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SYNOPSIS

Establishes public-private alternative fueling station pilot program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing an alternative fueling station pilot program
2 and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Department of Transportation, in consultation with
8 the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey
9 Turnpike Authority, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority,
10 shall promulgate guidelines for the creation of an alternative fueling
11 station pilot program, for use by government-owned or privately-
12 owned vehicles.

13 The Department of Transportation shall work with electric and
14 gas public utilities and private fuel station vendors to offer
15 alternative fuels at public, private, and government-owned or
16 operated fueling stations, and may enter into an agreement with one
17 or more private entity or public utility. The pilot program shall
18 include at least one alternative fueling station located in each of the
19 northern, central and southern regions of the State, and at least one
20 alternative fueling station shall be a charging station.

21 b. The Department of Transportation, in consultation with the
22 Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Turnpike
23 Authority, and the South Jersey Transportation Authority, shall,
24 within 18-months of the date of enactment of this act, conduct a study
25 and prepare and submit to the Legislature a written report, pursuant
26 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), which shall analyze
27 the pilot program and shall make recommendations concerning: (1)
28 the continuation of any State partnership with a private entity or
29 public utility, (2) increased access to, or the number of, alternative
30 fueling stations and charging stations in the State, and (3)
31 identification of highway rest stops in the State where alternative
32 fueling stations, including charging stations, may be installed.

33 The report shall also include a proposal and plan for the State to
34 install at least one charging station in each of the northern, central,
35 and southern regions of the State. The Department of
36 Transportation may consult with any private entities or public
37 utilities that are interested in installing a charging station or have
38 already installed such a system.

39 c. Upon completion of the report required pursuant to
40 subsection b. of this section, the Department of Transportation, or
41 other appropriate executive department or independent authority,
42 shall apply for any available federal grants or other funds for the
43 purposes of establishing alternative fueling stations. Upon receipt
44 of any federal grants or other funds, or any State funds made
45 available for the purpose, the Department of Transportation shall
46 install a charging station in each of the three regions of the State,
47 pursuant to the plan established in the report.

48 d. As used in this section:

1 “Alternative fuel” means a fuel that is substantially not
2 petroleum and would yield substantial energy security benefits and
3 substantial environmental benefits, as designated by the federal
4 Energy Policy Act, Pub.L.102-486 (42 U.S.C. s.13401 et al.) or by
5 the United States Secretary of Energy. “Alternative fuel” includes:
6 ethanol, methanol, and other alcohols; blends of 85% or more of
7 alcohol with gasoline, such as E85; natural gas and liquid fuels
8 domestically produced from natural gas, including compressed
9 natural gas and liquefied natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; coal-
10 derived liquid fuels; hydrogen; electricity; biodiesel; fuels, other
11 than alcohol, derived from biological materials; and other emerging
12 fuels, such as P-Series.

13 “Alternative fueling station” means a public or private vehicle
14 fueling station that provides access to an alternative fuel, including
15 a charging station.

16 “Charging station” means a public or private vehicle fueling
17 station that provides for the charging and re-charging of electric
18 vehicles.

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill would establish a public-private alternative fueling
26 station pilot program.

27 The Department of Transportation (DOT), in consultation with
28 the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the New Jersey
29 Turnpike Authority (NJTA), and the South Jersey Transportation
30 Authority (SJTA), would promulgate guidelines for the creation of an
31 alternative fueling station pilot program, for use by government-owned
32 or privately-owned vehicles.

33 Under the bill, the DOT would work with public utilities and
34 private fuel station vendors to offer alternative fuels at public,
35 private, and government-owned or operated fueling stations, and
36 may enter into an agreement with one or more private entity or
37 public utility. The pilot program would include at least one
38 alternative fueling station located in each of the northern, central and
39 southern regions of the State, and at least one alternative fueling
40 station would be a charging station.

41 The DOT, in consultation with the DEP, the NJTA, and the
42 SJTA, would, within 18-months of the date of enactment of this bill
43 into law, conduct a study and prepare and submit to the Legislature
44 a written report analyzing the pilot program and making
45 recommendations concerning: (1) the continuation of any State
46 partnership with a private entity or public utility, (2) increased
47 access to, or the number of, alternative fueling and charging stations
48 in the State, and (3) identification of highway rest stops in the State

1 where alternative fueling stations, including charging stations, can
2 be installed.

3 The report would also include a proposal and plan for the State
4 to install at least one charging station in each of the northern,
5 central, and southern regions of the State. The DOT would be able
6 to consult with any private entities or public utilities that are
7 interested in installing a charging station or have already installed
8 such a system.

9 Upon completion of the report, the DOT, or other appropriate
10 executive department or independent authority, would apply for any
11 available federal grants or other funds for the purposes of
12 establishing alternative fueling stations. Upon receipt of any
13 federal grants or other funds, or any State funds made available for
14 the purpose, the DOT would install a charging station in each of the
15 three regions of the State, pursuant to the plan established in the
16 report.