

April 12, 2001

H 1213. LOAN AND EDUCATION FUNDS FOR AFVS. TO ESTABLISH THE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE REBATE AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM. Adds new section GS 113B-30 as title indicates. Program to provide rebates and grants of (1) 80% of the incremental costs for dedicated vehicles, (2) 50% of incremental costs for bi-fuel and hybrid alternative fuel vehicles, (3) 20% of purchase price of low-speed electric vehicles or \$1,000, whichever is less, and (4) 10% for all other dedicated alternative fuel vehicles that have no comparable convention model on which to base incremental cost calculations. Program to be funded from a \$2 increase in the cost of registering a motor vehicle. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Tolson.

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August 8, 2001

H 1213. REBATE AND GRANT PROGRAM FOR AFVS. Intro. 4/12/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds definitions section, changes funding provisions, and adds specificity and details concerning rebates, grants, eligibility, and administration of program. Program is to be funded by an addition of \$1 to Vehicle Registration Fee from Jan. 1, 2002, to Dec. 31, 2004, and an addition of \$2 to that fee from Jan. 1, 2005, to Dec. 31, 2011. State Energy Office in Dep't of Administration is to establish and administer policies in consultation with specified state agencies and other parties; it may use up to 5% of funds collected in program for administrative costs. Office is to place an annual cap on number of vehicles eligible to receive rebates under program based on funds eligibility (during first two years, 40% of total funds collected). Commitments to rebates and grants must never exceed funds collected and available, and state is not obligated to provide them beyond that amount. Provides schedules of matching rebates, similar to but with more details and limits than in original bill. Rebate allowed ranges from 80% to 10%, depending on type of vehicle. Maximum rebate per vehicle is \$5,000 for vehicles under 8,500 pounds gross weight and \$25,000 for vehicles weighing more than 8,500 pounds gross weight, except that in both categories low-speed vehicles (low-speed electric for larger category) receive a rebate of \$1,000 or 20% of the purchase price, whichever is less. A person may receive no more than \$30,000 or \$100,000 in total annual rebates, depending on vehicle weight. Persons leasing vehicles may also receive rebates. Allows for infrastructure project grants. Caps both alternative fuel vehicle grants (up to 50%) and grants for installing ethanol infrastructure projects (up to 75%) at \$500,000 per project and caps the latter grants at \$1,000,000 per year. Provides rules for awarding grants and use of grant funds. During program's first two years, grant priority is to be given to counties at risk for nonattainment penalties under federal EPA regulations. Priority is also to be given to projects serving 10 or more vehicles and to other persons before state agencies.

Specifies that up to 10% of funds from program may be used for education and awareness about advantages of alternative fuel vehicles. Adds administrative reporting requirements, and adds requirement that State Energy Office provide a written report of the number of alternative fuel vehicles registered in NC and of the fund expenditure under program to the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee annually for review of program effectiveness. Adds Jan. 1, 2012, sunset to bill. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.