

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0109

Natural gas vehicles.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Roscoe, Petroff and
Zwonitzer, Dv.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing that the
2 department of administration and information may accept
3 grant applications for the construction of compressed
4 natural gas filling stations as specified; providing for
5 consultation with the Wyoming business council as
6 specified; providing grants to school districts to purchase
7 buses which operate on compressed natural gas as specified;
8 providing rulemaking authority; providing appropriations;
9 and providing for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.**

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15 (a) The department of education shall accept
16 applications for grants from school districts which have

1 purchased or will purchase within the next sixty (60) days,
2 buses which operate on compressed natural gas. Grants
3 shall be issued pursuant to this subsection and rules
4 adopted by the department of education. Grants awarded
5 under this subsection for a bus which operates on
6 compressed natural gas shall be the lesser of:

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8 (i) The difference between the purchase price of
9 the bus and funds received or to be received by the school
10 district for the purchase of the bus pursuant to W.S.
11 21-13-320; or

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13 (ii) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

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15 (b) The department of administration and information
16 may accept grant applications for the construction of
17 compressed natural gas filling stations. Grants shall be
18 issued pursuant to this subsection and rules adopted by the
19 department of administration and information in
20 consultation with the Wyoming business council. The
21 department of administration and information in
22 consultation with the Wyoming business council may approve
23 grant applications for compressed natural gas filling
24 stations which meet the following criteria:

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2 (i) Grant applications shall be for an amount
3 not greater than the lesser of one-half (1/2) of the total
4 cost of constructing the compressed natural gas station or
5 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00);

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7 (ii) The compressed natural gas filling station
8 shall be located in a county:

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10 (A) Not served by a compressed natural gas
11 filling station; or

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13 (B) Which has experienced ozone levels
14 which are within nonattainment levels as determined by the
15 department of environmental quality within the last
16 calendar year; or

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18 (C) Which contains at least one (1) school
19 district which has expressed a willingness to convert a
20 portion of its bus fleet to buses which operate on
21 compressed natural gas.

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1 (iii) Successful grant applications under this
2 subsection shall enter a written agreement with the
3 department of administration and information specifying:

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5 (A) The price per gasoline gallon
6 equivalent for compressed natural gas for use in a state or
7 school district vehicles shall not exceed the lesser of the
8 wholesale cost of compressed natural gas paid by the
9 compressed natural gas filling station operating entity
10 plus ten percent (10%) of the price per gasoline gallon
11 equivalent charged to the public. The price per gasoline
12 gallon equivalent for compressed natural gas for use in a
13 state or school district vehicle as specified in this
14 subparagraph shall remain in effect until the earlier of:

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16 (I) Five (5) years from the date the
17 compressed natural gas filling station becomes operational;
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20 (II) The date on which the dollar
21 amount saved by the state from paying the price per
22 gasoline gallon equivalent of compressed natural gas
23 specified in this subparagraph as compared to the price the

1 public paid for compressed natural gas during the same time
2 period, equals the grant amount.

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4 (B) That the compressed natural gas filling
5 station shall have both fast fill capacity and slow fill
6 capacity or both; and

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8 (C) Any other term and condition the
9 department of administration and information, in
10 consultation with the department of transportation, deems
11 appropriate.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand
16 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the
17 department of education for the purpose of issuing grants
18 to offset the purchase cost of buses which operate on
19 compressed natural gas under section 1(a) of this act.
20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
21 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
22 other purpose. Unexpended and unobligated funds shall
23 revert on June 30, 2014.

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1 (b) There is appropriated five hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$500,000.00) from the general fund to the
3 department of administration and information for the
4 purpose of issuing grants to construct compressed natural
5 gas filling stations under section 1(b) of this act.
6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
8 other purpose. Unexpended and unobligated funds shall
9 revert on June 30, 2014.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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