

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1277

By: Cockroft of the House

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4 Jolley of the Senate

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

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 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".

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

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

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

20 A. The circuit engineering districts shall make available to
21 each county an equal share of the total funds in the Compressed
22 Natural Gas Vehicle Conversion Cost Revolving Fund. The total
23 amount of the balance of the fund shall be divided by seventy-seven
24 (77) and each county shall have an account within the fund equal to

1 such amount. The circuit engineering districts shall develop an
2 application procedure for counties in order to request vehicles for
3 consideration for conversion. Requests submitted by counties that
4 meet eligibility criteria developed by the circuit engineering
5 districts shall receive any available monies in appropriate
6 proportioned amounts.

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

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

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

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

21 2. Meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards set forth in
22 49 CFR 571; or

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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 on the
5 effective date of this act shall be transferred to the State
6 Department of Education to be used for conversion of school buses to
7 compressed natural gas. Funds shall be distributed based upon a
8 demonstration of need.

9 Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the House
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Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2015.

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