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(5) (a) The tax levied in this section does not apply to the use of natural or manufactured gas by an aluminum smelter as that term is defined in RCW 82.04.217 before January 1, 2027.

(b) A person claiming the exemption provided in this subsection (5) must file a complete annual tax performance report with the department under RCW 82.32.534.

(6) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to the use of natural gas, compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas, if the consumer uses the gas for transportation fuel as defined in RCW 82.16.310.

(7) The tax levied in this section does not apply to the use of natural or manufactured gas by a silicon smelter as that term is defined in RCW 82.16.315.

(8) There is a credit against the tax levied under this section in an amount equal to any tax paid by:

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(9) The use tax imposed in this section must be paid by the consumer to the department.

(10) There is imposed a reporting requirement on the person who delivered the gas to the consumer to make a quarterly report to the department. Such report must contain the volume of gas delivered, name of the consumer to whom delivered, and such other information as the department may require by rule.

(11) The department may adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW for the administration and enforcement of sections 1 through 6, chapter 384, Laws of 1989. [2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 § 707; (2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 § 706 expired January 1, 2018); 2017 c 135 § 27; 2015 3rd sp.s. c 6 § 506; 2014 c 216 § 304; 2011 c 174 § 304. Prior: 2010 1st sp.s. c 2 § 5; 2010 c 114 § 127; 2006 c 182 § 5; 2004 c 24 § 12; 1994 c 124 § 9; 1989 c 384 § 3.]

**Contingent expiration date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 §§ 701-708:** See note following RCW 82.32.537.

**Findings—Intent—Tax preference performance statement—2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 §§ 701-708:** See note following RCW 82.16.315.

**Effective date—2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 §§ 101-104, 403, 503, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 703, 705, 707, and 801-803:** See note following RCW 82.04.2404.

**Effective date—2017 c 135:** See note following RCW 82.32.534.

**Effective dates—2015 3rd sp.s. c 6:** See note following RCW 82.04.4266.

**Findings—Tax preference performance statement—2015 3rd sp.s. c 6 §§ 502-506:** See note following RCW 82.04.2909.

**Effective date—Findings—Tax preference performance statement—2014 c 216:** See notes following RCW 82.38.030.

**Application—Finding—Intent—2010 c 114:** See notes following RCW 82.32.534.

**Intent—Effective date—2004 c 24:** See notes following RCW 82.04.2909.

**Intent—1989 c 384:** "Due to a change in the federal regulations governing the sale of brokered natural gas, cities have lost significant revenues from the utility tax on natural gas. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to adjust the utility and use tax authority of the state and cities to maintain this revenue source for the municipalities and provide equality of taxation between intrastate and interstate transactions." [1989 c 384 § 1.]

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