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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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For purposes of this Act, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Energy.

TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE FUELS— GENERAL

SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this title, title IV, and title V (unless otherwise specified)—

(1) the term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(2) the term “alternative fuel” means methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols; mixtures containing 85 percent or more (or such other percentage, but not less than 70 percent, as determined by the Secretary, by rule, to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or vehicle functions) by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline or other fuels; natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; hydrogen; coal-derived liquid fuels; fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biological materials; electricity (including electricity from solar energy); and any other fuel the Secretary determines, by rule, is substantially not petroleum and would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental benefits;

(3) the term “alternative fueled vehicle” means a dedicated vehicle or a dual fueled vehicle;

(4) the term “comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle which is, as determined by the Secretary—

(A) commercially available at the time the comparability of the vehicle is being assessed;

(B) powered by an internal combustion engine that utilizes gasoline or diesel fuel as its fuel source; and

(C) provides passenger capacity or payload capacity the same or similar to the alternative fueled vehicle to which it is being compared;

(5) “covered person” means a person that owns, operates, leases, or otherwise controls—

(A) a fleet that contains at least 20 motor vehicles that are centrally fueled or capable of being centrally fueled, and are used primarily within a metropolitan statistical area or a consolidated metropolitan statistical area, as established by the Bureau of the Census, with a 1980 population of 250,000 or more; and

(B) at least 50 motor vehicles within the United States;

(6) the term “dedicated vehicle” means—

(A) a dedicated automobile, as such term is defined in section 513(h)(1)(C) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act; or

(B) a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, that operates solely on alternative fuel;

(7) the term “domestic” means derived from resources within the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other Commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, including the outer Continental Shelf, as such term is defined in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, or from resources within a Nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade;

(8) the term “dual fueled vehicle” means—

(A) dual fueled automobile, as such term is defined in section 513(h)(1)(D) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act; or

(B) a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, that is capable of operating on alternative fuel and is capable of operating on gasoline or diesel fuel;

(9) the term “fleet” means a group of 20 or more light duty motor vehicles, used primarily in a metropolitan statistical area or consolidated metropolitan statistical area, as established by the Bureau of the Census, with a 1980 population of more than 250,000, that are centrally fueled or capable of being centrally fueled and are owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by a governmental entity or other person who owns, operates, leases, or otherwise controls 50 or more such vehicles, by any person who controls such person, by any person controlled by such person, and by any person under common control with such person, except that such term does not include—

(A) motor vehicles held for lease or rental to the general public;

(B) motor vehicles held for sale by motor vehicle dealers, including demonstration motor vehicles;

(C) motor vehicles used for motor vehicle manufacturer product evaluations or tests;

(D) law enforcement motor vehicles;

(E) emergency motor vehicles;

(F) motor vehicles acquired and used for military purposes that the Secretary of Defense has certified to the Secretary must be exempt for national security reasons;

(G) nonroad vehicles, including farm and construction motor vehicles; or

(H) motor vehicles which under normal operations are garaged at personal residences at night;

(10) the term "fuel supplier" means—

(A) any person engaged in the importing, refining, or processing of crude oil to produce motor fuel;

(B) any person engaged in the importation, production, storage, transportation, distribution, or sale of motor fuel; and

(C) any person engaged in generating, transmitting, importing, or selling at wholesale or retail electricity;

(11) the term "light duty motor vehicle" means a light duty truck or light duty vehicle, as such terms are defined under section 216(7) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7550(7)), of less than or equal to 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating;

(12) the term "motor fuel" means any substance suitable as a fuel for a motor vehicle;

(13) the term "motor vehicle" has the meaning given such term under section 216(2) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7550(2)); and

(14) the term "replacement fuel" means the portion of any motor fuel that is methanol, ethanol, or other alcohols, natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, coal derived liquid fuels, fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biological materials, electricity (including electricity from solar energy), ethers, or any other fuel the Secretary determines, by rule, is substantially not petroleum and would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental benefits.

SEC. 302. AMENDMENTS TO THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT.

(a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 400AA of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6374) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by striking "passenger automobiles and light duty trucks" and inserting in lieu thereof "vehicles"; and

(B) by striking "alcohol powered vehicles, dual energy vehicles, natural gas powered vehicles, or natural gas dual energy vehicles." and inserting in lieu thereof "alternative fueled vehicles. In no event shall the number of such vehicles acquired be less than the number required under section 303 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.";

(2) by amending subsection (a)(3) to read as follows:

“(3)(A) To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall acquire both dedicated and dual fueled vehicles, and shall ensure that each type of alternative fueled vehicle is used by the Federal Government.

“(B) Vehicles acquired under this section shall be acquired from original equipment manufacturers. If such vehicles are not available from original equipment manufacturers, vehicles converted to use alternative fuels may be acquired if, after conversion, the original equipment manufacturer’s warranty continues to apply to such vehicles, pursuant to an agreement between the original equipment manufacturer and the person performing the conversion. This subparagraph shall not apply to vehicles acquired by the United States Postal Service pursuant to a contract entered into by the United States Postal Service before the date of enactment of this subparagraph and which terminates on or before December 31, 1997.

“(C) Alternative fueled vehicles, other than those described in subparagraph (B), may be acquired solely for the purposes of studies under subsection (b), whether or not original equipment manufacturer warranties still apply.

“(D) In deciding which types of alternative fueled vehicles to acquire in implementing this part, the Secretary shall consider as a factor—

“(i) which types of vehicles yield the greatest reduction in pollutants emitted per dollar spent; and

“(ii) the source of the fuel to supply the vehicles, giving preference to vehicles that operate on alternative fuels derived from domestic sources.

“(E) Dual fueled vehicles acquired pursuant to this section shall be operated on alternative fuels unless the Secretary determines that operation on such alternative fuels is not feasible.

“(F) At least 50 percent of the alternative fuels used in vehicles acquired pursuant to this section shall be derived from domestic feedstocks, except to the extent inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The Secretary shall issue regulations to implement this requirement. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘domestic’ has the meaning given such term in section 301(7) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

“(G) Except to the extent inconsistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, vehicles acquired under this section shall be motor vehicles manufactured in the United States or Canada.”;

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following new paragraph:

“(4) Acquisitions of vehicles under this section shall, to the extent practicable, be coordinated with acquisitions of alternative fueled vehicles by State and local governments.”;

(4) in subsection (b), by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraphs:

“(3)(A) The Secretary, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation, shall collect data and conduct a study of heavy duty vehicles acquired under subsection (a), which shall at a minimum address—

“(i) the performance of such vehicles, including reliability, durability, and performance in cold weather and at high altitude;

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“(ii) the fuel economy, safety, and emissions of such vehicles; and

“(iii) a comparison of the operation and maintenance costs of such vehicles to the operation and maintenance costs of conventionally fueled heavy duty vehicles.

“(B) The Secretary shall provide a report on the results of the study conducted under subparagraph (A) to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Governmental Affairs, and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Government Operations of the House of Representatives, within one year after the first such vehicles are acquired, and annually thereafter.

“(4)(A) The Secretary and the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall conduct a study of the advisability, feasibility, and timing of the disposal of heavy duty vehicles acquired under subsection (a) and any problems with such disposal. Such study shall take into account existing laws governing the sale of Government vehicles and shall specifically focus on when to sell such vehicles and what price to charge.

Reports.

“(B) The Secretary and the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall report the results of the study conducted under subparagraph (A) to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Governmental Affairs, and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives, within one year after funds are appropriated for carrying out this paragraph.

“(5) Studies undertaken under this subsection shall be coordinated with relevant testing activities of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation.”;

(5) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “alcohol or natural gas, alcohol or natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels, such fuels”; and

(B) by striking “alcohol or natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuel” in paragraph (1);

(6) in subsection (d)(2)(B), by striking “The Secretary” and inserting in lieu thereof “To the extent that appropriations are available for such purposes, the Secretary”;

(7) in subsection (g), by striking paragraphs (2) through (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(2) the term “alternative fuel” means methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols; mixtures containing 85 percent or more (or such other percentage, but not less than 70 percent, as determined by the Secretary, by rule, to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or vehicle functions) by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline or other fuels; natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; hydrogen; coal-derived liquid fuels; fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biological materials; electricity (including electricity from solar energy); and any other fuel the Secretary determines, by rule, is substantially not petroleum and would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental benefits;

“(3) the term ‘alternative fueled vehicle’ means a dedicated vehicle or a dual fueled vehicle;

“(4) the term ‘dedicated vehicle’ means—

“(A) a dedicated automobile, as such term is defined in section 513(h)(1)(C) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act; or

“(B) a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, that operates solely on alternative fuel;

“(5) the term ‘dual fueled vehicle’ means—

“(A) dual fueled automobile, as such term is defined in section 513(h)(1)(D) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act; or

“(B) a motor vehicle, other than an automobile, that is capable of operating on alternative fuel and is capable of operating on gasoline or diesel fuel; and

“(6) the term ‘heavy duty vehicle’ means a vehicle of greater than 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight rating.”; and

(8) by amending subsection (i)(1) to read as follows: “(1) For the purposes of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1993 through 1998, to remain available until expended.”.

(b) **REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE.**—Section 4(b) of the Alternative Motor Fuels Act of 1988 is repealed.

42 USC 6374
note.

SEC. 303. MINIMUM FEDERAL FLEET REQUIREMENT.

42 USC 13212.

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) The Federal Government shall acquire at least—

(A) 5,000 light duty alternative fueled vehicles in fiscal year 1993;

(B) 7,500 light duty alternative fueled vehicles in fiscal year 1994; and

(C) 10,000 light duty alternative fueled vehicles in fiscal year 1995.

(2) The Secretary shall allocate the acquisitions necessary to meet the requirements under paragraph (1).

(b) **PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) Of the total number of vehicles acquired by a Federal fleet, at least—

(A) 25 percent in fiscal year 1996;

(B) 33 percent in fiscal year 1997;

(C) 50 percent in fiscal year 1998; and

(D) 75 percent in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter,

shall be alternative fueled vehicles.

(2) The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services where appropriate, may permit a Federal fleet to acquire a smaller percentage than is required in paragraph (1), so long as the aggregate percentage acquired by all Federal fleets is at least equal to the required percentage.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term “Federal fleet” means 20 or more light duty motor vehicles, located in a metropolitan statistical area or consolidated metropolitan statistical area, as established by the Bureau of the Census, with a 1980 population of more than 250,000, that are centrally fueled or capable of being centrally fueled and are owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by or assigned to any Federal executive department, military department, Government corporation, independent establishment, or executive agency, the United States Postal Service, the Congress, the courts of the United States, or the Executive Office of the President. Such term does not include—

(A) motor vehicles held for lease or rental to the general public;

(B) motor vehicles used for motor vehicle manufacturer product evaluations or tests;

(C) law enforcement vehicles;

(D) emergency vehicles;

(E) motor vehicles acquired and used for military purposes that the Secretary of Defense has certified to the Secretary must be exempt for national security reasons; or

(F) nonroad vehicles, including farm and construction vehicles.

(c) **ALLOCATION OF INCREMENTAL COSTS.**—The General Services Administration and any other Federal agency that procures motor vehicles for distribution to other Federal agencies may allocate the incremental cost of alternative fueled vehicles over the cost of comparable gasoline vehicles across the entire fleet of motor vehicles distributed by such agency.

(d) **APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.**—The provisions of section 400AA of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act relating to the Federal acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles shall apply to the acquisition of vehicles pursuant to this section.

(e) **RESALE.**—The Administrator of General Services shall take all feasible steps to ensure that all alternative fueled vehicles sold by the Federal Government shall remain alternative fueled vehicles at time of sale.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this section, such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1993 through 1998, to remain available until expended.

42 USC 13213.

SEC. 304. REFUELING.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Federal agencies shall, to the maximum extent practicable, arrange for the fueling of alternative fueled vehicles acquired under section 303 at commercial fueling facilities that offer alternative fuels for sale to the public. If publicly available fueling facilities are not convenient or accessible to the location of Federal alternative fueled vehicles purchased under section 303, Federal agencies are authorized to enter into commercial arrangements for the purposes of fueling Federal alternative fueled vehicles, including, as appropriate, purchase, lease, contract, construction, or other arrangements in which the Federal Government is a participant.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1993 through 1998, to remain available until expended.

42 USC 13214.

SEC. 305. FEDERAL AGENCY PROMOTION, EDUCATION, AND COORDINATION.

(a) **PROMOTION AND EDUCATION.**—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall promote programs and educate officials and employees of Federal agencies on the merits of alternative fueled vehicles. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall provide and disseminate information to Federal agencies on—

(1) the location of refueling and maintenance facilities available to alternative fueled vehicles in the Federal fleet;

(2) the range and performance capabilities of alternative fueled vehicles;

(3) State and local government and commercial alternative fueled vehicle programs;

(4) Federal alternative fueled vehicle purchases and placements;

(5) the operation and maintenance of alternative fueled vehicles in accordance with the manufacturer's standards and recommendations; and

(6) incentive programs established pursuant to sections 306 and 307 of this Act.

(b) ASSISTANCE IN PROCUREMENT AND PLACEMENT.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services, shall provide guidance, coordination and technical assistance to Federal agencies in the procurement and geographic location of alternative fueled vehicles purchased through the Administrator of General Services. The procurement and geographic location of such vehicles shall comply with the purchase requirements under section 303 of this Act.

SEC. 306. AGENCY INCENTIVES PROGRAM.

42 USC 13215.

(a) REDUCTION IN RATES.—To encourage and promote use of alternative fueled vehicles in Federal agencies, the Administrator of General Services may offer a reduction in fees charged to agencies for the lease of alternative fueled vehicles below those fees charged for the lease of comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicles.

(b) SUNSET PROVISION.—This section shall cease to be effective 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 307. RECOGNITION AND INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM.

42 USC 13216.

(a) AWARDS PROGRAM.—The Administrator of General Services shall establish annual awards program to recognize those Federal employees who demonstrate the strongest commitment to the use of alternative fuels and fuel conservation in Federal motor vehicles.

Establishment.

(b) CRITERIA.—The Administrator of General Services shall provide annual awards to Federal employees who best demonstrate a commitment—

(1) to the success of the Federal alternative fueled vehicle program through—

(A) exemplary promotion of alternative fueled vehicle use within Federal agencies;

(B) proper alternative fueled vehicle care and maintenance;

(C) coordination with Federal, State, and local efforts;

(D) innovative alternative fueled vehicle procurement, refueling, and maintenance arrangements with commercial entities;

(E) making regular requests for alternative fueled vehicles for agency use; and

(F) maintaining a high number of alternative fueled vehicles used relative to comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicles used; and

(2) to fuel efficiency in Federal motor vehicle use through the promotion of such measures as increased use of fuel-efficient vehicles, carpooling, ride-sharing, regular maintenance, and other conservation and awareness measures.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this section not more than \$35,000 for fiscal year 1994 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1995 and 1996.

42 USC 13217. **SEC. 308. MEASUREMENT OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL USE.**

The Administrator of General Services shall use such means as may be necessary to measure the percentage of alternative fuel use in dual-fueled vehicles procured by the Administrator of General Services. Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services, shall issue guidelines to Federal agencies for use in measuring the aggregate percentage of alternative fuel use in dual-fueled vehicles in their fleets.

SEC. 309. INFORMATION COLLECTION.

42 USC 6374. Section 400AA(b)(1)(A) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended by striking "the vehicles acquired under subsection (a)" and inserting in lieu thereof "a representative sample of alternative fueled vehicles in Federal fleets".

42 USC 13218. **SEC. 310. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION REPORT.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter, the Administrator of General Services shall report to the Congress on the General Services Administration's alternative fueled vehicle program under this Act. The report shall contain information on—

- (1) the number and type of alternative fueled vehicles procured;
- (2) the location of alternative fueled vehicles by standard Federal region;
- (3) the total number of alternative fueled vehicles used by each Federal agency;
- (4) arrangements with commercial entities for refueling and maintenance of alternative fueled vehicles;
- (5) future alternative fueled vehicle procurement and placement strategy;
- (6) the difference in cost between the purchase, maintenance, and operation of alternative fueled vehicles and the purchase, maintenance, and operation of comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicles;
- (7) coordination among Federal, State, and local governments for alternative fueled vehicle procurement and placement;
- (8) the percentage of alternative fuel use in dual-fueled vehicles procured by the Administrator of General Services as measured under section 308;
- (9) a description of the representative sample of alternative fueled vehicles as determined under section 400AA(b)(1)(A) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and
- (10) award recipients under this title.

42 USC 13219. **SEC. 311. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.**

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter, the Postmaster General shall submit a report to the Congress on the Postal Service's alternative fueled vehicle program. The report shall contain information on—

- (1) the total number and type of alternative fueled vehicles procured prior to the date of the enactment of this Act (first report only);
- (2) the number and type of alternative fueled vehicles procured in the preceding year;

- (3) the location of alternative fueled vehicles by region;
- (4) arrangements with commercial entities for purposes of refueling and maintenance;
- (5) future alternative fuel procurement and placement strategy;
- (6) the difference in cost between the purchase, maintenance, and operation of alternative fueled vehicles and the purchase, maintenance, and operation of comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicles;
- (7) the percentage of alternative fuel use in dual-fueled vehicles procured by the Postmaster General;
- (8) promotions and incentives to encourage the use of alternative fuels in dual-fueled vehicles; and
- (9) an assessment of the program's relative success and policy recommendations for strengthening the program.

(b) **COORDINATION.**—To the maximum extent practicable, the Postmaster General shall coordinate the Postal Service's alternative fueled vehicle procurement, placement, refueling, and maintenance programs with those at the Federal, State, and local level. The Postmaster General shall communicate, share, and disseminate, on a regular basis, information on such programs with the Secretary, the Administrator of General Services, and heads of appropriate Federal agencies.

(c) **PROGRAM CRITERIA.**—The Postmaster General shall consider the following criteria in the procurement and placement of alternative fueled vehicles:

- (1) The procurement plans of State and local governments and other public and private institutions.
- (2) The current and future availability of refueling and repair facilities.
- (3) The reduction in emissions of the Postal fleet.
- (4) Whether the vehicle is to be used in a nonattainment area as specified in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.
- (5) The operational requirements of the Postal fleet.
- (6) The contribution to the reduction in the consumption of oil in the transportation sector.

TITLE IV—ALTERNATIVE FUELS—NON-FEDERAL PROGRAMS

SEC. 401. TRUCK COMMERCIAL APPLICATION PROGRAM.

(a) **ALTERNATIVE FUELED TRUCKS.**—Section 400BB(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6374a(a)) is amended by striking “alcohol and natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels”.

(b) **FUNDING.**—Section 400BB(b)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6374a(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows: “(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1993 through 1995, to remain available until expended.”.

SEC. 402. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

Part J of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended—

- (1) in section 400CC(a)—

(A) by striking “alcohol and buses capable of operating on natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels”; and

(B) by striking “both buses capable of operating on alcohol and buses capable of operating on natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “each of the various types of alternative fuel buses”;

42 USC 6374c.

(2) in section 400DD(d), by striking “alcohols, natural gas, and other potential alternative motor” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative”; and

(3) in section 400DD(d) and (e), by striking “motor” each place it appears.

SEC. 403. ALTERNATIVE MOTOR FUELS AMENDMENTS.

Title V of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act (15 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) is amended—

15 USC 2001.

(1) in section 501(1), by striking “alcohol or natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuel”;

15 USC 2002.

(2) in section 502(e)—

(A) by striking “alcohol powered automobiles or natural gas powered” and inserting in lieu thereof “dedicated”; and

(B) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled”;

15 USC 2006.

(3) in section 506(a)(4)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “alcohol powered automobiles or natural gas powered” and inserting in lieu thereof “dedicated”; and

(ii) by striking “alcohol or natural gas, as the case may be” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “energy automobiles or natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled”; and

(ii) by striking “energy automobile or natural gas dual energy automobile, as the case may be” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled automobile”; and

(4) in section 506(b)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled”;

(ii) by striking “alcohol or natural gas, as the case may be” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels” in clause (i); and

(iii) by striking “alcohol or natural gas, as the case may be” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels” in clause (ii); and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “dual fueled”; and

(ii) by striking “alcohol” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuels” in clauses (i) and (ii); and

15 USC 2013.

(5) in section 513—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking "ALCOHOL POWERED" and inserting in lieu thereof "DEDICATED";

(ii) by striking "If" and inserting in lieu thereof "Except as provided in subsection (c) or in section 503(a)(3), if";

(iii) by striking "alcohol powered" and inserting in lieu thereof "dedicated";

(iv) by striking "content of the alcohol" and inserting in lieu thereof "content of the alternative fuel"; and

(v) by striking "gallon of alcohol" and inserting in lieu thereof "gallon of a liquid alternative fuel";

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking "ENERGY" and inserting in lieu thereof "FUELED";

(ii) by striking "If" and inserting in lieu thereof "Except as provided in subsection (d) or in section 503(a)(3), if";

(iii) by striking "energy" and inserting in lieu thereof "fueled"; and

(iv) by striking "alcohol" and inserting in lieu thereof "alternative fuel" in paragraph (2);

(C) in subsection (c)—

(i) by striking "NATURAL GAS POWERED" and inserting in lieu thereof "GASEOUS FUEL DEDICATED";

(ii) by striking "powered" and inserting in lieu thereof "dedicated";

(iii) by striking "natural gas" each place it appears in the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "gaseous fuel"; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new sentence: "For purposes of this section, the Secretary shall determine the appropriate gallons equivalent measurement for gaseous fuels other than natural gas, and a gallon equivalent of such gaseous fuel shall be considered to have a fuel content of 15 one-hundredths of a gallon of fuel.";

(D) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking "NATURAL GAS DUAL ENERGY" and inserting in lieu thereof "GASEOUS FUEL DUAL FUELED";

(ii) by striking "dual energy" and inserting in lieu thereof "dual fueled"; and

(iii) by striking "natural gas" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "gaseous fuel";

(E) in subsection (e), by striking "alcohol powered automobile, dual energy automobile, natural gas powered automobile, or natural gas dual energy" and inserting in lieu thereof "dedicated automobile or dual fueled";

(F) in subsection (f)(2)(A)(i), by striking "alcohol powered automobiles, natural gas powered automobiles," and inserting in lieu thereof "alternative fueled automobiles";

(G) in subsection (g)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by inserting ", other than electric automobiles," after "each category of automobiles" in subparagraph (A);

(II) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” in subparagraph (A);

(III) by inserting “, other than electric automobiles,” after “each category of automobiles” in subparagraph (B);

(IV) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” in subparagraph (B);

(V) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” both places it appears in subparagraph (C); and

(VI) by striking “energy automobile or natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” in subparagraph (C); and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking “energy passenger automobiles or natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” in subparagraph (A);

(II) by striking “alcohol powered automobiles or natural gas powered” and inserting in lieu thereof “dedicated” in subparagraph (B); and

(III) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” in subparagraph (B);

(H) in subsection (h)(1)—

(i) by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) and redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D);

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new subparagraphs:

“(A) the term ‘alternative fuel’ means methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols; mixtures containing 85 percent or more (or such other percentage, but not less than 70 percent, as determined by the Secretary, by rule, to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or vehicle functions) by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline or other fuels; natural gas; liquefied petroleum gas; hydrogen; coal derived liquid fuels; fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biological materials; electricity (including electricity from solar energy); and any other fuel the Secretary determines, by rule, is substantially not petroleum and would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental benefits;

“(B) the term ‘alternative fueled automobile’ means an automobile that—

“(i) is a dedicated automobile; or

“(ii) is a dual fueled automobile;

“(C) the term ‘dedicated automobile’ means an automobile that operates solely on alternative fuels; and”;

(iii) in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated by clause (i) of this subparagraph—

(I) by striking “dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “dual fueled”;

(II) by striking “alcohol” and inserting in lieu thereof “alternative fuel” in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii);

(III) by inserting “in the case of an automobile capable of operating on a mixture of an alternative fuel and gasoline or diesel fuel,” before “which, for model years” in clause (iii); and

(IV) by striking the semicolon at the end of clause (iv) and inserting in lieu thereof a period; and

(I) in subsection (h)(2)—

(i) by striking “paragraphs (1)(C) and (D)” and inserting in lieu thereof “paragraph (1)(D)” in subparagraph (A);

(ii) by striking “energy automobiles when operating on alcohol, and by natural gas dual energy automobiles when operating on natural gas” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled automobiles when operating on alternative fuels” in subparagraph (A);

(iii) by striking “energy automobiles or natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” both places it appears in subparagraph (A);

(iv) by striking “energy automobiles and natural gas dual energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” in subparagraph (A);

(v) by striking “energy” and inserting in lieu thereof “fueled” each place it appears in subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

(vi) by inserting “other than electric automobiles” after “automobiles” each place it appears in subparagraphs (B) and (C).

SEC. 404. VEHICULAR NATURAL GAS JURISDICTION.

(a) NATURAL GAS ACT AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 1 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717) is amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:

“(d) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to any person solely by reason of, or with respect to, any sale or transportation of vehicular natural gas if such person is—

“(1) not otherwise a natural-gas company; or

“(2) subject primarily to regulation by a State commission, whether or not such State commission has, or is exercising, jurisdiction over the sale, sale for resale, or transportation of vehicular natural gas.”.

(2) Section 2 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717a) is amended by inserting after paragraph (9) the following new paragraph:

“(10) ‘Vehicular natural gas’ means natural gas that is ultimately used as a fuel in a self-propelled vehicle.”.

(b) STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.—The transportation or sale of natural gas by any person who is not otherwise a public utility, within the meaning of State law—

(1) in closed containers; or

(2) otherwise to any person for use by such person as a fuel in a self-propelled vehicle,

shall not be considered to be a transportation or sale of natural gas within the meaning of any State law, regulation, or order

in effect before January 1, 1989. This subsection shall not apply to any provision of any State law, regulation, or order to the extent that such provision has as its primary purpose the protection of public safety.

15 USC 79b note.

(c) **NONAPPLICABILITY OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935.**—(1) A company shall not be considered to be a gas utility company under section 2(a)(4) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79b(a)(4)) solely because it owns or operates facilities used for the distribution at retail of vehicular natural gas.

(2) Notwithstanding section 11(b)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79k(b)(1)), a holding company registered under such Act solely by reason of the application of section 2(a)(7) (A) or (B) of such Act with respect to control of a gas utility company or subsidiary thereof, may acquire or retain, in any geographic area, any interest in a company that is not a public utility company and which, as a primary business, is involved in the sale of vehicular natural gas or the manufacture, sale, transport, installation, servicing, or financing of equipment related to the sale for consumption of vehicular natural gas.

(3) The sale or transportation of vehicular natural gas by a company, or any subsidiary of such company, shall not be taken into consideration in determining whether under section 3 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79c) such company is exempt from registration.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, terms that are defined under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 shall have the meaning given such terms in such Act.

(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term “vehicular natural gas” means natural or manufactured gas that is ultimately used as a fuel in a self-propelled vehicle.

42 USC 13231.

SEC. 405. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM.

The Secretary, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and individuals and organizations with practical experience in the production and use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles, shall, for the purposes of promoting the use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles, establish a public information program on the benefits and costs of the use of alternative fuels in motor vehicles. Within 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall produce and make available an information package for consumers to assist them in choosing among alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles. Such information package shall provide relevant and objective information on motor vehicle characteristics and fuel characteristics as compared to gasoline, on a life cycle basis, including environmental performance, energy efficiency, domestic content, cost, maintenance requirements, reliability, and safety. Such information package shall also include information with respect to the conversion of conventional motor vehicles to alternative fueled vehicles. The Secretary shall include such other information as the Secretary determines is reasonable and necessary to help promote the use of alternative fuels in motor vehicles. Such information package shall be updated annually to reflect the most recent available information.

42 USC 13232.

SEC. 406. LABELING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS.**—The Federal Trade Commission, in consultation with the Secretary, the Administrator

of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Secretary of Transportation, shall, within 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for a rule to establish uniform labeling requirements, to the greatest extent practicable, for alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles, including requirements for appropriate information with respect to costs and benefits, so as to reasonably enable the consumer to make choices and comparisons. Required labeling under the rule shall be simple and, where appropriate, consolidated with other labels providing information to the consumer. In formulating the rule, the Federal Trade Commission shall give consideration to the problems associated with developing and publishing useful and timely cost and benefit information, taking into account lead time, costs, the frequency of changes in costs and benefits that may occur, and other relevant factors. The Commission shall obtain the views of affected industries, consumer organizations, Federal and State agencies, and others in formulating the rule. A final rule shall be issued within 1 year after the notice of proposed rulemaking is issued. Such rule shall be updated periodically to reflect the most recent available information.

Regulations.

(b) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COORDINATION.**—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to the Federal Trade Commission in developing labeling requirements under subsection (a). The Secretary shall coordinate activities under this section with activities under section 405.

SEC. 407. DATA ACQUISITION PROGRAM.

42 USC 13233.

(a) Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, through the Energy Information Administration, and in cooperation with appropriate State, regional, and local authorities, shall establish a data collection program to be conducted in at least 5 geographically and climatically diverse regions of the United States for the purpose of collecting data which would be useful to persons seeking to manufacture, convert, sell, own, or operate alternative fueled vehicles or alternative fueling facilities. Such data shall include—

(1) identification of the number and types of motor vehicle trips made daily and miles driven per trip, including commuting, business, and recreational trips;

(2) the projections of the Secretary as to the most likely combination of alternative fueled vehicle use and other forms of transit, including rail and other forms of mass transit;

(3) cost, performance, environmental, energy, and safety data on alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles; and

(4) other appropriate demographic information and consumer preferences.

(b) The Secretary shall consult with interested parties, including other appropriate Federal agencies, manufacturers, public utilities, owners and operators of fleets of light duty motor vehicles, and State or local governmental entities, to determine the types of data to be collected and analyzed under subsection (a).

SEC. 408. FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION AUTHORITY TO APPROVE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN EXPENSES IN ADVANCE.

42 USC 13234.

(a) **NATURAL GAS MOTOR VEHICLES.**—The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may, under section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, allow recovery of expenses in advance by natural-gas companies

for research, development, and demonstration activities by the Gas Research Institute for projects on the use of natural gas, including fuels derived from natural gas, for transportation, and projects on the use of natural gas to control pollutants and to control emissions from the combustion of other fuels, if the Commission finds that the benefits, including environmental benefits, to existing and future ratepayers resulting from such activities exceed all direct costs to existing and future ratepayers. To the maximum extent practicable, through the establishment of cofunding requirements applicable to such projects, the Commission shall ensure that the costs of such activities shall be provided in part, through contributions of cash, personnel, services, equipment, and other resources, by sources other than the recovery of expenses pursuant to this section.

(b) **ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES.**—The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may, under section 205 of the Federal Power Act, allow recovery of expenses in advance by electric utilities for research, development, and demonstration activities by the Electric Power Research Institute for projects on electric motor vehicles, if the Commission finds that the benefits, including environmental benefits, to existing and future ratepayers resulting from such activities exceed all direct costs to existing and future ratepayers. To the maximum extent practicable, through the establishment of cofunding requirements applicable to each project, the costs of such activities shall be provided, in part, through contributions of cash, personnel, services, equipment, and other resources, by sources other than the recovery of expenses pursuant to this section.

(c) **REPEAL.**—The second paragraph of the matter under the heading “FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SALARIES AND EXPENSES” in title III of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1992, is repealed.

15 USC 717c
note.

42 USC 13235.

Regulations.

SEC. 409. STATE AND LOCAL INCENTIVES PROGRAMS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**—(1) The Secretary shall, within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, issue regulations establishing guidelines for comprehensive State alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicle incentives and program plans designed to accelerate the introduction and use of such fuels and vehicles. Such guideline shall address the development, modification, and implementation of such State plans and shall describe those program elements, as described in paragraph (3), to be addressed in such plans.

(2) The Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall invite the Governor of each State to submit to the Secretary a State plan within one year after the effective date of the regulations issued under paragraph (1). Such plan shall include—

(A) provisions designed to result in scheduled progress toward, and achievement of, the goal of introducing substantial numbers of alternative fueled vehicles in such State by the year 2000; and

(B) a detailed description of the requirements, including the estimated cost of implementation, of such plan.

(3) Each proposed State plan, in order to be eligible for Federal assistance under this section, shall describe the manner in which coordination shall be achieved with Federal and local governmental

entities in implementing such plan, and shall include an examination of—

(A) exemption from State sales tax or other State or local taxes or surcharges (other than such taxes or surcharges which are dedicated for transportation purposes) with respect to alternative fueled vehicles, alternative fuels, or alternative fueling facilities;

(B) the introduction of alternative fueled vehicles into State-owned or operated motor vehicle fleets;

(C) special parking at public buildings and airport and transportation facilities;

(D) programs of public education to promote the use of alternative fueled vehicles;

(E) the treatment of sales of alternative fuels for use in alternative fueled vehicles;

(F) methods by which State and local governments might facilitate—

(i) the availability of alternative fuels; and

(ii) the ability to recharge electric motor vehicles at public locations;

(G) allowing public utilities to include in rates the incremental cost of—

(i) new alternative fueled vehicles;

(ii) converting conventional vehicles to operate on alternative fuels; and

(iii) installing alternative fuel fueling facilities,

but only to the extent that the inclusion of such costs in rates would not create competitive disadvantages for other market participants, and taking into consideration the effect inclusion of such costs would have on rates, service, and reliability to other utility customers;

(H) such other programs and incentives as the State may describe;

(I) whether accomplishing any of the goals in this subsection would require amendment to State law or regulation, including traffic safety prohibitions;

(J) services provided by municipal, county, and regional transit authorities; and

(K) effects of such plan on programs authorized by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and amendments made by that Act.

(b) FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—(1) Upon request of the Governor of any State with a plan approved under this section, the Secretary may provide to such State—

(A) information and technical assistance, including model State laws and proposed regulations relating to alternative fueled vehicles;

(B) grants of Federal financial assistance for the purpose of assisting such State in the implementation of such plan or any part thereof; and

(C) grants of Federal financial assistance for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles.

(2) In determining whether to approve a State plan submitted under subsection (a), and in determining the amount of Federal financial assistance, if any, to be provided to any State under this subsection, the Secretary shall take into account—

(A) the energy-related and environmental-related impacts, on a life cycle basis, of the introduction and use of alternative fueled vehicles included in the plan compared to conventional motor vehicles;

(B) the number of alternative fueled vehicles likely to be introduced by the year 2000, as a result of successful implementation of the plan; and

(C) such other factors as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services, shall provide assistance to States in procuring alternative fueled vehicles, including coordination with Federal procurements of such vehicles.

(4) The Secretary may not approve a State plan submitted under subsection (a) unless the State agrees to provide at least 20 percent of the cost of activities for which assistance is provided under paragraph (1).

(c) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—(1) In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to transportation and with other appropriate Federal and State departments and agencies.

(2) The Secretary shall report annually to the President and the Congress, and shall furnish copies of such report to the Governor of each State participating in the program, on the operation of the program under this section. Such report shall include—

(A) an estimate of the number of alternative fueled vehicles in use in each State;

(B) the degree of each State's participation in the program;

(C) a description of Federal, State, and local programs undertaken in the various States, whether pursuant to a State plan under this section or not, to provide incentives for introduction of alternative fueled vehicles;

(D) an estimate of the energy and environmental benefits of the program; and

(E) the recommendations of the Secretary, if any, for additional action by the Federal Government.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) GOVERNOR.—The term "Governor" means the chief executive of a State.

(2) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other Commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this section, \$10,000,000 for each of the 5 fiscal years beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

Reports.

42 USC 13236.

SEC. 410. ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUS PROGRAM.

(a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND JOINT VENTURES.—(1) The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary, may enter into cooperative agreements and joint ventures proposed by any municipal, county, or regional transit authority in an urban area with a population over 100,000 (according to latest available

census information) to demonstrate the feasibility of commercial application, including safety of specific vehicle design, of using alternative fuels for urban buses and other motor vehicles used for mass transit.

(2) The cooperative agreements and joint ventures under paragraph (1) may include interested or affected private firms willing to provide assistance in cash, or in kind, for any such demonstration.

(3) Federal assistance provided under cooperative agreements and joint ventures entered into under paragraph (1) to demonstrate the feasibility of commercial application of using alternative fuels for urban buses shall be in addition to Federal assistance provided under any other law for such purpose.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) The Secretary of Transportation may not enter into cooperative agreement or joint venture under subsection (a) with any municipal, county, or regional transit authority, unless such government body agrees to provide 20 percent of the costs of such demonstration.

(2) The Secretary of Transportation may grant such priority under this section to any entity that demonstrates that the use of alternative fuels for transportation would have a significant beneficial effect on the environment.

(c) SCHOOL BUSES.—The Secretary of Transportation may also provide, in accordance with such rules as he may prescribe, financial assistance to any agency, municipality, or political subdivision in an urban area referred to in subsection (a), of any State or the District of Columbia for the purpose of meeting the incremental costs of school buses that are dedicated vehicles and used regularly for such transportation during the school term. Such costs may include the purchase and installation of alternative fuel refueling facilities to be used for school bus refueling, and the conversion of school buses to dedicated vehicles. The Secretary of Transportation may provide such assistance directly to a person who is a contractor of such agency, municipality, or political subdivision, upon the request of the agency, municipality, or political subdivision, and who, under such contract, provides for such transportation. Any conversion under this subsection shall comply with the warranty and safety requirements for alternative fuel conversions contained in section 247 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

(d) FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$30,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995 for purposes of this section.

SEC. 411. CERTIFICATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS.

42 USC 13237.

The Secretary shall ensure that the Federal Government establishes and carries out a program for the certification of training programs for technicians who are responsible for motor vehicle installation of equipment that converts gasoline or diesel-fueled motor vehicles into dedicated vehicles or dual fueled vehicles, and for the maintenance of such converted motor vehicles. A training program shall not be certified under the program established under this section unless it provides technicians with instruction on the proper and safe installation procedures and techniques, adherence to specifications (including original equipment manufacturer specifications), motor vehicle operating procedures, emissions testing, and other appropriate mechanical concerns applicable to these motor vehicle conversions. The Secretary shall ensure that, in the development of the program required under this section, original

equipment manufacturers, fuel suppliers, companies that convert conventional vehicles to use alternative fuels, and other affected persons are consulted.

42 USC 13238. **SEC. 412. ALTERNATIVE FUEL USE IN NONROAD VEHICLES AND ENGINES.**

(a) **NONROAD VEHICLES AND ENGINES.**—(1) The Secretary shall conduct a study to determine whether the use of alternative fuels in nonroad vehicles and engines would contribute substantially to reduced reliance on imported energy sources. Such study shall be completed, and the results thereof reported to Congress, within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) The study shall assess the potential of nonroad vehicles and engines to run on alternative fuels. Taking into account the nonroad vehicles and engines for which running on alternative fuels is feasible, the study shall assess the potential reduction in reliance on foreign energy sources that could be achieved if such vehicles were to run on alternative fuels.

(3) The report required under paragraph (1) may include the Secretary's recommendations for encouraging or requiring nonroad vehicles and engines which can feasibly be run on alternative fuels, to utilize such alternative fuels.

(b) **DEFINITION OF NONROAD VEHICLES AND ENGINES.**—Nonroad vehicles and engines, for purposes of this section, shall include nonroad vehicles and engines used for surface transportation or principally for industrial or commercial purposes, vehicles used for rail transportation, vehicles used at airports, vehicles or engines used for marine purposes, and other vehicles or engines at the discretion of the Secretary.

(c) **DESIGNATION.**—Upon completion of the study required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary may designate such vehicles and engines as qualifying for loans pursuant to section 414 of this title.

SEC. 413. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

Within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) identify and report to Congress on purchasing policies of the Federal Government which inhibit or prevent the purchase by the Federal Government of alternative fueled vehicles; and

(2) report to Congress on Federal, State, and local traffic control measures and policies and how the use of alternative fueled vehicles could be promoted by granting such vehicles exemptions or preferential treatment under such measures.

42 USC 13239. **SEC. 414. LOW INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a program for making low interest loans, giving preference to small businesses that own or operate fleets, for—

(1) the conversion of motor vehicles to operation on alternative fuels;

(2) covering the incremental costs of the purchase of motor vehicles which operate on alternative fuels, when compared with purchase costs of comparable conventionally fueled motor vehicles; or

(3) covering the incremental costs of purchase of non-road vehicles and engines designated by the Secretary pursuant to section 412(c) of this title.

(b) **LOAN TERMS.**—The Secretary, to the extent practicable, shall establish reasonable terms for loans made under this subsection, with preference given to repayment schedules that enable such loans to be repaid by the borrower from the cost differential between gasoline and the alternative fuel on which the motor vehicle operates.

(c) **CRITERIA.**—In deciding to whom loans shall be made under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the financial need of the applicant;

(2) the goal of assisting the greatest number of applicants;

and

(3) the ability of an applicant to repay the loan, taking into account the fuel cost savings likely to accrue to the applicant.

(d) **PRIORITIES.**—Priority shall be given under this section to fleets where the use of alternative fuels would have a significant beneficial effect on energy security and the environment.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section, \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995.

TITLE V—AVAILABILITY AND USE OF REPLACEMENT FUELS, ALTERNATIVE FUELS, AND ALTERNATIVE FUELED PRIVATE VEHICLES

SEC. 501. MANDATE FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROVIDERS.

42 USC 13251.

Regulations.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—(1) The Secretary shall, before January 1, 1994, issue regulations requiring that of the new light duty motor vehicles acquired by a covered person described in paragraph (2), the following percentages shall be alternative fueled vehicles for the following model years:

(A) 30 percent for model year 1996.

(B) 50 percent for model year 1997.

(C) 70 percent for model year 1998.

(D) 90 percent for model year 1999 and thereafter.

(2) For purposes of this section, a person referred to in paragraph (1) is—

(A) a covered person whose principal business is producing, storing, refining, processing, transporting, distributing, importing, or selling at wholesale or retail any alternative fuel other than electricity;

(B) a non-Federal covered person whose principal business is generating, transmitting, importing, or selling at wholesale or retail electricity; or

(C) a covered person—

(i) who produces, imports, or produces and imports in combination, an average of 50,000 barrels per day or more of petroleum; and

(ii) a substantial portion of whose business is producing alternative fuels.

(3)(A) In the case of a covered person described in paragraph (2) with more than one affiliate, division, or other business unit, only an affiliate, division, or business unit which is substantially engaged in the alternative fuels business (as determined by the Secretary by rule) shall be subject to this subsection.

(B) No covered person or affiliate, division, or other business unit of such person whose principal business is—

(i) transforming alternative fuels into a product that is not an alternative fuel; or

(ii) consuming alternative fuels as a feedstock or fuel in the manufacture of a product that is not an alternative fuel, shall be subject to this subsection.

(4) The vehicles purchased pursuant to this section shall be operated solely on alternative fuels except when operating in an area where the appropriate alternative fuel is unavailable.

(5) Regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall provide for the prompt exemption by the Secretary, through a simple and reasonable process, from the requirements of paragraph (1) of any covered person, in whole or in part, if such person demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that—

(A) alternative fueled vehicles that meet the normal requirements and practices of the principal business of that person are not reasonably available for acquisition; or

(B) alternative fuels that meet the normal requirements and practices of the principal business of that person are not available in the area in which the vehicles are to be operated.

(b) REVISIONS AND EXTENSIONS.—With respect to model years 1997 and thereafter, the Secretary may—

(1) revise the percentage requirements under subsection (a)(1) downward, except that under no circumstances shall the percentage requirement for a model year be less than 20 percent; and

(2) extend the time under subsection (a)(1) for up to 2 model years.

Regulations.

(c) OPTION FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES.—The Secretary shall, within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, issue regulations requiring that, in the case of a covered person whose principal business is generating, transmitting, importing, or selling at wholesale or retail electricity, the requirements of subsection (a)(1) shall not apply until after December 31, 1997, with respect to electric motor vehicles. Any covered person described in this subsection which plans to acquire electric motor vehicles to comply with the requirements of this section shall so notify the Secretary before January 1, 1996.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall, before January 1, 1998, submit a report to the Congress providing detailed information on actions taken to carry out this section, and the progress made and problems encountered thereunder.

42 USC 13252.

SEC. 502. REPLACEMENT FUEL SUPPLY AND DEMAND PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a program to promote the development and use in light duty motor vehicles of domestic replacement fuels. Such program shall promote the replacement of petroleum motor fuels with replacement fuels to the maximum extent practicable. Such program shall, to the extent practicable, ensure the availability of those replacement fuels that will have the greatest impact in reducing oil imports,

improving the health of our Nation's economy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

(b) **DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PRODUCTION GOALS.**—Under the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary, before October 1, 1993, in consultation with the Administrator, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of other appropriate agencies, shall review appropriate information and—

(1) estimate the domestic and nondomestic production capacity for replacement fuels and alternative fueled vehicles needed to implement this section;

(2) determine the technical and economic feasibility of achieving the goals of producing sufficient replacement fuels to replace, on an energy equivalent basis—

(A) at least 10 percent by the year 2000; and

(B) at least 30 percent by the year 2010,

of the projected consumption of motor fuel in the United States for each such year, with at least one half of such replacement fuels being domestic fuels;

(3) determine the most suitable means and methods of developing and encouraging the production, distribution, and use of replacement fuels and alternative fueled vehicles in a manner that would meet the program goals described in subsection (a);

(4) identify ways to encourage the development of reliable replacement fuels and alternative fueled vehicle industries in the United States, and the technical, economic, and institutional barriers to such development; and

(5) determine the greenhouse gas emission implications of increasing the use of replacement fuels, including an estimate of the maximum feasible reduction in such emissions from the use of replacement fuels.

The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the results of actions taken under this subsection, and provide for an opportunity for public comment.

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SEC. 503. REPLACEMENT FUEL DEMAND ESTIMATES AND SUPPLY INFORMATION.

42 USC 13253.

(a) **ESTIMATES.**—Not later than October 1, 1993, and annually thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator, the Secretary of Transportation, and other appropriate State and Federal officials, shall estimate for the following calendar year—

(1) the number of each type of alternative fueled vehicle likely to be in use in the United States;

(2) the probable geographic distribution of such vehicles;

(3) the amount and distribution of each type of replacement fuel; and

(4) the greenhouse gas emissions likely to result from replacement fuel use.

(b) **INFORMATION.**—Beginning on October 1, 1994, the Secretary shall annually require—

(1) fuel suppliers to report to the Secretary on the amount of each type of replacement fuel that such supplier—

(A) has supplied in the previous calendar year; and

(B) plans to supply for the following calendar year;

(2) suppliers of alternative fueled vehicles to report to the Secretary on the number of each type of alternative fueled vehicle that such supplier—

(A) has made available in the previous calendar year;

and

(B) plans to make available for the following calendar year; and

(3) such fuel suppliers to provide the Secretary information necessary to determine the greenhouse gas emissions from the replacement fuels used, taking into account the entire fuel cycle.

(c) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Information provided to the Secretary under subsection (b) shall be subject to applicable provisions of law protecting the confidentiality of trade secrets and business and financial information, including section 1905 of title 18, United States Code.

42 USC 13254.

SEC. 504. MODIFICATION OF GOALS; ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

(a) EXAMINATION OF GOALS.—Within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and periodically thereafter, the Secretary shall examine the goals established under section 502(b)(2), in the context of the program goals stated under section 502(a), to determine if the goals under section 502(b)(2), including the applicable percentage requirements and dates, should be modified under this section. The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the results of each examination under this subsection and provide an opportunity for public comment.

(b) MODIFICATION OF GOALS.—If, after analysis of information obtained in connection with carrying out subsection (a) or section 502, or other information, and taking into account the determination of technical and economic feasibility made under section 502(b)(2), the Secretary determines that goals described in section 502(b)(2), including the percentage requirements or dates, are not achievable, the Secretary, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, shall, by rule, establish goals that are achievable, for purposes of this title. The modification of goals under this section may include changing the target dates specified in section 502(b)(2).

(c) ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—If the Secretary determines that the achievement of goals described in section 502(b)(2) would result in a significant and correctable failure to meet the program goals described in section 502(a), the Secretary shall issue such additional regulations as are necessary to remedy such failure. The Secretary shall have no authority under this Act to mandate the production of alternative fueled vehicles or to specify, as applicable, the models, lines, or types of, or marketing or pricing practices, policies, or strategies for, vehicles subject to this Act. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to give the Secretary authority to mandate marketing or pricing practices, policies, or strategies for alternative fuels or to mandate the production or delivery of such fuels.

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42 USC 13255.

SEC. 505. VOLUNTARY SUPPLY COMMITMENTS.

The Secretary shall, by January 1, 1994, and thereafter, undertake to obtain voluntary commitments in geographically diverse regions of the United States—

(1) from fuel suppliers to make available to the public replacement fuels, including providing for the construction or availability of related fuel delivery systems;

(2) from owners of 10 or more motor vehicles to acquire and use alternative fueled vehicles and alternative fuels; and

(3) from suppliers of alternative fueled vehicles to make available to the public alternative fueled vehicles and to ensure the availability of necessary related services,

in sufficient volume to achieve the goals described in section 502(b)(2) or as modified under section 504, and in order to meet any fleet requirement program established by rule under this title. The Secretary shall periodically report to the Congress on the results of efforts under this section. All voluntary commitments obtained pursuant to this section shall be available to the public, except to the extent provided in applicable provisions of law protecting the confidentiality of trade secrets and business and financial information, including section 1905 of title 18, United States Code.

SEC. 506. TECHNICAL AND POLICY ANALYSIS.

42 USC 13256.

(a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than March 1, 1995, and March 1, 1997, the Secretary shall prepare and transmit to the President and the Congress a technical and policy analysis under this section. The Secretary shall utilize the analytical capability and authorities of the Energy Information Administration and such other offices of the Department of Energy as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The technical and policy analysis prepared under this section shall be based on the best available data and information obtainable by the Secretary under section 503, or otherwise, and on experience under this title and other provisions of law in the development and use of replacement fuels and alternative fueled vehicles, and shall evaluate—

(1) progress made in achieving the goals described in section 502(b)(2), as modified under section 504;

(2) the actual and potential role of replacement fuels and alternative fueled vehicles in significantly reducing United States reliance on imported oil to the extent of the goals referred to in paragraph (1); and

(3) the actual and potential availability of various domestic replacement fuels and dedicated vehicles and dual fueled vehicles.

(c) **PUBLICATION.**—The Secretary shall publish a proposed version of each analysis under this section in the Federal Register for public comment before transmittal to the President and the Congress. Public comment received in response to such publication shall be preserved for use in rulemaking proceedings under section 507.

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SEC. 507. FLEET REQUIREMENT PROGRAM.

42 USC 13257.

(a) **FLEET PROGRAM PURCHASE GOALS.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the following percentages of new light duty motor vehicles acquired in each model year for a fleet, other than a Federal fleet, State fleet, or fleet owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by a covered person subject to section 501, shall be alternative fueled vehicles:

(A) 20 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model years 1999, 2000, and 2001;

(B) 30 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2002;

(C) 40 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2003;

(D) 50 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2004;

(E) 60 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2005; and

(F) 70 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2006 and thereafter.

(2) The Secretary may not establish percentage requirements higher than those described in paragraph (1). The Secretary may, if appropriate, and pursuant to a rule under subsection (b), establish a lesser percentage requirement for any model year. The Secretary may, by rule, establish a date later than 1998 (or model year 1999) for initiating the fleet requirements under paragraph (1).

Regulations.

(3) The Secretary shall publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for the purpose of—

(A) evaluating the progress toward achieving the goals of replacement fuel use described in section 502(b)(2), as modified under section 504;

(B) identifying the problems associated with achieving those goals;

(C) assessing the adequacy and practicability of those goals; and

(D) considering all actions needed to achieve those goals. The Secretary shall provide for at least 3 regional hearings on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking, with respect to which official transcripts shall be maintained. The comment period in connection with such advance notice of proposed rulemaking shall be completed within 7 months after publication of the advance notice.

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(4) After the completion of such advance notice of proposed rulemaking, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a proposed rule for the rule required under subsection (b), and shall provide for a public comment period, with hearings, of not less than 90 days.

(b) EARLY RULEMAKING.—(1) Not earlier than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and after carrying out the requirements of subsection (a), the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking to determine whether a fleet requirement program to begin in calendar year 1998 (when model year 1999 begins), or such other later date as he may select pursuant to subsection (a), is necessary under this section. Such rule, consistent with subsection (a)(1), shall establish the annual applicable model year percentage. No rule under this subsection may be promulgated after December 15, 1996, and be enforceable. A fleet requirement program shall be considered necessary and a rule therefor shall be promulgated if the Secretary finds that—

(A) the goal of replacement fuel use described in section 502(b)(2)(B), as modified under section 504, is not expected to be actually achieved by 2010, or such other date as is established under section 504, by voluntary means or pursuant to this title or any other law without such a fleet requirement program, taking into consideration the status of the achievement of the interim goal described in section 502(b)(2)(A), as modified under section 504;

(B) such goal is practicable and actually achievable within periods specified in section 502(b)(2), as modified under section

504, through implementation of such a fleet requirement program in combination with voluntary means and the application of other programs relevant to achieving such goals; and

(C) by 1998 (when model year 1999 begins) or the date specified by the Secretary in such rule for initiating a fleet requirement program—

(i) there exists sufficient evidence to ensure that the fuel and the needed infrastructure, including the supply and deliverability systems, will be installed and located at convenient places in the fleet areas subject to the rule and will be fully operational when the rule is effective to offer a reliable and timely supply of the applicable alternative fuel at reasonable costs (as compared to conventional fuels) to meet the fleet requirement program, as demonstrated through use of the provisions of section 505(1) of this title regarding voluntary commitments or other adequate, reliable, and convincing forms of agreements, arrangements, or representations that such fuels and infrastructure are in existence or will exist when the rule is effective and will be expanded as the percentages increase annually;

(ii) there will be a sufficient number of new alternative fueled vehicles from original equipment manufacturers that comply with all applicable requirements of the Clean Air Act and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966;

(iii) such new vehicles will meet the applicable non-Federal and non-State fleet performance requirements of such fleets (including range, passenger or cargo-carrying capacity, reliability, refueling capability, vehicle mix, and economical operation and maintenance); and

(iv) establishment of a fleet requirement program by rule under this subsection will not result in unfair competitive advantages or disadvantages, or result in undue economic hardship, to the affected fleets.

(2) The Secretary shall not promulgate a rule under this subsection if he is unable to make affirmative findings in the case of each of the subparagraphs under paragraph (1), and each of the clauses under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1).

(3) If the Secretary does not determine that such program is necessary under this subsection, the provisions of subsection (e) shall apply to the consideration in the future of any fleet requirement program. The record of this rulemaking, including the Secretary's findings, shall be incorporated into a rulemaking under that subsection. If the Secretary determines under this subsection that such program is necessary, the Secretary shall not initiate the later rulemaking under subsection (e).

(c) ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING.—Not later than April 1, 1998, the Secretary shall publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for the purpose of—

(1) evaluating the progress toward achieving the goals of replacement fuel use described in section 502(b)(2), as modified under section 504;

(2) identifying the problems associated with achieving those goals;

(3) assessing the adequacy and practicability of those goals; and

(4) considering all actions needed to achieve those goals. The Secretary shall provide for at least 3 regional hearings on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking, with respect to which official transcripts shall be maintained. The comment period in connection with such advance notice of proposed rulemaking shall be completed within 7 months after publication of the advance notice.

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(d) **PROPOSED RULE.**—Before May 1, 1999, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a proposed rule for the rule required under subsection (g), and shall provide for a public comment period, with hearings, of not less than 90 days.

(e) **DETERMINATION.**—(1) Not later than January 1, 2000, the Secretary shall, through the rule required under subsection (g), determine whether a fleet requirement program is necessary under this section. Such a program shall be considered necessary and a rule therefor shall be promulgated if the Secretary finds that—

(A) the goal of replacement fuel use described in section 502(b)(2)(B), as modified under section 504, is not expected to be actually achieved by 2010, or such other date as is established under section 504, by voluntary means or pursuant to this title or any other law without such a fleet requirement program, taking into consideration the status of the achievement of the interim goal described in section 502(b)(2)(A), as modified under section 504; and

(B) such goal is practicable and actually achievable within periods specified in section 502(b)(2), as modified under section 504, through implementation of such a fleet requirement program in combination with voluntary means and the application of other programs relevant to achieving such goals.

(2) The rule under subsection (b) or (g) shall also modify the goal described in section 502(b)(2)(B) and establish a revised goal pursuant to section 504 if the Secretary determines, based on the proceeding required under subsection (a) or (c), that the goal in effect at the time of that proceeding is inadequate or impracticable, and not expected to be achievable. Such goal as modified and established shall be applicable in making the findings described in paragraph (1). If the Secretary modifies the goal under this paragraph, he may also modify the percentages stated in subsection (a)(1) or (g)(1) and the minimum percentage stated in subsection (a)(2) or (g)(2) shall be not less than 10 percent.

(f) **EXPLANATION OF DETERMINATION THAT FLEET REQUIREMENT PROGRAM IS NOT NECESSARY.**—If the Secretary determines, based on findings under subsection (b) or (e), that a fleet requirement program under this section is not necessary, the Secretary shall—

(1) by December 15, 1996, with respect to a rulemaking under subsection (b); and

(2) by January 1, 2000, with respect to a rulemaking under subsection (e),

publish such determination in the Federal Register as a final agency action, including an explanation of the findings on which such determination is made and the basis for the determination.

(g) **FLEET REQUIREMENT PROGRAM.**—(1) If the Secretary determines under subsection (e) that a fleet requirement program is necessary, the Secretary shall, by January 1, 2000, by rule require that, except as provided in paragraph (2), of the total number of new light duty motor vehicles acquired for a fleet, other than

a Federal fleet, State fleet, or fleet owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by a covered person under section 501—

(A) 20 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2002;

(B) 40 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2003;

(C) 60 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2004; and

(D) 70 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2005 and thereafter,

shall be alternative fueled vehicles.

(2) The Secretary may not establish percentage requirements higher than those described in paragraph (1). The Secretary may, if appropriate, and pursuant to a rule under subsection (g), establish a lesser percentage requirement for any model year. The Secretary may, by rule, establish a date later than 2002 (when model year 2003 begins) for initiating the fleet requirements under paragraph (1).

(3) Nothing in this title shall be construed as requiring any fleet to acquire alternative fueled vehicles or alternative fuels that do not meet the normal business requirements and practices and needs of that fleet.

(4) A vehicle operating only on gasoline that complies with applicable requirements of the Clean Air Act shall not be considered an alternative fueled vehicle under subsection (b) or this subsection, except that the Secretary, as part of the rule under subsection (b) or this subsection, may determine that such vehicle should be treated as an alternative fueled vehicle for purposes of this section, for fleets subject to part C of title II of the Clean Air Act, taking into consideration the impact on energy security and the goals stated in section 502(a).

(h) EXTENSION OF DEADLINES.—The Secretary may, by notice published in the Federal Register, extend the deadlines established under subsections (e), (f)(2), and (g) for an additional 90 days if the Secretary is unable to meet such deadlines. Such extension shall not be reviewable.

(i) EXEMPTIONS.—(1) A rule issued under subsection (b), (g), or (o) shall provide for the prompt exemption by the Secretary, through a simple and reasonable process, of any fleet from the requirements of subsection (b), (g), or (o), in whole or in part, if it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary that—

(A) alternative fueled vehicles that meet the normal requirements and practices of the principal business of the fleet owner are not reasonably available for acquisition;

(B) alternative fuels that meet the normal requirements and practices of the principal business of the fleet owner are not available in the area in which the vehicles are to be operated; or

(C) in the case of State and local government entities, the application of such requirements would pose an unreasonable financial hardship.

(2) In the case of private fleets, if the motor vehicles, when under normal operations, are garaged at personal residences at night, such motor vehicles shall be exempt from the requirements of subsections (b) and (g).

(j) **CONVERSIONS.**—Nothing in this title or the amendments made by this title shall require a fleet owner to acquire conversion vehicles.

(k) **INCLUSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES AND URBAN BUSES.**—(1) If the Secretary determines, by rule, that the inclusion of fleets of law enforcement motor vehicles in the fleet requirement program established under subsection (g) would contribute to achieving the goal described in section 502(b)(2)(B), as modified under section 504, and the Secretary finds that such inclusion would not hinder the use of the motor vehicles for law enforcement purposes, the Secretary may include such fleets in such program. The Secretary may only initiate one rulemaking under this paragraph.

(2) If the Secretary determines, by rule, that the inclusion of new urban buses, as defined by the Administrator under title II of the Clean Air Act, in a fleet requirement program established under subsection (g) would contribute to achieving the goal described in section 502(b)(2)(B), as modified under section 504, the Secretary may include such urban buses in such program, if the Secretary finds that such application will be consistent with energy security goals and the needs and objectives of encouraging and facilitating the greater use of such urban buses by the public, taking into consideration the impact of such application on public transit entities. The Secretary may only initiate one rulemaking under this paragraph.

(3) Rulemakings under paragraph (1) or (2) shall be separate from a rulemaking under subsection (g), but may not occur unless a rulemaking is carried out under subsection (g).

(l) **CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS.**—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall take into consideration energy security, costs, safety, lead time requirements, vehicle miles traveled annually, effect on greenhouse gases, technological feasibility, energy requirements, economic impacts, including impacts on workers and the impact on consumers (including users of the alternative fuel for purposes such as for residences, agriculture, process use, and non-fuel purposes) and fleets, the availability of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles, and other relevant factors.

(m) **CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**—In carrying out this section and section 506, the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator, and other appropriate Federal agencies. The Secretary shall provide for the participation of the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator in the development and issuance of the rule under this section, including the public process concerning such rule.

(n) **PETITIONS.**—As part of the rule promulgated either pursuant to subsection (b) or (g) of this section, the Secretary shall establish procedures for any fleet owner or operator or motor vehicle manufacturer to request that the Secretary modify or suspend a fleet requirement program established under either subsection nationally, by region, or in an applicable fleet area because, as demonstrated by the petitioner, the infrastructure or fuel supply or distribution system for an applicable alternative fuel is inadequate to meet the needs of a fleet. In the event that the Secretary determines that a modification or suspension of the fleet requirement program on a regional basis would detract from the nationwide character of any fleet requirement program established by rule

or would sufficiently diminish the economies of scale for the production of alternative fueled vehicles or alternative fuels and thereafter the practicability and effectiveness of such program, the Secretary may only modify or suspend the program nationally. The procedures shall include provisions for notice and public hearings. The Secretary shall deny or grant the petition within 180 days after filing.

(o) **MANDATORY STATE FLEET PROGRAMS.**—(1) Pursuant to a rule promulgated by the Secretary, beginning in calendar year 1995 (when model year 1996 begins), the following percentages of new light duty motor vehicles acquired annually for State government fleets, including agencies thereof, but not municipal fleets, shall be alternative fueled vehicles:

(A) 10 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 1996;

(B) 15 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 1997;

(C) 25 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 1998;

(D) 50 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 1999;

(E) 75 percent of the motor vehicles acquired in model year 2000 and thereafter.

(2)(A) The Secretary shall within 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act promulgate a rule providing that a State may submit a plan within 12 months after such promulgation containing a light duty alternative fueled vehicle plan for State fleets to meet the annual percentages established under paragraph (1) for the acquisition of light duty motor vehicles. The plan shall provide for the voluntary conversion or acquisition or combination thereof, beyond any acquisition required by this title, of such motor vehicles by State, local, or private fleets, in numbers greater than or equal to the number of State alternative fueled vehicles required pursuant to paragraph (1).

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(B) The plan, if approved by the Secretary, would be in lieu of the State meeting such annual percentages solely through purchases of new State-owned vehicles. All conversions or acquisitions or combinations thereof of any alternative fueled vehicles under the plan must be voluntary and must conform with the requirements of section 247 of the Clean Air Act and must comply with applicable safety requirements. The Secretary of Transportation shall within 3 years after enactment promulgate rules setting forth safety standards in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 applicable to all conversions.

SEC. 508. CREDITS.

42 USC 13258.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall allocate a credit to a fleet or covered person that is required to acquire an alternative fueled vehicle under this title, if that fleet or person acquires an alternative fueled vehicle in excess of the number that fleet or person is required to acquire under this title or acquires an alternative fueled vehicle before the date that fleet or person is required to acquire an alternative fueled vehicle under such title.

(b) **ALLOCATION.**—In allocating credits under subsection (a), the Secretary shall allocate one credit for each alternative fueled vehicle the fleet or covered person acquires that exceeds the number of alternative fueled vehicles that fleet or person is required to acquire under this title or that is acquired before the date that

fleet or person is required to acquire an alternative fueled vehicle under such title. In the event that a vehicle is acquired before the date otherwise required, the Secretary shall allocate one credit per vehicle for each year the vehicle is acquired before the required date. The credit shall be allocated for the same type vehicle as the excess vehicle or earlier acquired vehicle.

(c) **USE OF CREDITS.**—At the request of a fleet or covered person allocated a credit under this section, the Secretary shall treat the credit as the acquisition of one alternative fueled vehicle of the type for which the credit is allocated in the year designated by that fleet or person when determining whether that fleet or person has complied with this title in the year designated. A credit may be counted toward compliance for only one year.

(d) **TRANSFERABILITY.**—A fleet or covered person allocated a credit under this section or to whom a credit is transferred under this section, may transfer freely the credit to another fleet or person who is required to comply with this title. At the request of the fleet or person to whom a credit is transferred, the Secretary shall treat the transferred credit as the acquisition of one alternative fueled vehicle of the type for which the credit is allocated in the year designated by the fleet or person to whom the credit is transferred when determining whether that fleet or person has complied with this title in the year designated. A transferred credit may be counted toward compliance for only one year. In the case of the alternative fuel provider program under section 501, a transferred credit may be counted toward compliance only if the requirement of section 501(a)(4) is met.

42 USC 13259.

SEC. 509. SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.

(a) **RECOMMENDATIONS TO REQUIRE AVAILABILITY OR ACQUISITION.**—If the Secretary determines, under section 507(f), that a fleet requirement program under section 507 is not necessary, the Secretary shall so notify the Congress. If the Secretary so notifies the Congress, the Secretary shall, within 2 years after such notification and by rule, prepare and submit to the Congress recommendations for requirements or incentives for—

(1) fuel suppliers to make available to the public replacement fuels, including providing for the construction or availability of related fuel delivery systems;

(2) suppliers of alternative fueled vehicles to make available to the public alternative fueled vehicles and to ensure the availability of necessary related services; and

(3) motor vehicle drivers to use replacement fuels, to the extent necessary to achieve such goals of replacement fuel use and to ensure that the availability of alternative fuels and of alternative fueled vehicles are consistent with each other.

(b) **FAIR AND EQUITABLE APPLICATION.**—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall recommend the imposition of requirements proportionately on all appropriate fuel suppliers and purchasers of motor fuels and suppliers and purchasers of motor vehicles in a fair and equitable manner.

42 USC 13260.

SEC. 510. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed to alter, affect, or modify the provisions of the Clean Air Act, or regulations issued thereunder.

(b) **COMPLIANCE BY ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES.**—Alternative fueled vehicles, whether dedicated vehicles or dual fueled

vehicles, and the alternative fuels for operating such vehicles, shall comply with requirements of the Clean Air Act applicable to such vehicles and fuels.

SEC. 511. PROHIBITED ACTS.

42 USC 13261.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of section 501, 503(b), or 507, or any regulation issued under such sections.

SEC. 512. ENFORCEMENT.

42 USC 13262.

(a) Whoever violates section 511 shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation.

(b) Whoever willfully violates section 511 shall be fined not more than \$10,000 for each violation.

(c) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates section 511 after having been subjected to a civil penalty for a prior violation of section 511 shall be fined not more than \$50,000.

SEC. 513. POWERS OF THE SECRETARY.

42 USC 13263.

For the purpose of carrying out title III, title IV, this title, and title VI, the Secretary, or the duly designated agent of the Secretary, may hold such hearings, take such testimony, sit and act at such times and places, administer such oaths, and require, by subpoena, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, correspondence, memorandums, contracts, agreements, or other records as the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to do under section 505(b)(1) of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act (15 U.S.C. 2005(b)(1)).

SEC. 514. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

42 USC 13264.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this title \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993 through 1997, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1998 through 2000.