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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1886

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An Act relating to alternative fuels; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Sections 130.12, 130.13, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993, and 130.16, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Sections 130.13 and 130.16), which relate to the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act; modifying legislative intent; modifying and adding definitions; providing for certification and qualifications for an alternative fuels equipment technician and an alternative fuels compression technician; modifying certification of certain companies which install fill stations; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.12, is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.12 It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education develop curriculum for the training of technicians for the installation of stations which dispense alternative fuels, and the installation and conversion of engines to be fueled by alternative fuels as the technologies are developed.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.13, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 130.13), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.13 As used in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act:

1. "Alternative fuel" means fuels which result in comparably lower emissions of oxides of nitrogen, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, or particulates or any combination thereof and includes compressed natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, methanol, "M-85" which is a mixture of

methanol and gasoline containing at least eighty-five percent (85%) methanol, ethanol, reformulated gasoline and electricity;

2. "Alternative fuels equipment technician" means any person who installs, modifies, repairs or renovates equipment used in the conversion of any engines to engines fueled by alternative fuels. This includes originally equipped manufactured engines dedicated to operate on an alternative fuel;

3. "Alternative fuels compression technician" means any person who installs, services, modifies, repairs or renovates fill stations;

4. "Board" means the Alternative Fuels Technician Hearing Board; ~~and~~

~~4.~~ 5. "Committee" means the Committee of Alternative Fuels Technician Examiners; and

6. "Fill station" means the property which is directly related to the delivery of compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, methanol, or "M-85" which is a mixture of methanol and gasoline containing at least eighty-five percent (85%) methanol into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle propelled by such fuel including the compression equipment and storage vessels for such fuel at the point where the fuel is delivered.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.16, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 130.16), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.16 A. The Department of Central Services shall issue a certificate as an alternative fuels equipment technician to any person who:

1. Has been licensed by the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board and has successfully passed the appropriate examination as provided in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act; or

2. Has been certified by the Committee as either having successfully passed the appropriate examination or having a valid license or certificate issued by another governmental entity with licensing or certification requirements similar to those provided in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act; and

3. Has paid the certification fee and otherwise complied with the provisions of the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act.

B. The Department of Central Services shall issue a certificate as an alternative fuels compression technician to any person who:

1. Has successfully completed the curriculum and examination of the program of Oklahoma State University Technical Branch located at Okmulgee for the training of technicians for the installation, service, modification, repair or renovation of fill stations; and

2. Has successfully passed the appropriate examination as provided in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act; or

3. Has been certified by the Committee as having a valid license or certificate issued by another governmental entity with licensing or certification requirements similar to those provided in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act; and

4. Has paid the certification fee and otherwise complied with the provisions of the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act.

C. In the case of a company, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of installing, servicing, repairing, modifying or renovating fill stations or equipment used in the conversion of engines to engines fueled by alternative fuels, a separate certificate shall be issued by the Department of Central Services to that individual company, partnership or corporation. This certificate is for the express purpose of recognizing that the company, partnership or corporation is an authorized fill station installation business or alternative fuels conversion business and employs state-certified alternative fuels equipment and compression technicians. Any violations by a certified alternative fuels equipment and compression technician shall be deemed a violation by the certified company, partnership or corporation employing such certified technician.

~~C.~~ D. In conjunction with subsection A of this section, the Department of Central Services shall issue an Alternative

Fuels Equipment Installation Certification to any public entity or private company, partnership or corporation that operates commercial, private or public fleets of vehicles and employs ten (10) or more auto service technicians per location. The certification shall be based on the ability of the applicant to provide their own alternative fuels equipment technician training program which shall be certified by the Department of Central Services, Committee of Alternative Fuels Technician Examiners. This subsection shall not apply to allow certification of any alternative fuels compression technician training programs except as specifically provided in subsection B of this section.

~~D.~~ E. All alternative fuels technician certificates shall be nontransferable and it shall be unlawful for any person certified pursuant to the provisions of the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act to loan or allow the use of such certificate by any other person, except as specifically provided in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act.

~~E.~~ F. The standards for the storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gases adopted by the National Fire Protection Association and published in the latest edition of its Pamphlet No. 58 and the standards for the installation of compressed natural gas vehicular fuel systems adopted by the National Fire Protection Association and published in its Pamphlet No. 52 shall be the accepted standards for this state. The Department of Central Services is authorized, and it shall be its duty to adopt and promulgate such rules or specifications relating to safety in the manufacture, assembly, sale, installation and use of vehicular alternative fuel systems. The Department of Central Services is further authorized to modify or amend such rules or specifications as it deems reasonable and necessary.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.