implementation of program.**

Sec. 7. (1) The director shall establish a gasoline, diesel fuel, biodiesel, and biodiesel blend inspection, investigation, and testing program. The purpose of the inspection, investigation, and testing program is to determine whether gasoline, diesel fuel, biodiesel, and biodiesel blend transferred, sold, dispensed, or offered for sale in this state meet the requirements provided in this act, to sample, to investigate allegations of fraud, to inspect and investigate violations of the weights and measures act, 1964 PA 283, MCL 290.601 to 290.634, and whether notice required by section 4 is provided. The program shall provide for a regular system of monitoring gasoline, diesel fuel, biodiesel, and biodiesel blend sold or offered for sale in this state. The department shall implement the inspection, investigation, and testing program as provided in subsection (8). The expenses of operating the program shall be paid from money in the gasoline inspection and testing fund created in section 8.

(2) As part of the inspection and testing program the director shall maintain a 24-hour toll free consumer hot line to receive consumer complaints regarding vapor-recovery systems and the purity and quality of gasoline sold or offered for sale in this state.

(3) If the director has reason to believe a violation of section 5 or rules promulgated under section 5 has occurred, the director may require a refiner, distributor, storage facility, blender, bulk purchaser-end user, or retail dealer to provide to the department the original documents pertaining to the receipt, transfer, delivery, storage, or sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, biodiesel, biodiesel blend, or hydrogen fuel and to allow the original documents to remain in the possession of the department. If original documents remain in the possession of the department and the documents are necessary for conducting business, the department shall provide copies of the documents to the refiner, distributor, blender, bulk purchaser-end user, or retail dealer upon request. A refiner, distributor, bulk purchaser-end user, blender, or retail dealer shall preserve information regarding the receipt, transfer, delivery, storage, or sale of gasoline, including loading tickets, bills of lading, drop tickets, meter tickets, invoices, sales reports, and billings, for 3 years. A retail outlet shall retain on its premises the original drop tickets, bills of lading, and invoices for 1 month before transfer to another location.

(4) The director, upon presentation of appropriate credentials, may do all of the following:

(a) Enter upon or through any retail outlet, bulk purchaser-end user facility, dispensing facility, or the premises or property of any refiner or distributor.

(b) Make inspections, take samples, and conduct tests during any hours the business is operating.

(c) Examine records during normal business hours to determine compliance with this act.

(5) In addition to the powers provided in this act, the director has all the powers to enforce this act that the director has under the weights and measures act, 1964 PA 283, MCL 290.601 to 290.634.

(6) The director may transmit any information obtained pursuant to the inspection and testing program to any other agency of this state if the information will assist the other agency to carry out any of the agency's regulatory functions or responsibilities related to the transfer, sale, dispensing, or offering of gasoline for sale in this state.

(7) The director may promulgate rules for the purpose of implementing and enforcing this act.

(8) The department shall implement the inspection and testing program provided in subsection (1) as follows:

(a) Inspection and testing for standards regarding lead, alcohol, free water, and sediments within 90 days after the effective date of this act.

(b) Inspection and testing for any other standards by March 29, 1987.

**History:** 1984, Act 44, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985;—Am. 1988, Act 84, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1988;—Am. 1993, Act 236, Imd. Eff. Nov. 13, 1993;—Am. 2006, Act 271, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2006.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties relating to purity and quality standards for biofuels from department of energy, labor, and economic growth to department of agriculture, see E.R.O. No. 2009-4, compiled at MCL 445.2026.