

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1277

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8 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

22 A. The circuit engineering districts shall make available to
23 each county an equal share of the total funds in the Compressed
24 Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Cost Revolving Fund. The total

1 amount of the balance of the fund shall be divided by seventy-seven
2 (77) and each county shall have an account within the fund equal to
3 such amount. The circuit engineering districts shall develop an
4 application procedure for counties in order to request vehicles for
5 consideration for conversion. Requests submitted by counties that
6 meet eligibility criteria developed by the circuit engineering
7 districts shall receive any available monies in appropriate
8 proportioned amounts.

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

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

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

19 1. Be new, not previously used to modify or retrofit any
20 vehicle propelled by gasoline or diesel fuel and be installed by an
21 alternative fuels equipment technician who is certified in
22 accordance with the Alternative Fuels Technician Certification Act;

23 2. Meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set forth in
24 49 CFR 571; or

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

4 E. Any unencumbered monies remaining in the fund after June 30,
5 2025, shall be transferred to the State Department of Education to
6 be used for conversion of school buses to compressed natural gas.
7 Funds shall be distributed based upon a demonstration of need.

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

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

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