HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1277 By: Cockroft of the House

and

Jolley of the Senate

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An Act relating to compressed natural gas; enacting the Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Funding Act of 2015; creating the Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Cost Revolving Fund; providing for authorized revenue sources; specifying purpose of fund; prescribing procedures for expenditure; imposing duties upon circuit engineering districts; prescribing procedures related to balance of fund; requiring application procedures; providing for distribution of monies; specifying authorized use of monies for certain expenditures; limiting purpose of expenditures; prohibiting use of monies for addition of vehicles to fleet; imposing requirements with respect to conversion equipment; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1451 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Funding Act of 2015".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1452 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the circuit engineering districts of the State of Oklahoma to be designated the "Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Cost Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all appropriations and transfers made by the Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the circuit engineering districts for the purpose of offsetting the costs associated with converting fleet vehicles to compressed natural gas. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1453 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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A. The circuit engineering districts shall make available to each county an equal share of the total funds in the Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Cost Revolving Fund. The total amount of the balance of the fund shall be divided by seventy-seven (77) and each county shall have an account within the fund equal to such amount. The circuit engineering districts shall develop an application procedure for counties in order to request vehicles for consideration for conversion. Requests submitted by counties that meet eligibility criteria developed by the circuit engineering districts shall receive any available monies in appropriate proportioned amounts.

B. The circuit engineering districts shall have the authority to use the monies in the fund in order to pay costs for the conversion of the existing fleet vehicles to compressed natural gas.

C. The fund shall only be used for costs related to the acquisition of fleet vehicles for counties and shall not be used for any other purpose. The fund shall not be used to increase the total size of the county vehicle fleet but shall only be used to convert an existing vehicle or to replace an existing vehicle in the fleet.

D. Any equipment used for conversion of a vehicle to compressed natural gas shall:

1. Be new, not previously used to modify or retrofit any vehicle propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel and be installed by an

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alternative fuels equipment technician who is certified in accordance with the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act;

2. Meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set forth in 49 CFR 571; or

3. For any commercial motor vehicle (CMV), follow the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations or Oklahoma Intrastate Motor Carrier Regulations.

E. Any unencumbered monies remaining in the fund after June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to the State Department of Education to be used for conversion of school buses to compressed natural gas. Funds shall be distributed based upon a demonstration of need.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 02/19/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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