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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on biofuels laws in effect January 1, 1970 through December 31, 2013. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation 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 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
Biofuels Production Grants (2014)	VA. CODE ANN. § 45.1-394	Both	Provides grants to producers of biofuels sold within the state. Qualified producers may receive \$.04/gal in 2014, \$.03/gal in 2015, and \$.02/gal in 2016. Not available for corn-based ethanol after 2015. Program sunsets July 1, 2017.
Alternative Fuel Conversion Fund (2014)	VA. CODE ANN. § 2.2-1176.1	Both	Establishes a state fund to help provide financial assistance to state agencies and local governments for the conversion of fleet vehicles to run on alternative fuels.
Education Regulations (2013)	VA. CODE ANN. § 22.1-177	Both	Board of Education may not unreasonably limit a school district's ability to purchase and/or convert buses to operate on alternative fuels.
State Energy Policy (2012)	VA. CODE ANN. §§ 67-100 TO 67-103, 67-501	Both	Part of the state's energy plan is to increase reliance on biofuels through promotion of research, development, and adoption of these technologies to the extent practicable in vehicles and buses.

Tangible Property Tax (2012)	VA. CODE ANN. § 58.1-3505	Ethanol	Allows local governmental entities to exempt equipment used for ethanol production from local property tax obligations
Fuel Use Requirement for Biodiesel (2012)	VA. CODE ANN. § 2.2-1111	Biodiesel	Establish conditions under which state public bodies may procure diesel fuel containing biodiesel.
Approval of motor vehicle purchase (2011)	VA. CODE ANN. § 2.2-1176	Both	Requires adoption of a plan for the replacement of state-owned vehicles with those that operative on alternative fuels to the greatest extent possible, considering infrastructure and economic limitations.
Clean fuel vehicle job creation tax credit (2011)	VA. CODE ANN. § 58.1-439.1	Both	Provided a tax credit of \$700 per job created by a corporation engaged in the manufacture of vehicles or components that utilize advanced biofuels. Expired Dec. 31, 2014.
Clean Energy Manufacturing Incentive Grant Program (2011)	VA. CODE ANN. §§ 59.1-284.25 TO 59.1-284.27	Both	Companies that invest at least \$50M by starting a business or expanding a current business that creates at least 200 jobs may be eligible to receive a clean energy manufacturing grant for up to 6 years.
Green job creation tax credit (2010)	VA. CODE ANN. § 58.1-439.12:05	Both	Companies related to the biofuel industry may be eligible to receive a \$500 tax credit for each job they create that pays \$50K or more for up to 5 years. Expires Jan. 1, 2015.
Biofuel Feedstock Registration Exemption (2010)	VA. CODE ANN. § 3.2-5510	Biodiesel	Individuals that are transporting waste grease for their own conversion in biofuel, in a container of no more than 275 gallons, are exempt from state Dep't of Health registration requirements.
Clean Energy Foundation (2010)	VA. CODE ANN. §§ 23-300 TO 23-303	Both	Creates a foundation to oversee the investment of funds, through grants and loans, for research related to development of renewable fuel technologies.
Biodiesel Production Tax Credit (2008)	VA. CODE ANN. § 58.1-439.12:02	Biodiesel	Qualified biodiesel producers are eligible for a tax credit of \$.01/gal up to \$5,000 for the first three years of production.

Loans for school buses (2007)	VA. CODE ANN. § 22.1-146	Both	Allows the Board of Education to help finance the conversion of school buses to run on alternative fuels and construction of necessary refueling facilities.
Alternative Fuel License (2001)	VA. CODE ANN. §58.1-2244	Both	Requires alternative fuel providers, bulk users, retailers, and anyone who fuels from a private source without paying the fuels tax must get a state license.
Tax credit for vehicles and refueling (1998)	VA. CODE ANN. § 58.1-438.1	Both	Provides an income tax credit for a portion of the cost to purchase new clean-fuel vehicles or put in place corresponding refueling infrastructure.
Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Signs (1993)	VA. CODE ANN. § 46.2-1089.1	Both	Allows the Board of Education to provide signs or other markings for school buses that operate on alternative fuels.