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AN ACT

1 Requiring certain large mass transit agencies to purchase buses
2 that meet certain criteria within a specific implementation
3 schedule; and providing for the powers and duties of the
4 Department of Transportation.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public
9 Transportation and Natural Gas Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Bus." A motor vehicle designed for carrying 15 or more
15 passengers, exclusive of the driver, and used for the
16 transportation of persons for compensation.

17 "Department." The Department of Transportation of the

1 Commonwealth.

2 "Large mass transit agency." A mass transit agency in this
3 Commonwealth that:

4 (1) Exceeds 245,000 revenue vehicle hours for two
5 consecutive years as defined in 74 Pa.C.S. § 1503 (relating
6 to definitions).

7 (2) Provides regularly scheduled transportation that is
8 available to the general public and is provided according to
9 published schedules along designated published routes with
10 specified stopping points for the taking on and discharging
11 of passengers, including public buses. The term does not
12 include a commuter rail system, exclusive ride taxi service,
13 charter or sightseeing service, nonpublic transportation,
14 school bus or limousine service.

15 "Natural gas." Gas issued from the Earth's crust through
16 natural openings or bored wells and that is typically a
17 combustible mixture of methane and other hydrocarbons used
18 chiefly as a fuel and raw material. The term includes the
19 compressed form and liquefied form of natural gas.

20 Section 3. New bus requirements.

21 (a) General rule.--When purchasing a new bus, a large mass
22 transit agency must purchase a bus that:

23 (1) Is manufactured in the United States of America.

24 (2) Uses natural gas as its fuel source.

25 (3) Complies with the implementation schedule stated in
26 subsection (b).

27 (b) Implementation schedule.--New bus purchases by a large
28 mass transit agency under subsection (a) shall be made according
29 to the following schedule:

30 (1) In calendar years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, no

1 less than 25% of all new buses purchased shall use natural
2 gas as their fuel source.

3 (2) In calendar years 2018 through 2022, inclusive, no
4 less than 50% of all new buses purchased shall use natural
5 gas as their fuel source.

6 (3) In calendar years 2023 through 2027, inclusive, no
7 less than 75% of all new buses purchased shall use natural
8 gas as their fuel source.

9 (4) In calendar year 2028 and each calendar year
10 thereafter, 100% of all new buses purchased shall use natural
11 gas as their fuel source.

12 Section 4. Enforcement.

13 The department shall investigate compliance with and enforce
14 the provisions of this act.

15 Section 5. Regulations.

16 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as
17 necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this
18 act.

19 Section 6. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.