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SENATE BILL 83

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE VEHICLES; REQUIRING THIRTY PERCENT OF ALL NEW STATE VEHICLES TO OPERATE ON COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 13-1B-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 58, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"13-1B-3. ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES--EXEMPTIONS.--

A. [~~Seventy-five~~] Fifty percent of vehicles acquired in fiscal year [~~2003~~] 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter by the agencies and departments of state government and educational institutions shall be vehicles that:

(1) meet or exceed the corporate average fuel economy standards for vehicles issued by the national highway transportation safety administration of the United States department of transportation;

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- 1 (2) are hybrid vehicles;
- 2 (3) are capable of operating on alternative
- 3 fuel with either bi-fuel capability or dedicated engine
- 4 configurations; or
- 5 (4) are plug-in electric vehicles.

6 B. Thirty percent of vehicles acquired in fiscal
7 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter by the agencies and
8 departments of state government and educational institutions
9 shall be vehicles that are equipped to operate on compressed
10 natural gas.

11 [~~B.~~] C. Certified law enforcement pursuit vehicles
12 and emergency vehicles are exempt from the provisions of the
13 Alternative Fuel Acquisition Act. The department may exempt
14 additional vehicles from the requirements of Subsection A of
15 this section upon demonstration by the acquiring entity that:

16 (1) a vehicle that meets the corporate average
17 fuel economy standards is not suitable for its intended use or
18 is unavailable from an original vehicle manufacturer;

19 (2) alternative fuels are unavailable at a
20 cost within fifteen percent of the cost of conventional fuel
21 within the normal driving range of these vehicles; or

22 (3) a vehicle suitable for its intended use
23 and capable of operating on alternative fuel or a gas-electric
24 hybrid is not available from an original equipment
25 manufacturer.

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