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HOUSE BILL NO. 2655

By: Ostrander of the House

and

Herbert of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to alternative fuels; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Sections 130.2, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.3, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.4, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993, 130.8, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993, 130.13, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.14, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.15, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.16, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.17, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 1997, 130.18, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994, 130.19, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 and 130.20, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Sections 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 130.8, 130.13, 130.14, 130.15, 130.16, 130.17, 130.18, 130.19 and 130.20), which relate to the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Act and the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act; adding definitions; providing

for charge stations; adding electricity to certain list of alternative fuels the price of which may not be regulated; modifying Committee of Alternative Fuels Technician Examiners; providing for examination for certificate as electric vehicle technician; providing for issuance of electric vehicle technician certification; establishing certain standards; adding certain fees; providing for recertification of electric vehicle technicians; providing for certain hearing board to investigate electric vehicle technicians; requiring certification as an electric vehicle technician to perform certain work; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.2, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.2 As used in the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Act:

1. "Alternative fuels" 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, ethanol, methanol, "M-85" which is a mixture of methanol and gasoline containing at least eighty-five percent (85%) methanol, and electricity;

2. "Charge station" means the physical device that provides a connection from a power source to an electric vehicle as defined by the Electric Vehicle Association of America, the Electric Power

Research Institute, and the Society of Automotive Engineers. All charge stations shall comply with the National Electric Code.

Inductive chargers and conductive chargers shall comply with the guidelines of the Society of Automotive Engineers;

3. "CNG" means compressed natural gas;

~~3.~~ 4. "CNG conversion kit" means the equipment installed to modify a motor vehicle which is propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel so that the vehicle may be propelled by compressed natural gas;

~~4.~~ 5. "Diesel fuel" means diesel engine fuel, and all other liquids suitable for the generation of power for the propulsion of motor vehicles except gasoline;

~~5.~~ 6. "Fill station" means the property which is directly related to the delivery of compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum 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 such fuel is delivered;

~~6.~~ 7. "Gallon" means the quantity of fluid or liquid at a temperature of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit necessary to completely fill a United States standard gallon liquid measure;

~~7.~~ 8. "Gasoline" means the same as motor fuel and means every liquid petroleum product, or any combination thereof, other than solvents as herein defined, having an A.P.I. gravity of forty-six (46) degrees or above at a temperature of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit and at atmospheric pressure, and includes drip, casinghead or natural gasoline. The term gasoline also includes any liquid of less than forty-six (46) degrees A.P.I. gravity at a temperature of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit compounded, blended, manufactured or otherwise produced by mixing or blending gasoline or solvents with any blending materials, as hereinafter defined, when the blended product can be used for generating power in internal

combustion engines, regardless of how such liquid is made, compounded, manufactured or recovered and regardless of the name by which such liquid may be known or sold;

~~8.~~ 9. "Government vehicle" means all motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, transit vehicles operated by any entity pursuant to Section 4031 et seq. of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes or designated as public transit by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, buses, trucks, law enforcement vehicles and emergency vehicles, owned and operated by the State of Oklahoma, any public trust authority, county, municipality, town or city within this state;

~~9.~~ 10. "Sale" means sales, barters, exchanges, and every other manner, method, and form of transferring the ownership of personal property from one person to another, and also includes the use or consumption in this state in the first instance of gasoline received from without the state or of any other gasoline upon which the surcharge has not been paid;

~~10.~~ 11. "School vehicle" means all buses and multi-passenger motor vehicles owned and approved to operate by the State Department of Education or any school district within this state; and

~~11.~~ 12. "Solvents" means especially prepared commercial and industrial solvents, cleaners' and painters' naphthas, and raw petroleum materials or petrochemical intermediates when used as or sold for use in production or manufacture of plastics, detergents, synthetic rubber, herbicides, insecticides and other chemicals or products which are not prepared, advertised, offered for sale, or sold for use or suitable for use as fuel for generating power in internal combustion engines.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.3, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.3 A. All school vehicles and all government vehicles may be converted to operate on an alternative fuel. The state, any county or municipal government and any school district within the state may have access to the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Fund and the reasonable expenses of the conversions and/or the installation of a fill station or charge station may be reimbursed in the manner pursuant to Section 130.4 of this title if the state, county, municipality or school district can pay back such conversion and/or fill station or charge station installation costs within seven (7) years of the date of conversion and/or fill station or charge station installation. Beginning July 1, 1995, all school districts within this state should consider only purchasing school vehicles which have the capability to operate on an alternative fuel.

B. The reasonable expenses of the conversion of the school vehicle fleets and the government vehicle fleets that are converted pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be reimbursed in the manner pursuant to Section 130.4 of this title.

C. The reasonable expenses of the installation of a fill station or charge station that is installed pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be reimbursed in the manner pursuant to Section 130.4 of this title.

D. Any vehicle converted to have the capability of being fueled or charged by alternative fuels pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Act shall not be sold or otherwise transferred to another person or entity before the total reimbursement of the cost of such conversion pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Act unless such conversion equipment is removed and installed on another government vehicle or school vehicle owned by such public entity.

E. Any fill station or charge station installed pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Act shall

not be sold or otherwise transferred to another person or entity before the total reimbursement of the cost of such fill station or charge station pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Act.

F. All school vehicles and all government vehicles which are converted to operate on alternative fuel shall be required to use such alternative fuel whenever the price of the alternative fuel used by such vehicle is equal to or less than the price of the original fuel displaced by the alternative fuel on a per gallon equivalent basis and whenever the alternative fuel is reasonably available for use.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.4, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.4 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Central Services to be designated as the "Oklahoma Alternative Fuels Conversion Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department of Central Services pursuant to Section 130.5 of this title.

B. All monies accruing to the credit of the revolving fund shall be expended by the Department of Central Services to reimburse expenses relative to the conversion of government vehicles and school vehicles to have the capability of being fueled or charged by alternative fuels and/or the expenses relative to the installation of a fill station or charge station. The maximum amount expended per vehicle shall be the actual cost of vehicle conversion or Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), whichever is less. The maximum amount expended per fill station or charge station shall be the actual cost of the installation or One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00),

whichever is less. The balance on deposit in the fund shall never exceed the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

C. Expenditures from the revolving fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.8, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.8 The price and sale of natural gas, methanol, electricity, and "M-85" utilized as a transportation fuel in a motor vehicle shall not be regulated by any governmental entity within this state.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.13, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.13), is amended to read as follows:

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

1. "Alternative ~~fuel~~ fuels" 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;

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

6. "Electric vehicle technician" means any person who installs, modifies, repairs, performs maintenance on, or renovates vehicles powered by electricity. This includes vehicles originally equipped as electric vehicles, vehicles converted from gliders, and vehicles converted from internal combustion engine vehicles;

7. "Fill station" means the property which is directly related to the delivery of compressed natural gas or liquefied natural gas 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; and

8. "Glider" means a vehicle built without an engine or fuel system for the purpose of converting it to an electric vehicle.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.14, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.14), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.14 A. There is hereby established the Committee of Alternative Fuels Technician Examiners which shall consist of ~~six~~ ~~(6)~~ eight (8) members. All members of the Committee shall be residents of this state.

B. Five voting members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of Central Services as follows:

1. Beginning September 1, 1994, three members shall be alternative fuels technicians selected from a list of names submitted by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, with at least one member being an alternative fuels equipment

technician and at least one member being an alternative fuels compression technician;

2. One member shall be a person involved in compressed natural gas technology in an oil and/or gas industry; and

3. One member shall be a person involved in liquefied petroleum gas technology in an oil and/or gas industry.

C. Beginning November 1, 1998, two additional voting members shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of Central Services, one of whom shall be selected from a list of names submitted by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education and shall be an electric vehicle technician, and one of whom shall be a person involved in manufacturing, conversion, or research in the electric vehicle industry.

D. All members shall each have at least two (2) years of active experience in alternative fuels technology. The terms of the voting members initially appointed to the Committee shall be staggered as follows:

1. One alternative fuels technician shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years;

2. One alternative fuels technician shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years;

3. One alternative fuels technician shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years;

4. One person involved in compressed natural gas technology in an oil and/or gas industry shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years; and

5. One person involved in liquefied petroleum gas technology in an oil and/or gas industry shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years;

6. One electric vehicle technician shall be appointed for a term of (2) years; and

7. One person involved in manufacturing, conversion, or research in the electric vehicle industry shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.

Thereafter, each voting member of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

The nonvoting member shall be designated by the Director of the Department of Central Services to serve as Program Administrator and Recording Secretary to the Committee. It is the intent of the Legislature that the person acting as the Program Administrator and Recording Secretary to the Committee as of the effective date of this act be transferred to the Department of Central Services to continue in his or her capacity.

~~D.~~ E. Vacancies which may occur in the membership of the Committee shall be filled by appointment of the Director of the Department of Central Services. Each person who has been appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the member ~~he~~ such person succeeds was appointed and until ~~his~~ a successor has been appointed and has qualified. Members of the Committee may be removed from office by the Director of the Department of Central Services for cause in the manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment.

~~E.~~ F. The Committee shall assist and advise the Department of Central Services on all matters relating to the formulation of rules and standards in accordance with the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act. The Committee shall administer the examinations of applicants for certification as alternative fuels equipment technicians ~~and~~, alternative fuels compression technicians, and electric vehicle technicians provided that such examinations shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act.

~~F.~~ G. All members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred while in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

~~G.~~ H. A majority of the total membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.15, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.15), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.15 A. Examinations for certification as alternative fuels equipment technicians shall be uniform and practical in nature for alternative fuels equipment technician certification and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for certificates.

B. Examinations for certification as alternative fuels compression technicians shall be uniform and practical in nature for alternative fuels compression technician certification and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for certificates.

C. Examinations for certification as electric vehicle technicians shall be uniform and practical in nature for electric vehicle technician certification and shall be sufficiently strict to test the qualifications and fitness of the applicants for certificates.

D. Examinations shall be in whole or in part in writing. The Committee shall conduct examinations twice a year and at such other times as it deems necessary. Any applicant initially failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of thirty (30) days. Any applicant subsequently failing to pass the examination shall not be permitted to take another examination for a period of ninety (90) days.

~~D.~~ E. The Department of Central Services shall enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.16, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, 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;

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

4. Has provided proof of liability insurance with limits of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) general liability.

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

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

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

3. Has provided proof of liability insurance with limits of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) general liability.

C. The Department of Central Services shall issue a certificate as an electric vehicle technician to any person who:

1. 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;

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

3. Has provided proof of liability insurance with limits of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) general liability.

D. In the case of a company, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of installing, servicing, repairing, modifying or renovating 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 alternative fuels conversion business and employs state-certified alternative fuels equipment technicians. Any violations by a certified alternative fuels equipment technician shall be deemed a violation by the certified company, partnership or corporation employing such certified technician.

~~D.~~ E. In the case of a company, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of installing, servicing, repairing, modifying or renovating fill stations or charge stations, 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 or charge station installation business and employs state-certified

alternative fuels compression technicians or electric vehicle technicians. Any violations by a certified alternative fuels compression technician or electric vehicle technician shall be deemed a violation by the certified company, partnership or corporation employing such certified technician.

~~E.~~ F. 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.

~~F.~~ G. All alternative fuels equipment technician certificates ~~and~~, alternative fuels compression technician certificates, and electric vehicle 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.

~~G.~~ H. 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 accepted standards for this state for electric

vehicle charge stations shall be the National Electric Code (NEC).

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 9. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.17, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.17), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.17 A. All applications for examination, certification or renewal of certification shall be made in writing to the Department of Central Services on forms provided, if necessary, by the Department of Central Services. All applications shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee. If the applicant holds a valid Class I Dealer Permit properly issued by the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, pursuant to Section 420.4 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Department of Central Services shall waive the fee requirements of this section for certification or renewal of certification. Proof of a Class I Dealer Permit properly issued by the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board and a request for a waiver of the appropriate fees shall accompany the application.

B. The following shall be the fees charged under the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act.

Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician Examination	\$50.00
Alternative Fuels Compression Technician Examination	\$50.00
<u>Electric Vehicle Technician Examination</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician Certificate	\$50.00
Alternative Fuels Compression Technician Certificate	\$50.00
<u>Electric Vehicle Technician Certificate</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
Certificate renewal, if made within thirty (30) days	

after expiration:

Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician Certificate	\$50.00
Alternative Fuels Compression Technician Certificate	\$50.00
<u>Electric Vehicle Technician Certificate</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>

Penalty for Late Certification Renewal:

Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician Certificate	\$10.00
Alternative Fuels Compression Technician Certificate	\$10.00
<u>Electric Vehicle Technician Certificate</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>

Certificate fee if certified after March 1 of each

year:

Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician Certificate	\$25.00
Alternative Fuels Compression Technician Certificate	\$25.00
<u>Electric Vehicle Technician Certificate</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

Certificate fee if certified after June 1 of each

year:

Alternative Fuels Equipment Technician Certificate	\$12.50
Alternative Fuels Compression Technician Certificate	\$12.50
<u>Electric Vehicle Technician Certificate</u>	<u>\$12.50</u>

Company, Partnership or Corporation Certificate \$100.00

Annual Renewal for Company, Partnership or

Corporation Certificate \$100.00

Training Program Certification (one-time fee) \$500.00

Alternative Fuels Installation Certification

Per Location \$1,000.00

Annual Renewal of Alternative Fuels Installation

Certification Per Location \$1,000.00

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.18, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.18), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.18 The Department of Central Services shall adopt rules and guidelines for the expiration of certificates for alternative fuels equipment technicians ~~and~~, alternative fuels

compression technicians, and electric vehicle technicians, and for determining the recertification of alternative fuels equipment technicians ~~and~~, alternative fuels compression technicians, and electric vehicle technicians.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.19, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.19), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.19 A. A person or persons designated by the Director of the Department of Central Services and the Committee shall act as the Alternative Fuels Technician Hearing Board and shall comply with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.

B. The Alternative Fuels Technician Hearing Board may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon written complaint filed by any person, investigate the business transactions of any certified alternative fuels equipment or compression technician, or electric vehicle technician. The Board shall suspend or revoke any certificate or registration obtained by false or fraudulent representation. The Board shall also suspend or revoke any certificate or registration for any of the following:

1. Making a material misstatement in the application for a certificate or registration, or the renewal of a certificate or registration;

2. Loaning or illegally using a certificate;

3. Demonstrating incompetence to act as an alternative fuels equipment technician ~~or~~, alternative fuels compression technician, or electric vehicle technician;

4. Violating any provisions of the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act, or any rule or order prescribed by the Department of Central Services; or

5. Willfully failing to perform normal business obligations without justifiable cause.

Any person whose alternative fuels equipment technician certificate ~~or~~, alternative fuels compression technician certificate, or electric vehicle technician certificate has been revoked by the Alternative Fuels Technician Hearing Board may apply for a new certificate one (1) year from the date of such revocation.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 130.20, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 130.20), is amended to read as follows:

Section 130.20 After September 1, 1991, it shall be unlawful for any person to perform the work or offer, by advertisement or otherwise, to perform the work of an alternative fuels equipment technician until such person has qualified and is certified as an alternative fuels equipment technician. Beginning September 1, 1995, it shall be unlawful for any person to perform work or offer, by advertisement or otherwise, to perform the work of an alternative fuels compression technician until such person has qualified and is certified as an alternative fuels compression technician. Beginning November 1, 1998, it shall be unlawful for any person to perform the work or offer, by advertisement or otherwise, to perform the work of an electric vehicle technician until such person has qualified and is certified as an electric vehicle technician. Provided, nothing in the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act shall be construed to prohibit a noncertified person from converting the engine of a farm tractor, as defined in Section 1-118 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to an engine fueled by alternative fuels, as long as such farm tractor is not operated on the roads and highways of this state.

SECTION 13. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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