

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

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

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

7 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

8 (A06347)

9 C. Clean Transit

10 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

11 (A06347)

12 SUBCHAPTER C

13 CLEAN TRANSIT

14 Sec.

15 3311. Short title of subchapter.

16 3312. Definitions.

17 3313. Clean Transit Program.

18 § 3311. Short title of subchapter.

19 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the Clean
20 Transit Act.

21 § 3312. Definitions.

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

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

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

29 "Large mass transit authority." A mass transit authority
30 located in this Commonwealth that exceeds 245,000 revenue
31 vehicle hours for two consecutive years.

32 "Mass transit authority." An operator of regularly scheduled
33 transportation that is available to the general public and is
34 provided according to published schedules along designated

1 published routes with specified stopping points for the taking
2 on and discharging of passengers. The term does not include
3 exclusive ride taxi services, charter or sightseeing services,
4 nonpublic transportation or school bus or limousine services.

5 "Program." The Clean Transit Program.

6 § 3313. Clean Transit Program.

7 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish and
8 administer the Clean 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 \$7,500,000 to fund the program.

15 (d) Use of funds.--The sum of \$7,500,000 shall be deposited
16 into a fund to be administered by the department and made
17 available to large mass transit authorities for the purchase of
18 new dedicated compressed natural gas buses. The following shall
19 apply:

20 (1) The money in the fund is hereby appropriated on a
21 continuing basis to the Department of Environmental
22 Protection for the purposes provided for in this subchapter.

23 (2) No more than 1.5% of the fund may be used for
24 administration.

25 (3) The department may set terms applicable to loans in
26 any manner it deems appropriate, subject to the provisions of
27 this subchapter.

28 (e) Application process.--

29 (1) A mass transit authority must complete and submit to
30 the department a clean transit loan application.

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

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

34 (ii) to maintain and operate any new compressed
35 natural gas fueling facility necessary to support
36 compressed natural gas buses purchased with funds
37 received under this act.

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

40 (f) Eligible costs.--

41 (1) Loan funds received under this subchapter shall be
42 eligible for:

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

46 (ii) Nonfederally assisted bus purchases and shall
47 be limited to 50% of the total incremental cost of a new
48 compressed natural gas bus.

49 (2) The incremental cost shall be capped at \$60,000 for
50 buses which have a gross vehicle weight rating over 26,000
51 pounds and \$35,000 for buses with a gross vehicle weight

1 rating of 26,000 pounds and under.

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

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

7 (g) Loan program.--The department shall establish a formula
8 and method for awarding of loans under the program consistent
9 with this subchapter.

10 (h) Fund repayment.--

11 (1) Loans disbursed from the fund under subsection (d)
12 shall be repaid to the Oil and Gas Lease Fund within five
13 years from disbursement and before June 30, 2021.

14 (2) On June 30, 2021, no money shall be deposited into
15 the fund and any remaining money in the fund shall be
16 transferred to the Oil and Gas Lease Fund.

17 (3) The interest rate for loans provided by the program
18 shall not exceed 2%.

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