

HOUSE BILL No. 6149

May 29, 2002, Introduced by Reps. Kolb, Bovin, Anderson, Schauer, Gielegghem, Phillips, Lipsey, Rivet, Dennis and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to provide for a study on the feasibility of using vehicles powered by alternative fuel; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "alternative fuel and vehicle act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Alternative fuel" means electricity, ethanol, and natu-
5 ral gas.

6 (b) "Department" means the state transportation department.

7 (c) "Vehicle" means an automobile, truck, van, or sport
8 utility vehicle that is normally powered by gasoline or diesel
9 fuel but can utilize alternative fuel as an exclusive source of
10 fuel or in combination with gasoline or diesel fuel.

1 Sec. 3. The department shall conduct a feasibility study on
2 the feasibility of the state purchasing and utilizing vehicles
3 that are able to operate using alternative fuel. The feasibility
4 study shall address all of the following:

5 (a) The location, type, and number of alternative fueling
6 stations that are needed to make practical use of the vehicles.

7 (b) The type of fuel that can be used to power the
8 vehicles.

9 (c) The feasibility of a partnership to provide alternative
10 fueling stations with existing private service stations to pro-
11 vide for the number of fueling stations needed to use the
12 vehicles.

13 Sec. 4. The department shall present the written feasibil-
14 ity study and make recommendations for the implementation of a
15 pilot program based on the information contained in the feasibil-
16 ity study to the transportation committee of the house of repre-
17 sentatives and the transportation and tourism committee of the
18 senate no later than 9 months after the effective date of this
19 act. A copy of the written feasibility study shall be given to
20 the chair of each committee.