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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
FEBRUARY 8, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178),
2 entitled "An act relating to alternative fuels; establishing
3 the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund; authorizing grants and
4 rebates to promote the use of alternative fuels; imposing
5 duties on the Department of Environmental Protection;
6 providing for an annual report; allocating funds collected
7 from the utilities gross receipts tax; making an
8 appropriation; abrogating regulations; and making a repeal,"
9 providing for State government energy efficiency.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178),
13 known as the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act, is amended by
14 adding a section to read:

15 Section 3.2. State government energy efficiency.

16 (a) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
17 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
18 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Department." The Department of General Services of the
20 Commonwealth.

1 "Governmental unit." A department or agency under the
2 jurisdiction of the Governor of the Commonwealth.

3 "Secretary." The Secretary of General Services of the
4 Commonwealth.

5 "State building." A structure occupied by an executive
6 agency, an independent agency, a State-affiliated entity or a
7 State-related institution as defined in 62 Pa.C.S. § 103
8 (relating to definitions) or by the unified judicial system and
9 its officers.

10 (b) Overall energy reduction target.--On or before December
11 31, 2015, the Commonwealth shall reduce its overall use of
12 petroleum-based heating and transportation-based fuels by 15%
13 from the usage levels existing on June 30, 2008.

14 (c) Reducing energy use in State buildings.--The department
15 shall establish an energy efficiency savings program for all
16 State buildings managed by the department or another department
17 or agency within the executive branch. The program shall include
18 reduction of the Commonwealth's petroleum-based energy use in
19 all Commonwealth-owned facilities in accordance with the
20 requirements set forth in subsection (b). The department shall
21 reach this goal by December 31, 2015, when compared to energy
22 use and energy purchases for the fiscal year ending June 30,
23 2008.

24 (d) Energy efficiency and State motor vehicle fleet.--In
25 managing the Commonwealth's fleet of motor vehicles, the
26 department shall:

27 (1) Ensure compliance with the requirements of the
28 Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486, 42 U.S.C. §
29 13201 et seq.) by acquiring alternative fuel vehicles capable
30 of operating on nonpetroleum fuels or on blended fuels with

1 lower petroleum content.

2 (2) Increase the number of hybrid or other alternative
3 fueled vehicles within the Commonwealth vehicle fleet and
4 reduce the Commonwealth's petroleum-based transportation
5 energy use in accordance with the requirements of subsection
6 (b). The department shall ensure that the purchase and
7 deployment of the hybrid or other alternative fueled vehicles
8 are cost-effective and capable of meeting the Commonwealth's
9 transportation needs.

10 (3) Increase the use and procurement of alternative fuel
11 and bio-based lubricants used within the Commonwealth vehicle
12 fleet in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b).
13 The department shall conduct an analysis of the vehicle fuel
14 and the amount of lubricants used by all fleet vehicles and
15 develop a schedule for increasing the amount of alternative
16 fuel and bio-based lubricants over this period.

17 (4) (i) Increase the use and procurement of diesel fuel
18 with the highest percentage of biodiesel content in the
19 blend that is available. The target shall be to increase
20 the Commonwealth's utilization of biodiesel as part of
21 its overall effort to meet the requirements of subsection
22 (b).

23 (ii) The biodiesel used in the blend shall originate
24 from a qualified Pennsylvania-based biodiesel producer.

25 (iii) The requirements of subparagraph (ii) shall
26 not apply:

27 (A) to aviation fuel;

28 (B) where prohibited by law; or

29 (C) to any vehicle owned or operated by an
30 agency under the Governor's jurisdiction and of an

1 independent agency, State-affiliated entity or State-
2 related institution for which mechanical failure due
3 to the use of biodiesel will void the manufacturer's
4 warranty for that vehicle.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.