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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2013. It is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute, the applicability of the statute (ethanol, biodiesel, or both), and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to biofuels, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of biofuels law in the state. These statutes are placed in reverse chronological order using the date of the most recent amendment to the statute. Many biofuels laws were enacted as amendments to previously passed laws.

Title	Citation	Applicability	Description
Public works fleet management program (2013)	D.C. CODE ANN. §§ 50-211.01 TO 50-211.07	Both	Requires the District Department of Transportation to work towards reducing total fuel use, improving fleet fuel economy, promoting the use of alternative fuels, and facilitating the availability of alternative fuels.
Regulation of taxicabs (2012)	D.C. CODE ANN. §§ 50-302 AND 50-307	Both	One of the purposes of the Council is to promote policies that encourage conservation and pollution reduction through the use of alternative fuel vehicles. The Commission is entrusted with the authority to establish such policies.
Public vehicles-for-hire consumer service fund (2012)	D.C. CODE ANN. § 50-320	Both	Establishes the Public Vehicles-for-Hire Consumer Service Fund. These funds can be used to provide grants to incentivize the purchase and use of alternative fuels in licensed taxicabs within the district.
Modernization of taxicabs (2012)	D.C. CODE ANN. § 50-326	Both	Taxicabs that operate on alternative fuel may display that information on the exterior of the vehicle with signage approved by the Commission.

Traffic act: excise tax (2009)	D.C. CODE ANN. § 50-2201.03 (J)(3)(J)	Both	Excludes motor vehicles with average MPG at or above 40 MPG, and other alternative fuel vehicles, from state excise taxes.
Clean car standards (2008)	D.C. CODE ANN. §§ 50-731 TO 50-732	Both	Requires the Mayor to establish a low-emissions vehicle program by adopting the California emissions standards and compliance requirements for vehicles model year 2012 and thereafter. Allows for the adoption of emission inspection and warranty requirements as well as efforts to work with other states and educate the public about the program. Additionally, the Mayor is prohibited for registering vehicles that don't meet these standards.
Alternative Fuels Technology (1995)	D.C. CODE ANN. §§ 50-701 TO 50-715	Both	Provides the policy of the district to encourage the use of motor vehicles powered by clean alternative fuels, including adoption into the district fleet. 70% of newly purchased light-duty fleet vehicles with a gross weight of 8,500 lbs. or less, and 50% of light-duty vehicles over 8,500 lbs. must be clean fuel vehicles. The Mayor is required to report annually to the Council regarding the alternative-fuel usage and fleet composition. Clean fuel vehicles are exempt from restrictions of high-occupancy lane usage.