

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1950 (As amended by A06347)

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting before line 1 (A06347)

2 Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "transfers;"
3 establishing the Keystone Transit Program; providing a transfer
4 of funds from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the Department of
5 Environmental Protection for a competitive grant program for the
6 transition of small mass transit bus fleets to compressed
7 natural gas;

8 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 12 and 13
9 (A06347)

10 C. Keystone Transit

11 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 18 and 19
12 (A06347)

13 SUBCHAPTER C
14 KEYSTONE TRANSIT

15 Sec.

16 3311. Short title of subchapter.

17 3312. Definitions.

18 3313. Keystone Transit Program.

19 § 3311. Short title of subchapter.

20 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the
21 Keystone Transit Act.

22 § 3312. Definitions.

23 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
24 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
25 context clearly indicates otherwise:

26 "Dedicated compressed natural gas bus." A bus which runs
27 solely on compressed natural gas.

28 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
29 the Commonwealth.

30 "Mass transit authority." An operator of regularly scheduled
31 transportation that is available to the general public and is
32 provided according to published schedules along designated
33 published routes with specified stopping points for the taking
34 on and discharging of passengers. The term does not include
35 exclusive ride taxi services, charter or sightseeing services,

1 nonpublic transportation or school bus or limousine services.

2 "Program." The Keystone Transit Program.

3 "Small mass transit authority." A mass transit authority
4 located in this Commonwealth that does not exceed 245,000
5 revenue vehicle hours for two consecutive years.

6 § 3313. Keystone Transit Program.

7 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish and
8 administer the Keystone Transit Program.

9 (b) Purpose.--The program is established in order to
10 decrease emissions from mass transit buses by utilizing natural
11 gas as a vehicle fuel.

12 (c) Transfer of funds.--The State Treasurer shall transfer
13 from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund to the department the sum of
14 \$5,000,000 to fund the program.

15 (d) Use of funds.--The sum of \$5,000,000 shall be used to
16 fund competitive grants available to small mass transit
17 authorities for the purchase of new dedicated compressed natural
18 gas buses.

19 (e) Application process.--

20 (1) A mass transit authority must complete and submit to
21 the department a keystone transit grant application.

22 (2) Approved applications must obligate the mass transit
23 authority to contract with a private company:

24 (i) to build exclusively with private funds; and

25 (ii) to maintain and operate any new compressed
26 natural gas fueling facility necessary to support
27 compressed natural gas buses purchased with funds
28 received under this subchapter.

29 (3) The term "operate" as used in this subsection shall
30 not include the actual act of fueling buses.

31 (f) Eligible costs.--

32 (1) Grant funds received under this subchapter shall be
33 eligible for:

34 (i) Federally assisted purchases of new dedicated
35 compressed natural gas buses and shall be limited to the
36 total percentage of the State and local match.

37 (ii) Nonfederally assisted bus purchases and shall
38 be limited to 50% of the total incremental cost of a new
39 dedicated compressed natural gas bus.

40 (2) The incremental cost shall be capped at \$60,000 for
41 buses which have a gross vehicle weight rating over 26,000
42 pounds and \$35,000 for buses with a gross vehicle weight
43 rating of 26,000 pounds and under.

44 (3) Buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of less
45 than 16,000 pounds shall be ineligible.

46 (4) Priority shall be given to those applications which
47 provide for public access to compressed natural gas vehicle
48 fueling dispensers.

49 (g) Grant program.--The department shall establish a formula
50 and method for awarding of grants under the program consistent
51 with this subchapter.

1 (h) Appeal process.--Applicants that are not awarded grants
2 under this subchapter shall not have the right to a hearing or
3 the issuance of an adjudication under section 4 of the act of
4 July 13, 1988 (P.L.530, No.94), known as the Environmental
5 Hearing Board Act, regarding the department's decision.