



Senate Special Session Committee on Energy Policies

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Summary Special Session Senate Bill 22, P.N. 57

Prime Sponsor: Senator Tomlinson

Overview

Amends the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act.

- Increases the reimbursement to producers for the production of alternative fuels from 5¢/gallon to 10¢/gallon.
- Reduces the amount of the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund which may be used by the department for administrative costs from 2% to 1.5%.
- Authorizes the department to use up to 0.5% of the Fund for education and outreach to car dealers and consumers about the program.
- Expands rebate program provisions to authorize rebates for consumers who purchase plug-in hybrid or other alternative fuel vehicles.

Additional Biodiesel Production Incentive

- Authorizes an additional 75¢/gallon biodiesel subsidy for qualified producers within the Commonwealth that produce at least 25,000 gallons per month.
- Individual producers limited to \$1.9 million annually under this section
- DEP shall not award additional subsidies exceeding \$5.3 million annually
- Additional subsidy expires June 30, 2011.

Nitrogen Tire Inflation Pilot Program

- For FY 2008-2009 through FY 2010-2011 authorizes DEP to expend up to \$100,000 annually from the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund for a nitrogen tire inflation grant program.
- Matching grants, not to exceed \$5,000, may be awarded to tire retailers for up to 50% of the costs of purchasing and installing nitrogen tire inflation systems.
- DEP shall publish guidelines necessary to implement the grant program, and maintain a registry of grant recipients on the department's website.

Effective Date

This act shall be effective in 60 days.