

CHAPTER 281--S.F.No. 2887

An act relating to transportation; motor vehicles; eliminating barriers to the purchase of electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by state agencies; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 16C.135, subdivision 3; 16C.137, subdivisions 1, 2; 16C.138, subdivision 2; 160.02, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16C.135, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Vehicle purchases.** Consistent with section 16C.137, subdivision 1, when purchasing a motor vehicle for the central motor pool or for use by an agency, the commissioner or the agency shall purchase a motor vehicle that is capable of being powered by cleaner fuels, or a motor vehicle powered by electricity or by a combination of electricity and liquid fuel, if such a motor vehicle is reasonably available at similar costs to other vehicles and if the total life-cycle cost of ownership is less than or comparable to that of other vehicles, and if the vehicle is capable of carrying out the purpose for which it is purchased.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16C.137, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Goals and actions.** ~~(a) Using 2005 as a baseline, the state of Minnesota shall reduce the use of gasoline by on-road vehicles owned by state departments by 25 percent by 2010 and by 50 percent by 2015, and the use of petroleum-based diesel fuel in diesel-fueled vehicles by ten percent by 2010 and 25 percent by 2015.~~

~~(b) To meet the goals established in paragraph (a),~~ Each state department must, whenever legally, technically, and economically feasible, subject to the specific needs of the department and responsible management of agency finances:

(1) ensure that all new on-road vehicles purchased, excluding emergency and law enforcement vehicles:

(i) use "cleaner fuels" as that term is defined in section 16C.135, subdivision 1, ~~clauses (1), (3), and (4);~~

(ii) have fuel efficiency ratings that exceed 30 miles per gallon for city usage or 35 miles per gallon for highway usage, including but not limited to hybrid electric cars and hydrogen-powered vehicles; or

(iii) are powered solely by electricity;

(2) increase its use of renewable transportation fuels, including ethanol, biodiesel, and hydrogen from agricultural products; and

(3) increase its use of Web-based Internet applications and other electronic information technologies to enhance the access to and delivery of government information and services to the public, and reduce the reliance on the department's fleet for the delivery of such information and services.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16C.137, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. ~~**SmartFleet Committee Report.** (a) The commissioner of administration, or the commissioner's designee, shall chair a SmartFleet Committee consisting of representatives designated by~~

~~the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency, the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, and other state departments that wish to participate. To ensure effective and efficient state participation, the SmartFleet Committee must assist state departments in implementing the requirements of this section, including providing information, guidance, sample policies and procedures, and technical and planning assistance.~~

~~(b) The SmartFleet Committee commissioner of administration, in collaboration with the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency, the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Natural Resources, and Transportation, and other state departments must evaluate the goals and directives established in this section, and report their findings to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 2006 and periodically thereafter February 1 of each odd-numbered year. In the report, the committee may must make recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature for new or adjusted goals and directives, or legislative initiatives, in light of the progress the state has made implementing this section, and of the availability of new or improved technologies.~~

~~(c) For the systematic and efficient monitoring of progress in implementing this section by the SmartFleet Committee;~~ (b) The Department of Administration shall implement a fleet reporting and information management system. Each department will use this management system to demonstrate its progress in complying with this section.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16C.138, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Notice of state procurement policy in bid documents.** All solicitation documents for the purchase of a passenger automobile, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24; pickup truck, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26; or van, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40, issued under the jurisdiction of the Department of Administration after June 30, 2006, must contain the following language: "It is the intention of the state of Minnesota to begin purchasing electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and neighborhood electric vehicles as soon as they become commercially available, meet the state's performance specifications, and are priced no more than ten percent above the price for comparable gasoline-powered vehicles, and natural gas vehicles if the total life-cycle cost of ownership is less than or comparable to that of gasoline-powered vehicles. It is the intention of the state to purchase electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and neighborhood electric vehicles, and natural gas vehicles whenever practicable after these conditions have been met and as fleet needs dictate for at least five years after these conditions have been met."

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 160.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 21a. **Natural gas vehicle.** "Natural gas vehicle" or "NGV" means a motor vehicle under section 169.011, subdivision 42, that is capable of being propelled by natural gas, including compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas.

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Signed by the governor May 16, 2014, 10:37 a.m.