

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
for Proposed Rulemaking

AGENDA REQUESTED: November 6, 2013

DATE OF REQUEST: October 18, 2013

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Bruce McAnally, (512) 239-2141

CAPTION: Docket No. 2013-1193-RUL. Consideration for publication of, and hearing on, proposed amendments to 30 TAC Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles, Subchapter K, Mobile Source Incentive Programs, Division 5, Texas Clean Fleet Program, Sections 114.650, 114.653, and 114.656 and corresponding revisions to the state implementation plan.

The proposed rulemaking would implement part of Senate Bill (SB) 1727 from the 83rd Legislature, 2013, Regular Session, relating to requirements for receiving an incentive grant under the Texas Clean Fleet Program (program). The revisions to Chapter 114, as required by SB 1727, would add a definition for "agricultural product transportation" and eligibility criteria to be considered by the executive director for projects related to agricultural product transportation. The revisions would also change the criteria for determining the maximum eligible grant amounts under the program. (Steve Dayton, Betsy Peticolas) (Rule Project No. 2013-038-114-AI)

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Interoffice Memorandum

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Office of Air

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Subject: Commission Approval for Proposed Rulemaking
Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles
SB 1727: Texas Clean Fleet Program
Rule Project No. 2013-038-114-AI

Background and reason(s) for the rulemaking:

Senate Bill (SB) 1727, 83rd Legislature, 2013, Regular Session, by Senators Deuell and Garcia, amended Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), Chapters 386 and 392, to make changes to the criteria for the Texas Clean Fleet Program (program) to be funded from the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Fund and administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission). The changes enacted under SB 1727 require amendment of existing rules to revise existing criteria and add new criteria.

Scope of the rulemaking:

A.) Summary of what the rulemaking will do: SB 1727 amended THSC, §392.007(a), to remove the different standards for the percentage of incremental costs that may be covered by a grant based on the model year of the heavy-duty diesel engine or light-duty diesel vehicle being replaced. Under the revised subsection, the amount the commission is to award under a grant for each vehicle being replaced is up to 80%, as determined by the commission, of the total cost for replacement of a heavy-duty or light-duty diesel engine.

SB 1727 also amended THSC, Chapter 386, to add §386.0515. This new section defines "agricultural product transportation" and directs the commission to provide by rule or policy specific eligibility requirements under the program for projects related to agricultural product transportation. Under this section, the determining factor for eligibility for a project related to agricultural product transportation is the overall accumulative net reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions in a nonattainment area, affected county, or the clean transportation triangle.

The proposed rules would incorporate the changes to THSC, Chapters 386 and 392, under SB 1727.

B.) Scope required by federal regulations or state statutes: The proposed rule is required by changes to THSC, Chapter 386 and Chapter 392, under SB 1727.

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C.) Additional staff recommendations that are not required by federal rule or state statute: Staff is not recommending additional changes to the rules.

Statutory authority:

- Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.102, which provides the commission with the general powers to carry out its duties;
- TWC, §5.103, which authorizes the commission to adopt any rules necessary to carry out the powers and duties under the provisions of the TWC and other laws of the state;
- TWC, §5.105, which authorizes the commission by rule to establish and approve all general policy of the commission;
- THSC, §382.017, which authorizes the commission to adopt rules consistent with the policy and purposes of the Texas Clean Air Act;
- THSC, §382.011, which authorizes the commission to establish the level of air quality to be maintained in the state's air and to control the quality of the state's air;
- THSC, §382.012, which authorizes the commission to prepare and develop a general, comprehensive plan for the control of the state's air;
- THSC, Chapter 386, which establishes the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan; and
- THSC, Chapter 392, which establishes the Texas Clean Fleet Program.

Effect on the:

A.) Regulated community: This rule will not affect regulated entities.

B.) Public: The change to the limits on the percentage of costs that may be covered by a grant may result in an increase to the eligible grant amounts depending on the limits that may be set by the executive director for a particular grant round. The additional criteria for projects related to the transportation of agricultural products may result in an increase in the number of projects eligible to be considered for grant funds to replace a vehicle used to transport raw agricultural products.

C.) Agency programs: Program processes, criteria, and forms will need to be updated.

Stakeholder meetings:

Stakeholder meetings are not proposed for this rulemaking.

Potential controversial concerns and legislative interest:

The proposed rule does not go further than what is required to comply with statutory changes. Therefore, staff does not anticipate any concerns with the rule. Staff expects legislators involved in SB 1727 to be interested in how the commission implements the changes to the program criteria.

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Will this rulemaking affect any current policies or require development of new policies?

The program processes, criteria, and forms will need to be updated.

What are the consequences if this rulemaking does not go forward? Are there alternatives to rulemaking?

If the rulemaking is not completed, implementation of the program under the existing rule would be inconsistent with the statutory provisions. Possible alternatives are not adopting the rule or adopting the rule at a later date and delaying implementation of the program.

Key points in the proposal rulemaking schedule:

Anticipated proposal date: November 6, 2013

Anticipated *Texas Register* publication date: November 22, 2013

Anticipated public hearing date (if any): December 12, 2013

Anticipated public comment period: November 8, 2013 – December 18, 2013

Anticipated adoption date: April 9, 2014

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, agency, or commission) proposes amendments to §§114.650, 114.653, and 114.656.

If adopted, the amended sections will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as revisions to the state implementation plan.

Background and Summary of the Factual Basis for the Proposed Rules

The purpose of this rulemaking is to amend existing rules for implementing the Texas Clean Fleet Program (program) established under Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), Chapter 392. This program is designed to encourage owners of eligible vehicle fleets to replace diesel vehicles with alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles. Senate Bill (SB) 1727, 83rd Legislature, 2013, amended THSC, Chapter 392, to revise current standards for determining eligible grant amounts. SB 1727 also amended THSC, Chapter 386, to include additional eligibility criteria for projects related to transportation of raw agricultural products under the program. The changes made under SB 1727 are as summarized in the following paragraphs.

THSC, §386.0515, was added by SB 1727. This section defines "Agricultural product transportation" and directs the commission to provide by rule or policy specific eligibility requirements under the Texas Clean Fleet Program for projects related to agricultural product transportation. Under this section, the determining factor for

eligibility for participation in the program for a project related to agricultural product transportation is the overall accumulative net reduction in nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions in a nonattainment area, an affected county, or the clean transportation triangle established under THSC, Chapter 394.

THSC, §392.007(a), was revised to remove the different standards for the percentage of incremental costs that may be covered by a grant based on the model year of the heavy-duty diesel engine or light-duty diesel vehicle being replaced. The revision to this subsection specifies that the amount the commission is to award under a grant for each vehicle being replaced is up to 80%, as determined by the commission, of the total cost for replacement of a heavy-duty or light-duty diesel engine.

These proposed rules incorporate the changes to THSC, Chapters 386 and Chapter 394, under SB 1727.

Section by Section Discussion

§114.650, Definitions

Proposed revisions to §114.650 would modify paragraph (1) to include a definition for "Agricultural product transportation," as established under THSC, §386.0515, and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly. The proposed paragraph would define agricultural product transportation as the transportation of a raw agricultural

product from the place of production using a heavy-duty on-road vehicle to: a nonattainment area; an affected county, as defined under THSC, §386.001; a destination inside the clean transportation triangle established under THSC, §394.010; or a county adjacent to an affected county or that contains an area in a nonattainment area or the clean transportation triangle.

§114.653, Grant Eligibility

Proposed amendment to §114.653(a) would replace the phrase "a reduction in emissions of nitrogen oxides" with "nitrogen oxide emission reductions." This change is proposed for editorial purposes.

Proposed amendment to §114.653 would also add a subsection (f) to direct that in establishing more specific requirements or additional criteria, as authorized under this section, for projects related to agricultural product transportation, the executive director shall use as a determining factor for eligibility the overall accumulative net reduction in NO_x emissions in a nonattainment area, an affected county, or the clean transportation triangle.

§114.656, Eligible Grant Amounts

Proposed amendment to §114.656(a) and (b) would delete provisions in paragraphs (1) - (4) of subsection (a) and paragraphs (1) - (3) of subsection (b) that established different

percentages of the incremental cost of replacement of a vehicle that may be covered by the grant award, based on the model year of the heavy-duty diesel engine or light-duty diesel vehicle. Proposed subsection (a) would establish a new maximum grant amount for replacement of a heavy-duty vehicle of up to 80%, as determined by the executive director, of the total cost for replacement. Proposed subsection (b) would establish a new maximum grant amount for replacement of a light-duty on-road vehicle of up to 80%, as determined by the executive director, of the total cost for replacement.

Proposed amendment to §114.656(c) would update the provisions to be consistent with the changes to subsections (a) and (b). Under existing language, the executive director is authorized to revise the standards for determining the grant amounts, as listed in subsections (a) and (b), to reflect changes to federal emission standards and decisions on pollutants of concern. Under the proposed changes to subsections (a) and (b), the maximum limits on grant amounts would no longer be specifically linked to the different model years of heavy-duty engines or light-duty vehicles being replaced, which correspond to the different federal emission standards for NO_x based on engine or vehicle model years. Instead, a single maximum limit on the grant amount for all projects, regardless of model year of the engine or vehicle, would be set at up to 80% of the total cost of the replacement. The proposed changes to subsection (c) would authorize the executive director to set more specific standards for determining grant amounts, within the new maximum limit of 80% of the total cost, consistent with the

priorities for project selection, including consideration of the federal emissions standards for different model years of engines and vehicles, decisions on pollutants of concern, and other factors that will help implement the project priorities that may be established by the executive director under THSC, §386.056.

Fiscal Note: Costs to State and Local Government

Nina Chamness, Analyst, Strategic Planning and Assessment, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposed rules are in effect, no significant fiscal implications are anticipated for the agency as a result of administration or enforcement of the proposed rules. The agency will implement the proposed rules using currently available resources. Other units of state or local government may experience cost benefits from the proposed rules if they qualify for grant funds to replace a diesel vehicle with a vehicle that qualifies for grant funding under the Texas Clean Fleet Program in Account 5071 - Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP). The 83rd Legislature appropriated an estimated \$3.9 million for the program in each year of the 2014 - 2015 biennium.

The proposed rules would amend Chapter 114, per the requirements of SB 1727, to amend the criteria for the Texas Clean Fleet Program, add a definition for "Agricultural product transportation," and provide direction to the executive director in establishing eligibility criteria for projects related to agricultural product transportation. The

proposed rules will also delete the different limits on the percentage of incremental costs that may be covered by a grant based on the model year of the heavy-duty engine or light-duty vehicle being replaced. The new maximum limit on the grant amounts would be set at up to 80%, as determined by the executive director, of the total cost for replacement of a heavy-duty or light-duty on-road vehicle. The proposed rules may also increase the number of eligible projects related to the transportation of raw agricultural products. The program is a voluntary statewide incentive program, and staff is not able to determine how many state agencies or units of local government would become eligible to apply for a Texas Clean Fleet Program grant at this time. Grants are not expected to be awarded until Fiscal Year 2015.

State agencies or units of local government may experience cost benefits from the proposed rules if they qualify for grant funds to replace a light-duty or heavy-duty diesel vehicle with a vehicle that qualifies for funding under the program. The proposed rules are expected to increase the eligible grant amounts for a project funded under the program from a current award range of \$15,000 to \$140,000. Under the proposed rules, grantees are expected to experience similar or greater cost savings. The cost for a light-duty vehicle is estimated to be \$30,000, and for a large heavy-duty truck, costs are estimated to be to \$180,000 or more. If the maximum limit of 80% for grant awards is used, grants could range from \$24,000 to \$144,000 or more.

Public Benefits and Costs

Ms. Chamness also determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed rules are in effect, the public benefit anticipated from the changes seen in the proposed rules will be improved air quality in the state. The proposed rules are expected to encourage greater participation in the Texas Clean Fleet Grant Program by allowing the commission to fund a greater percentage of the costs of the vehicle replacement and to increase the number of eligible projects related to the transportation of raw agricultural products.

The program is a voluntary statewide grant incentive program. Most grants are expected to be awarded in Fiscal Year 2015, and most eligible grantees are expected to be governmental agencies or businesses that own vehicle fleets.

The proposed rules may not have a direct fiscal benefit for individuals, unless they are a sole proprietor that meets the requirement that an applicant own and operate at least 75 vehicles in Texas. However, any eligible individual or entity should experience the same cost benefits as those experienced by a local government or large business as detailed below.

The proposed rules are expected to increase the eligible grant amounts, which may increase participation in the program. The proposed rules are also expected to increase

the number of eligible projects related to the transportation of raw agricultural products. Costs for vehicles could range from \$30,000 for a light-duty vehicle to \$180,000 or more for a large heavy-duty truck. Currently, eligible grant awards offsetting the replacement costs of these vehicles range from \$15,000 to \$140,000. Under the proposed rules, grantees are expected to experience similar or greater cost savings. At a maximum replacement rate of 80% (if so determined by the executive director), grants could range from \$24,000 to \$144,000 or more.

The proposed rules could increase revenue for sellers and lessors of qualifying replacement vehicles since there may be more entities that apply for grants that allow them to purchase eligible vehicles at a lower cost.

Small Business and Micro-Business Assessment

No adverse fiscal implications are anticipated for small or micro-businesses as a result of the proposed rules. If a small business meets the eligibility requirements, it should experience the same type of cost savings as a large business when replacing a vehicle. If a small business sells or leases qualifying replacement vehicles to others, it should expect to see the same type of revenue increases as a large business.

Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The commission has reviewed this proposed rulemaking and determined that a small business regulatory flexibility analysis is not required because the proposed rules do not adversely affect a small or micro-business in a material way for the first five years that the proposed rules are in effect.

Local Employment Impact Statement

The commission has reviewed this proposed rulemaking and determined that a local employment impact statement is not required because the proposed rules do not adversely affect a local economy in a material way for the first five years that the proposed rules are in effect.

Draft Regulatory Impact Analysis Determination

The commission reviewed the rulemaking in light of the regulatory analysis requirements of Texas Government Code, §2001.0225, and determined that this rule action is not subject to Texas Government Code, §2001.0225, because it does not meet the definition of a "major environmental rule" as defined in that statute. A "major environmental rule" means a rule the specific intent of which is to protect the environment or reduce risks to human health from environmental exposure and that may adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, or the public health and safety of the state or a sector of the state.

The amended Chapter 114 rules are proposed in accordance with SB 1727, which amended THSC, Chapter 386 and Chapter 392. The program offers financial incentives for the voluntary replacement of diesel engines. Because the proposed rules place no involuntary requirements on the regulated community, the proposed rules will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, or the public health and safety of the state or a sector of the state. Also, none of the proposed amendments place additional financial burdens on the regulated community.

In addition, a regulatory impact analysis is not required because the proposed rules do not meet any of the four applicability criteria for requiring a regulatory analysis of a "major environmental rule" as defined in the Texas Government Code. Texas Government Code, §2001.0225, applies only to a major environmental rule the result of which is to: 1) exceed a standard set by federal law, unless the rule is specifically required by state law; 2) exceed an express requirement of state law, unless the rule is specifically required by federal law; 3) exceed a requirement of a delegation agreement or contract between the state and an agency or representative of the federal government to implement a state and federal program; or 4) adopt a rule solely under the general powers of the agency instead of under a specific state law. This rulemaking does not exceed a standard set by federal law. In addition, this rulemaking does not exceed an

express requirement of state law and is not proposed solely under the general powers of the agency but is specifically authorized by the provisions cited in the Statutory Authority section of this preamble. Finally, this rulemaking does not exceed a requirement of a delegation agreement or contract to implement a state or federal program.

The commission invites public comment on the draft regulatory impact analysis determination. Written comments on the draft regulatory impact analysis determination may be submitted to the contact person at the address listed under the Submittal of Comments section of this preamble.

Takings Impact Assessment

The commission evaluated this rulemaking action and performed an analysis of whether the proposed rules are subject to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2007. The primary purpose of the rulemaking is to amend Chapter 114 in accordance with SB 1727. The rules amend the criteria for implementing a voluntary program and only affect motor vehicles that are not considered to be private real property. The promulgation and enforcement of the proposed rules is neither a statutory nor a constitutional taking because it does not affect private real property. Therefore, the rules do not constitute a taking under Texas Government Code, Chapter 2007.

Consistency with the Coastal Management Program

The commission reviewed the proposed rulemaking and found the proposal is a rulemaking identified in the Coastal Coordination Act Implementation Rules, 31 TAC §505.11(b)(2), concerning rules subject to the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP), and will, therefore, require that goals and policies of the CMP be considered during the rulemaking process. The commission reviewed this action for consistency and determined the rulemaking for Chapter 114 does not impact any CMP goals or policies because it amends a voluntary incentive grant program and does not govern air pollution emissions.

Written comments on the consistency of this rulemaking may be submitted to the contact person at the address listed under the Submittal of Comments section of this preamble.

Announcement of Hearing

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on December 12, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing;

however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Submittal of Comments

Written comments may be submitted to Bruce McAnally, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <http://www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the eComments system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2013-038-114-AI. The comment period closes December 18, 2013. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's Web site at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Stephen Dayton, Implementation Grants Section, (512) 239-6824.

SUBCHAPTER K: MOBILE SOURCE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

DIVISION 5: TEXAS CLEAN FLEET PROGRAM

§§114.650, 114.653, 114.656

Statutory Authority

The amendments are proposed under Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.102, which provides the commission with the general powers to carry out its duties under the TWC; TWC, §5.103, which authorizes the commission to adopt any rules necessary to carry out the powers and duties under the provisions of the TWC and other laws of this state; and TWC, §5.105, which authorizes the commission by rule to establish and approve all general policy of the commission. These amendments are also proposed under Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), Texas Clean Air Act, §382.017, which authorizes the commission to adopt rules consistent with the policy and purposes of the THSC; THSC, §382.011, which authorizes the commission to establish the level of quality to be maintained in the state's air and to control the quality of the state's air; and THSC, §382.012, which authorizes the commission to prepare and develop a general, comprehensive plan for the control of the state's air. Finally, these amendments are proposed under THSC, Chapter 392, and are part of the implementation of Senate Bill 1727.

§114.650. Definitions.

Unless specifically defined in the Texas Clean Air Act (TCAA) or in the rules of the commission, the terms used in this subchapter have the meanings commonly ascribed to them in the field of air pollution control. In addition to the terms that are defined by the TCAA and §§3.2, 101.1, and 114.1 of this title (relating to Definitions), the following words and terms, when used in this division will have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Agricultural product transportation--The transportation of a raw agricultural product from the place of production using a heavy-duty on-road vehicle to:

(A) a nonattainment area;

(B) an affected county as defined under Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §386.001;

(C) a destination inside the clean transportation triangle established under THSC, §394.010; or

(D) a county adjacent to a county described by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph or that contains an area described by subparagraph (A) or (C) of this paragraph.

(2) [(1)] Alternative fuel--A fuel, other than gasoline or diesel fuel. When used in this division, this definition is limited to the following: electricity, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, hydrogen, propane, or a mixture of fuels containing at least 85% methanol by volume.

(3) [(2)] Eligible entity--Any person or entity with a fleet of 75 or more vehicles that:

(A) are registered in Texas; and

(B) include at least 20 vehicles that are eligible for replacement.

(4) [(3)] Golf cart--A motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for transporting persons on a golf course.

(5) [(4)] Heavy-duty vehicle--A motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds and containing an engine certified to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's heavy-duty engine standards.

(6) [(5)] Hybrid vehicle--A motor vehicle with at least two different energy converters and two different energy storage systems on board the vehicle for the purpose of propelling the vehicle.

(7) [(6)] Light-duty motor vehicle--A motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds and certified to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's light-duty vehicle emission standards.

(8) [(7)] Motor vehicle--A self-propelled device designed for transporting persons or property on a public highway that is required to be registered under Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 502.

(9) [(8)] Neighborhood electric vehicle--A motor vehicle that:

(A) is originally manufactured to meet, and does meet, the equipment requirements and safety standards established for "low-speed vehicles" in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500 (49 Code of Federal Regulations §571.500);

(B) is a slow-moving vehicle, as defined by Texas Transportation Code, §547.001 that is able to attain a speed of more than 20 miles per hour but not more than 25 miles per hour in one mile on a paved, level surface;

(C) is a four-wheeled motor vehicle;

(D) is powered by electricity or alternative power sources;

(E) has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds; and

(F) is not a golf cart.

(10) [(9)] Program--The Texas Clean Fleet Program established under this division.

§114.653. Grant Eligibility.

(a) To be eligible for a grant under the program a project must result in nitrogen oxide emission reductions [a reduction in emissions of nitrogen oxides] of at least 25%, based on:

(1) the baseline emission level set by the executive director; and

(2) the certified emission rate of the new vehicle or engine.

(b) The vehicle being replaced must:

(1) be an on-road vehicle that has been owned, leased, or otherwise commercially financed, and registered and operated by the applicant in Texas for at least the two years immediately preceding the submission of a grant application;

(2) satisfy any minimum average annual mileage or fuel usage requirements established by the executive director;

(3) satisfy any minimum percentage of annual usage requirements established by the executive director; and

(4) be in operating condition with at least two years of remaining useful life, as determined in accordance with criteria established by the executive director.

(c) At the discretion of the executive director, projects that result in a 25% reduction in other pollutants may be considered eligible for funding under this program.

(d) The executive director may establish additional criteria for purposes of prioritizing projects for selection. Such criteria may include, but are not limited to:

(1) nonattainment status of the primary location in which the eligible vehicles are used; or

(2) cost per ton benefits of the overall emissions being reduced.

(e) The executive director shall waive the requirements of subsection (b)(1) of this section on a finding of good cause, which may include a waiver for short lapses in registration or operation attributable to economic conditions, seasonal work, or other circumstances. In determining good cause and deciding whether to grant a waiver, the executive director shall ensure that the emissions reductions that will be attributed to the project will still be valid and, where applicable, meet the conditions for assignment for credit to the state implementation plan.

(f) In establishing more specific requirements or additional criteria, as authorized under this section, for projects related to agricultural product transportation, the executive director shall use as a determining factor for eligibility for participation in the program established under this division the overall accumulative net reduction in

nitrogen oxide emissions in a nonattainment area, an affected county, or the clean transportation triangle.

§114.656. Eligible Grant Amounts.

(a) The eligible grant amount for each heavy-duty on-road vehicle being replaced is up to 80%, as determined by the executive director, of the total cost for replacement. [is determined as follows:]

[(1) 80% of the cost for replacement of a vehicle with an engine manufactured prior to 1988 and certified to meet the federal emissions standards, if any, applicable to the year of manufacture;]

[(2) 70% of the cost for replacement of a vehicle with an engine manufactured after 1987 and before 1998 and certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to the year of manufacture;]

[(3) 60% of the cost for replacement of a vehicle with an engine manufactured after 1997 and before 2004 and certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to year of manufacture; and]

[(4) 50% of the cost for replacement of a vehicle with an engine manufactured after 2003 and certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to the year of manufacture.]

(b) The eligible grant amount for each light-duty on-road vehicle being replaced is up to 80%, as determined by the executive director, of the total cost for replacement. [determined as follows:]

[(1) 80% of the cost for replacement of a light-duty diesel vehicle of a model year prior to 1994 and certified to meet the federal emissions standards, if any, applicable to the model year of the vehicle;]

[(2) 70% of the cost for replacement of a light-duty diesel vehicle of a model year after 1993 and before 2004 and certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to the model year of the vehicle; and]

[(3) 60% of the cost for replacement of a light-duty diesel vehicle of a model year after 2003 and certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to the model year of the vehicle.]

(c) The executive director may establish more specific standards for determining grant amounts within the maximum percentage of total costs established under this section consistent with the priorities for project selection, including consideration of the federal emission standards for different model years of heavy-duty engines and light-duty vehicles, decisions on pollutants of concern, and other factors that will help implement the project priorities. [The executive director may revise the standards for determining grant amounts as needed to reflect changes to federal emission standards and decisions on pollutants of concern.]

(d) To be eligible for replacement, vehicles and engines imported into the United States from another country must have met all applicable emissions certification requirements for importation.

AN ACT

relating to the use of the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 386.051, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Under the plan, the commission and the comptroller shall provide grants or other funding for:

(1) the diesel emissions reduction incentive program established under Subchapter C, including for infrastructure projects established under that subchapter;

(2) the motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program established under Subchapter D;

(3) the air quality research support program established under Chapter 387;

(4) the clean school bus program established under Chapter 390;

(5) the new technology implementation grant program established under Chapter 391;

(6) the regional air monitoring program established

under Section 386.252(a) [~~386.252(a)(5)~~];

(7) a health effects study as provided by Section 386.252(a) [~~386.252(a)(7)~~];

(8) air quality planning activities as provided by Section 386.252(a) [~~386.252(a)(8)~~]; [and]

(9) a contract with the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station for computation of creditable statewide emissions reductions as provided by Section 386.252(a)(14);

(10) the clean fleet program established under Chapter 392;

(11) the alternative fueling facilities program established under Chapter 393;

(12) the natural gas vehicle grant program and clean transportation triangle program established under Chapter 394;

(13) other programs the commission may develop that lead to reduced emissions of nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, or volatile organic compounds in a nonattainment area or affected county;

(14) other programs the commission may develop that support congestion mitigation to reduce mobile source ozone precursor emissions; and

(15) the drayage truck incentive program established under Subchapter D-1 [~~386.252(a)(9)~~].

(b-1) Under the plan, the commission may establish and administer other programs, including other grants or funding programs, as determined by the commission to be necessary or effective in fulfilling its duties and achieving the objectives described under Section 386.052. The commission may apply the criteria and requirements applicable to the programs under Subsection (b) to programs established under this subsection, or the commission may establish separate criteria and requirements as necessary to achieve the commission's objectives. The additional programs shall be consistent with and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines pertaining to the use of state funds, the awarding and administration of grants and contracts, and achieving reductions in ozone precursors or particulate matter. Under this subsection, the commission may place a priority on programs that address the following goals:

(1) reduction of emissions of oxides of nitrogen or particulate matter from heavy-duty on-road vehicles and non-road equipment, including drayage vehicles, locomotives, and marine vessels, at seaport facilities or servicing seaport facilities in nonattainment areas; and

(2) reduction of emissions from the operation of drilling, production, completions, and related heavy-duty on-road vehicles or non-road equipment in oil and gas production fields where the commission determines that the programs can

help prevent that area or an adjacent area from being in violation of national ambient air quality standards.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 386.0515 to read as follows:

Sec. 386.0515. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) In this section, "agricultural product transportation" means the transportation of a raw agricultural product from the place of production using a heavy-duty truck to:

(1) a nonattainment area;

(2) an affected county;

(3) a destination inside the clean transportation triangle; or

(4) a county adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) or that contains an area described by Subdivision (1) or (3).

(b) Notwithstanding other eligibility requirements, the commission shall by rule or policy provide specific eligibility requirements under the Texas Clean Fleet Program established under Chapter 392 and under the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program established under Chapter 394, as added by Chapter 892 (Senate Bill No. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, for projects relating to agricultural product transportation.

(c) The determining factor for eligibility for participation in a program established under Chapter 392 or Chapter 394, as added by Chapter 892 (Senate Bill No. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, for a project relating to agricultural product transportation is the overall accumulative net reduction in emissions of oxides of nitrogen in a nonattainment area, an affected county, or the clean transportation triangle.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 386.058, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The governor shall appoint to the advisory board:

- (1) a representative of the trucking industry;
- (2) a representative of the air conditioning manufacturing industry;
- (3) a representative of the electric utility industry;
- (4) a representative of regional transportation; and
- (5) a representative of the nonprofit organization described by Section 387.002 [~~386.252(a)(2)~~].

SECTION 4. Section 386.104, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f-1) The commission may establish minimum percentage reduction standards alternative to the standards established under Subsection (f) as an incentive for the conversion of

heavy-duty diesel on-road vehicle engines or non-road engines to operate under a dual-fuel configuration that uses natural gas and diesel fuels through an alternative fuel conversion system certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the California Air Resources Board. In determining the emissions rate of the converted vehicle and engine to compute the emissions reductions that can be attributed to the conversion system, the commission may take into account whether the emissions certification requirements for the conversion system prevent fully accounting for the emissions reductions. If the commission determines it to be necessary and appropriate, the commission may consider under this subsection certified engine test information that demonstrates reductions of emissions of nitrogen oxides and other pollutants and other information to verify the emissions reductions.

SECTION 5. Section 386.106, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.106. COST-EFFECTIVENESS CRITERIA; DETERMINATION OF GRANT AMOUNT. (a) Except as otherwise provided by statute, the [as provided by Section 386.107 and except for infrastructure projects and infrastructure purchases that are part of a broader retrofit, repower, replacement, or add-on equipment project, the commission may not award a grant for a proposed project the cost-effectiveness of which, calculated in

~~accordance with Section 386.105 and criteria developed under that section, exceeds \$15,000 per ton of oxides of nitrogen emissions reduced in the nonattainment area or affected county for which the project is proposed. This subsection does not restrict commission authority under other law to require emissions reductions with a cost-effectiveness that exceeds \$15,000 per ton.~~

~~[(b) The] commission may not award a grant that, net of taxes, provides an amount that exceeds the incremental cost of the proposed project.~~

(b) ~~[(e)]~~ The commission shall adopt guidelines for capitalizing incremental lease costs so those costs may be offset by a grant under this subchapter.

(c) ~~[(d)]~~ In determining the amount of a grant under this subchapter, the commission shall reduce the incremental cost of a proposed new purchase, lease, retrofit, repower, or add-on equipment project by the value of any existing financial incentive that directly reduces the cost of the proposed project, including tax credits or deductions, other grants, or any other public financial assistance.

SECTION 6. Sections 386.152 and 386.153, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.152. [~~COMPTROLLER AND~~] COMMISSION DUTIES REGARDING LIGHT-DUTY MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE OR LEASE INCENTIVE

PROGRAM. (a) The [~~comptroller and the~~] commission shall develop a purchase or lease incentive program for new light-duty motor vehicles and shall adopt rules necessary to implement the program.

(b) The program shall authorize statewide incentives for the purchase or lease[~~, according to the schedule provided by Section 386.153,~~] of new light-duty motor vehicles powered by compressed natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, or electric drives [~~that are certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to meet an emissions standard that is at least as stringent as those provided by Section 386.153~~] for a purchaser or lessee who agrees to register [~~the vehicle in this state~~] and [~~to~~] operate the vehicle in this state for a minimum period of time to be established by the commission [~~not less than 75 percent of the vehicle's annual mileage~~].

(c) Only one incentive will be provided for each new light-duty motor vehicle. The incentive shall be provided to the lessee and not to the purchaser if the motor vehicle is purchased for the purpose of leasing the vehicle to another person.

Sec. 386.153. LIGHT-DUTY MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE OR LEASE INCENTIVE REQUIREMENTS [~~SCHEDULE~~]. (a) A new light-duty motor vehicle powered by compressed natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas is eligible for a \$2,500 incentive if the vehicle:

(1) has four wheels;

(2) was originally manufactured to comply with and has been certified by an original equipment manufacturer or intermediate or final state vehicle manufacturer as complying with, or has been altered to comply with, federal motor vehicle safety standards, state emissions regulations, and any additional state regulations applicable to vehicles powered by compressed natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas;

(3) was manufactured for use primarily on public streets, roads, and highways;

(4) is rated at not more than 9,600 pounds unloaded vehicle weight;

(5) has a dedicated or bi-fuel compressed natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas fuel system with a range of at least 125 miles as estimated, published, and updated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(6) has, as applicable, a:

(A) compressed natural gas fuel system that complies with the:

(i) 2013 NFPA 52 Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code; and

(ii) American National Standard for Basic Requirements for Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) Fuel Containers, commonly cited as "ANSI/CSA NGV2"; or

(B) liquefied petroleum gas fuel system that
complies with:

(i) the 2011 NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum
Gas Code; and

(ii) Section VII of the 2013 ASME Boiler
and Pressure Vessel Code; and

(7) was acquired on or after September 1, 2013, or a
later date established by the commission, by the person applying
for the incentive under this subsection and for use or lease by
that person and not for resale.

(b) If the commission determines that an updated version
of a code or standard described by Subdivision (a)(6) is more
stringent than the version of the code or standard described by
Subdivision (a)(6), the commission by rule may provide that a
vehicle for which a person applies for an incentive under
Subsection (a) is eligible for the incentive only if the vehicle
complies with the updated version of the code or standard.

(b-1) The incentive under Subsection (a) is limited to
2,000 vehicles for the state fiscal biennium beginning September
1, 2013.

(c) A new light-duty motor vehicle powered by electric
drive is eligible for a \$2,500 incentive if the vehicle:

(1) has four wheels;

(2) was manufactured for use primarily on public

streets, roads, and highways;

(3) has not been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

(4) is rated at not more than 8,500 pounds unloaded vehicle weight;

(5) has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour;

(6) is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:

(A) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt hours; and

(B) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity; and

(7) was acquired on or after September 1, 2013, or a later date as established by the commission, by the person applying for the incentive under this subsection and for use or lease by that person and not for resale.

(d) The incentive under Subsection (c) is limited to 2,000 vehicles for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2013. [A new light duty motor vehicle is eligible for an incentive according to the following schedule:

~~[Incentive emissions standard and incentive amount~~

~~[Model year 2003-2007~~

~~[Bin 4 — \$1,250~~

~~[Bin 3 — \$2,225~~

~~[Bin 2 — \$3,750~~

~~[Bin 1 — \$5,000]~~

SECTION 7. Section 386.156, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.156. LIST OF ELIGIBLE MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) On August 1 each year the commission shall publish ~~[and provide to the comptroller]~~ a list of ~~[the]~~ new model motor vehicles eligible for inclusion in an incentive under this subchapter as listed for the commission under Section 386.155. The commission shall publish ~~[and provide to the comptroller]~~ supplements to that list as necessary to include additional new vehicle models ~~[listed in a supplement to the original list provided by a manufacturer under Section 386.155]~~.

(b) The commission ~~[comptroller]~~ shall publish ~~[distribute]~~ the list of eligible motor vehicles on the commission's Internet website ~~[to all new motor vehicle dealers and leasing agents in this state]~~.

SECTION 8. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 386.158, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who purchases or leases a new light-duty motor vehicle described by Section 386.153 and ~~[that has been]~~ listed under Section 386.156(a) ~~[386.155]~~ is eligible to apply for an incentive under this subchapter.

(c) To receive money under an incentive program provided by this subchapter, the purchaser or lessee of a new light-duty motor vehicle who is eligible to apply for an incentive under this subchapter shall apply for the incentive in the manner provided by law or by rule of the commission [~~comptroller~~].

SECTION 9. Section 386.160, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.160. COMMISSION [~~COMPTROLLER~~] TO ACCOUNT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE OR LEASE INCENTIVES. (a) The commission [~~comptroller~~] by rule shall develop a method to administer and account for the motor vehicle purchase or lease incentives authorized by this subchapter and to pay incentive money to the purchaser or lessee of a new motor vehicle, on application of the purchaser or lessee as provided by this subchapter.

(b) The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall develop and publish forms and instructions for the purchaser or lessee of a new motor vehicle to use in applying to the commission [~~comptroller~~] for an incentive payment under this subchapter. The commission [~~comptroller~~] shall make the forms available to new motor vehicle dealers and leasing agents. Dealers and leasing agents shall make the forms available to their prospective purchasers or lessees.

(c) In addition to other forms developed and published under this section, the commission [~~comptroller~~] shall develop

and publish a verification form by which, with information provided by the dealer or leasing agent, the commission [~~comptroller~~] can verify the sale of a vehicle covered by this subchapter. The verification form shall include at least the name of the purchaser, the vehicle identification number of the vehicle involved, the date of the purchase, and the name of the new motor dealer or leasing agent involved in the transaction. At the time of sale or lease of a vehicle eligible for an incentive under this subchapter, the dealer or leasing agent shall complete the verification form supplied to the dealer by the commission [~~comptroller~~]. The purchaser or lessee shall include the completed verification form as part of the purchaser's application for an incentive. The dealer shall maintain a copy of the completed verification form for at least two years from the date of the transaction.

SECTION 10. The heading to Section 386.161, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.161. [~~REPORT TO COMMISSION;~~] SUSPENSION OF PURCHASE OR LEASE INCENTIVES.

SECTION 11. Subsections (b), (c), and (d), Section 386.161, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) If the balance available for motor vehicle purchase or lease incentives falls below 15 percent of the total allocated for the incentives during that fiscal year, the commission

~~[comptroller]~~ by order shall suspend the incentives until the date the ~~comptroller~~ can certify that the balance available in the fund for incentives is an amount adequate to resume the incentives or the beginning of the next fiscal year, whichever is earlier. If the commission ~~[comptroller]~~ suspends the incentives, the commission ~~[comptroller]~~ shall immediately notify ~~[the commission and]~~ all new motor vehicle dealers and leasing agents that the incentives have been suspended.

(c) The commission ~~[comptroller]~~ shall establish a toll-free telephone number available to motor vehicle dealers and leasing agents for the dealers and agents to call to verify that incentives are available. The commission ~~[comptroller]~~ may provide for issuing verification numbers over the telephone line.

(d) Reliance by a dealer or leasing agent on information provided by the ~~[comptroller or]~~ commission is a complete defense to an action involving or based on eligibility of a vehicle for an incentive or availability of vehicles eligible for an incentive.

SECTION 12. Subchapter D, Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 386.162 to read as follows:

Sec. 386.162. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires August 31, 2015.

SECTION 13. Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code, is

amended by adding Subchapter D-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D-1. DRAYAGE TRUCK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Sec. 386.181. DEFINITION; RULES. (a) In this subchapter, "drayage truck" means a truck that transports a load to or from a seaport or rail yard.

(b) The commission may include more specific definitions in the rules or guidelines developed to implement the program established by this subchapter in order to reduce emissions in and around seaports in a nonattainment area.

Sec. 386.182. COMMISSION DUTIES. (a) The commission shall develop a purchase incentive program to encourage owners to replace drayage trucks with pre-2007 model year engines with newer drayage trucks and shall adopt guidelines necessary to implement the program.

(b) The commission by rule shall establish criteria for the models of drayage trucks that are eligible for inclusion in an incentive program under this subchapter. The guidelines must provide that a drayage truck owner is not eligible for an incentive payment under this subchapter unless the truck being replaced contains a pre-2007 model year engine and the replacement truck's engine is from model year 2010 or later as determined by the commission and that the truck operates at a seaport or rail yard.

Sec. 386.183. DRAYAGE TRUCK PURCHASE INCENTIVE. (a) To

be eligible for an incentive under this subchapter, a person must:

(1) purchase a replacement drayage truck that under the guidelines adopted by the commission under Section 386.182 is eligible for inclusion in the program for an incentive under this subchapter; and

(2) agree to:

(A) register the truck in this state;

(B) operate the truck in and within a maximum distance established by the commission of a seaport or rail yard in a nonattainment area of this state for not less than 50 percent of the vehicle's annual mileage or hours of operation, as determined by the commission; and

(C) permanently remove a pre-2007 drayage truck containing a pre-2007 engine owned by the person from operation in a nonattainment area of this state by destroying the engine and scrapping the truck after the purchase of the new truck in accordance with guidelines established by the commission.

(b) To receive money under an incentive program provided by this subchapter, the purchaser of a drayage truck eligible for inclusion in the program must apply for the incentive in the manner provided by law, rule, or guideline of the commission.

(c) Not more than one incentive may be provided for each drayage truck purchased.

(d) An incentive provided under this subchapter may be used to fund not more than 80 percent of the purchase price of the drayage truck.

(e) The commission shall establish procedures to verify that a person who receives an incentive:

(1) has operated in a seaport or rail yard and owned or leased the drayage truck to be replaced for at least two years prior to receiving the grant; and

(2) permanently destroys the engine and scraps the drayage truck that contained the pre-2007 engine owned or leased by the person, in accordance with guidelines established by the commission, after the purchase of the new truck.

(f) The commission may modify this program to improve its effectiveness or further the goals of Subchapter B.

SECTION 14. The heading to Subchapter E, Chapter 386, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. EVALUATION OF UTILITY COMMISSION AND COMPTROLLER ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS [~~GRANT PROGRAM~~]

SECTION 15. Section 386.205, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.205. EVALUATION OF UTILITY COMMISSION AND COMPTROLLER [~~STATE~~] ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS. In cooperation with the laboratory, the utility commission shall provide an annual report to the commission that, by county, quantifies the

reductions of energy demand, peak loads, and associated emissions of air contaminants achieved from ~~[the]~~ programs implemented by the state energy conservation office ~~[under this subchapter]~~ and from programs ~~[these]~~ implemented under Section 39.905, Utilities Code.

SECTION 16. Subsection (a), Section 386.252, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 28 (S.B. 527), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Money in the fund may be used only to implement and administer programs established under the plan. Money appropriated to the commission to be used for the programs under Section 386.051(b) ~~[and the total appropriation]~~ shall be allocated as follows:

(1) not more than four percent may be used for the clean school bus program under Chapter 390;

(2) not more than three percent ~~[not more than 10 percent may be used for on-road diesel purchase or lease incentives;~~

~~[(3) a specified amount]~~ may be used for the new technology implementation grant program under Chapter 391, from which at least \$1 million will ~~[a defined amount may]~~ be set aside for electricity storage projects related to renewable energy;

(3) ~~(4)~~ five percent shall be used for the clean fleet program under Chapter 392;

(4) ~~(5)~~ not more than ~~[\$7 million shall be allocated in 2012 and 2013 and not more than]~~ \$3 million may ~~[shall]~~ be used by the commission ~~[allocated in 2014 and in subsequent years]~~ to fund a regional air monitoring program in commission Regions 3 and 4 to be implemented under the commission's oversight, including direction regarding the type, number, location, and operation of, and data validation practices for, monitors funded by the program through a regional nonprofit entity located in North Texas having representation from counties, municipalities, higher education institutions, and private sector interests across the area;

(5) not less than 16 percent shall be used for the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program under Chapter 394;

(6) not more than five percent may be used to provide grants for natural gas fueling stations under the clean transportation triangle program under Section 394.010;

(7) not more than five percent may be used for the Texas alternative fueling facilities program under Chapter 393;

(8) a specified amount may be used ~~[is to be allocated]~~ each year to support research related to air quality as provided by Chapter 387;

(9) not more than ~~(7) up to~~ \$200,000 may be used

~~[is allocated]~~ for a health effects study;

(10) [~~(8)~~ up to] \$500,000 is to be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the clean air account created under Section 382.0622 to supplement funding for air quality planning activities in affected counties;

(11) at least \$4 million and up to four percent to a maximum of \$7 million, whichever is greater, is allocated to the commission for administrative costs;

(12) at least two percent and up to five percent of the fund is to be used by the commission for the drayage truck incentive program established under Subchapter D-1;

(13) not more than five percent may be used for the light-duty motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program established under Subchapter D;

(14) [~~(9)~~] not more than \$216,000 is allocated to the commission to contract with the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station annually for the development and annual computation of creditable statewide emissions reductions obtained through wind and other renewable energy resources for the state implementation plan;

(15) [~~(10)~~ not more than \$3,400,000 is allocated to the commission for administrative costs incurred by the commission;

[~~(11)~~] 1.5 percent of the money in the fund is

allocated for administrative costs incurred by the laboratory;
and

(16) [(+12)] the balance is to be used by [is
allocated to] the commission for the diesel emissions reduction
incentive program under Subchapter C as determined by the
commission.

SECTION 17. Section 386.252, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(b) The commission may allocate unexpended money designated for the clean fleet program under Chapter 392 to other programs described under Subsection (a) after the commission allocates money to recipients under the clean fleet program.

(c) The commission may allocate unexpended money designated for the Texas alternative fueling facilities program under Chapter 393 to other programs described under Subsection (a) after the commission allocates money to recipients under the alternative fueling facilities program.

(d) The commission may reallocate money designated for the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program under Chapter 394 to other programs described under Subsection (a) if:

(1) the commission, in consultation with the governor and the advisory board, determines that the use of the money in

the fund for that program will cause the state to be in noncompliance with the state implementation plan to the extent that federal action is likely; and

(2) the commission finds that the reallocation of some or all of the funding for the program would resolve the noncompliance.

(e) Under Subsection (d), the commission may not reallocate more than the minimum amount of money necessary to resolve the noncompliance.

(e-1) Money [money] allocated under Subsection (a) to a particular program may be used for another program under the plan as determined by the commission.

~~[(c) Money in the fund may be allocated to the clean school bus program only if:~~

~~[(1) the money is available for that purpose after money is allocated for the other purposes of the fund as required by the state implementation plan; or~~

~~[(2) the amount of money deposited to the credit of the fund in a state fiscal year exceeds the amount the comptroller's biennial revenue estimate shows as the comptroller's estimated amount to be deposited to the credit of the fund in that year.~~

~~[(d) The commission may allocate unexpended money designated for the clean fleet program to other programs~~

~~described under Subsection (a) after the commission allocates money to recipients under the clean fleet program.~~

~~[(e) The commission may allocate unexpended money designated for the Texas alternative fueling facilities program to other programs described under Subsection (a) after the commission allocates money to recipients under the alternative fueling facilities program.]~~

SECTION 18. Subsection (f), Section 386.252, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 892 (S.B. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Money in the fund may be used by the commission for programs under Sections 386.051(b)(13), (b)(14), and (b-1) as may be appropriated for those programs ~~[Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the commission may reallocate money in the fund if:~~

~~[(1) the commission, in consultation with the governor and the advisory board, determines that the use of the money in the fund for the program established under Chapter 394 will cause the state to be in noncompliance with the state implementation plan to the extent that federal action is likely; and~~

~~[(2) the commission finds that the reallocation of some or all of the funding for the program established under~~

~~Chapter 394 would resolve the noncompliance].~~

SECTION 19. Section 386.252, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(g) If the legislature does not specify amounts or percentages from the total appropriation to the commission to be allocated under Subsection (a) or (f), the commission shall determine the amounts of the total appropriation to be allocated under each of those subsections, such that the total appropriation is expended while maximizing emissions reductions ~~[Under Subsection (f), the commission may not reallocate more than the minimum amount of money necessary to resolve the noncompliance].~~

(h) Subject to the limitations outlined in this section and any additional limitations placed on the use of the appropriated funds, money allocated under this section to a particular program may be used for another program under the plan as determined by the commission.

SECTION 20. Section 391.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 391.002. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer a new technology implementation grant program to assist the implementation of new technologies to reduce emissions from facilities and other stationary sources in

this state. The commission may establish a minimum capital expenditure threshold for projects under Subsection (b)(2).

Under the program, the commission shall provide grants or other financial incentives for eligible projects to offset the incremental cost of emissions reductions.

(b) Projects that may be considered for a grant under the program include:

(1) advanced clean energy projects, as defined by Section 382.003;

(2) new technology projects that reduce emissions of regulated pollutants from point sources [~~and involve capital expenditures that exceed \$500 million~~]; and

(3) electricity storage projects related to renewable energy, including projects to store electricity produced from wind and solar generation that provide efficient means of making the stored energy available during periods of peak energy use.

SECTION 21. Subsection (a), Section 392.007, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The amount the commission shall award for each vehicle being replaced is up to[+]

[~~+~~] 80 percent, as determined by the commission, of the total [~~incremental~~] cost for replacement of a heavy-duty or light-duty diesel engine[+]

[~~(A) manufactured prior to implementation of~~

~~federal or California emission standards; and~~

~~[(B) not certified to meet a specific emission level by either the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the California Air Resources Board;~~

~~[(2) 70 percent of the incremental cost for replacement of a heavy-duty diesel engine certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to engines manufactured in 1990 through 1997;~~

~~[(3) 60 percent of the incremental cost for replacement of a heavy-duty diesel engine certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to engines manufactured in 1998 through 2003;~~

~~[(4) 50 percent of the incremental cost for replacement of a heavy-duty diesel engine certified to meet the federal emission standards applicable to engines manufactured in 2004 and later;~~

~~[(5) 80 percent of the incremental cost for replacement of a light-duty diesel vehicle;~~

~~[(A) manufactured prior to the implementation of certification requirements; and~~

~~[(B) not certified to meet either mandatory or voluntary emission certification standards;~~

~~[(6) 70 percent of the incremental cost for replacement of a light-duty diesel vehicle certified to meet~~

~~federal Tier 1 emission standards phased in between 1994 and 1997; and~~

~~[(7) 60 percent of the incremental cost for replacement of a light duty diesel vehicle certified to meet federal Tier 2 emission standards phased in between 2004 and 2009].~~

SECTION 22. Subsection (a), Section 394.007, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 892 (S.B. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall develop a grant schedule that:

(1) assigns a standardized grant in an amount up to ~~[between 60 and]~~ 90 percent of the incremental cost of a natural gas vehicle purchase, lease, other commercial finance, or repowering;

(2) is based on:

(A) the certified emission level of nitrogen oxides, or other pollutants as determined by the commission, of the engine powering the natural gas vehicle; and

(B) the usage of the natural gas vehicle; and

(3) may take into account the overall emissions reduction achieved by the natural gas vehicle.

SECTION 23. Section 394.010, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 892 (S.B. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,

Regular Session, 2011, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(a) To ensure that natural gas vehicles purchased, leased, or otherwise commercially financed or repowered under the program have access to fuel, and to build the foundation for a self-sustaining market for natural gas vehicles in Texas, the commission shall award grants to support the development of a network of natural gas vehicle fueling stations along the interstate highways connecting Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, and Fort Worth, and in nonattainment areas and affected counties of the state. In awarding the grants, the commission shall provide for:

(1) strategically placed natural gas vehicle fueling stations in and between the Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas-Fort Worth areas, and in nonattainment areas and affected counties of the state, to enable a natural gas vehicle to travel in those areas [~~along that triangular area~~] relying solely on natural gas fuel;

(2) grants to be dispersed through a competitive bidding process to offset a portion of the cost of installation of the natural gas dispensing equipment;

(3) contracts that require the recipient stations to meet operational, maintenance, and reporting requirements as

specified by the commission; and

(4) a listing, to be maintained by the commission and made available to the public online, of all natural gas vehicle fueling stations that have received grant funding, including location and hours of operation.

(b) The commission may not award more than~~+~~

~~[(1) three station grants to any entity; or~~

~~[(2)] one grant for each station.~~

(c) Grants awarded under this section may not exceed:

(1) \$400,000 ~~[\$100,000]~~ for a compressed natural gas station;

(2) \$400,000 ~~[\$250,000]~~ for a liquefied natural gas station; or

(3) \$600,000 ~~[\$400,000]~~ for a station providing both liquefied and compressed natural gas.

(d) Stations funded by grants under this section must be publicly accessible ~~[and located not more than three miles from an interstate highway system]~~. The commission shall give preference to:

(1) stations providing both liquefied natural gas and compressed natural gas at a single location; ~~[and]~~

(2) stations located not more than one mile from an interstate highway system; and

(3) stations located in the triangular area between

the Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas-Fort Worth areas.

(f-1) An application for a grant under this section must include a certification that the applicant complies with laws, rules, guidelines, and requirements applicable to taxation of fuel provided by the applicant at each fueling facility owned or operated by the applicant. The commission may terminate a grant awarded under this section without further obligation to the grant recipient if the commission determines that the recipient did not comply with a law, rule, guideline, or requirement described by this subsection. This subsection does not create a cause of action to contest an application or award of a grant.

SECTION 24. Section 393.006, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 892 (S.B. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 393.006. AMOUNT OF GRANT. For each eligible facility for which a recipient is awarded a grant under the program, the commission shall award the grant in an amount equal to the lesser of:

(1) 50 percent of the sum of the actual eligible costs incurred by the grant recipient within deadlines established by the commission to construct, reconstruct, or acquire the facility; or

(2) \$600,000 [~~\$500,000~~].

SECTION 25. The following provisions are repealed:

(1) Subsection (c), Section 386.051, Health and Safety Code;

(2) Subdivision (1), Section 386.151, Health and Safety Code;

(3) Section 386.154, Health and Safety Code;

(4) Subsection (a), Section 386.161, Health and Safety Code;

(5) Sections 386.201, 386.202, and 386.203, Health and Safety Code;

(6) Section 386.204, Health and Safety Code;

(7) Subsection (a), Section 386.252, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapters 589 (Senate Bill No. 20) and 892 (Senate Bill No. 385), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011;

(8) Subsection (f), Section 386.252, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 589 (Senate Bill No. 20), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011; and

(9) Chapters 393 and 394, Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 589 (Senate Bill No. 20), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

SECTION 26. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary

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for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1727 passed the Senate on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1, one present not voting; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2, one present not voting.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1727 passed the House, with amendments, on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 107, Nays 39, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

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