



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 591

### SENATE BILL NO. 1759

By Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1743

By Matheny, Sexton, Travis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 67, relative to alternative fuel vehicles and fueling infrastructure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1109, is amended by deleting subsections (a), (d) and (e) in their entireties and substituting the following:

(a) The commissioner shall encourage the acquisition of energy-efficient and alternative fuel motor vehicles in the fleet of state vehicles. Each year, every effort should be made to achieve a target goal that one hundred percent (100%) of newly purchased passenger motor vehicles be energy-efficient or alternative fuel motor vehicles. The department shall ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of newly purchased passenger motor vehicles procured for use in areas designated by the United States environmental protection agency (EPA) as nonattainment areas shall be all electric or hybrid-electric vehicles or vehicles powered by natural gas or propane; provided, that such vehicles and fueling infrastructure are available at the time of procurement and such vehicles are purchased at competitive prices. In the event that such vehicles or fueling infrastructure is not available at the time of procurement, the department may instead meet this mandate by procuring compact fuel-efficient vehicles. In areas not designated by the EPA as nonattainment areas, the department shall ensure that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of newly purchased passenger motor vehicles are all electric or hybrid-electric vehicles, vehicles powered by natural gas or propane, or compact fuel-efficient vehicles; provided that such vehicles are purchased at competitive prices.

(d) For purchases of vehicles that are not passenger motor vehicles, including cargo vans, trucks, and sport utility vehicles, the department is encouraged to make reasonable efforts to achieve a target goal that at least five percent (5%) of newly purchased vehicles are vehicles powered by natural gas or propane; provided, that such vehicles and fueling infrastructure are available at the time of procurement and such vehicles are purchased at competitive prices.

(e) In order to facilitate the development of natural gas and propane fueling infrastructure, the department is authorized to participate in such pilot projects as may be necessary to insure the availability of natural gas and propane fueling infrastructure throughout the interstate highway corridors in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1109, is further amended by deleting subdivision (c)(1)(F) in its entirety and substituting the following:

(F) A vehicle powered by natural gas or propane; or

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-22-101(b), is amended by inserting the following language after "natural gas vehicles": ", propane vehicles".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-22-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(1)(F) in its entirety and substituting the following:

(F) A vehicle powered by natural gas or propane; or

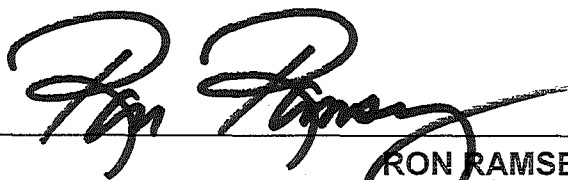
SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act

which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

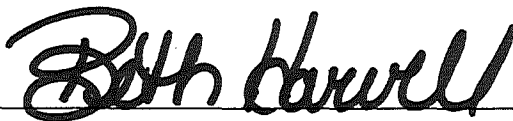
SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 6, 2014




RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR