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HOUSE BILL NO. 269

Offered January 11, 2006 Prefiled January 4, 2006

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-1176.1, relating to state purchase of clean alternative fuel or hybrid passenger-type vehicles.

Patrons—Poisson, Eisenberg, Englin and Toscano

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-1176.1 as follows:

§ 2.2-1176.1. Purchase of clean alternative fuel or hybrid passenger-type vehicles.

- A. Clean alternative fuel or hybrid passenger-type vehicles shall be purchased by the Director and assigned to the centralized fleet according to the following annual percentage targets:
 - 1. Twenty-five percent of car purchases in fiscal year 2006-2007;
 - 2. Fifty percent of car purchases in fiscal year 2007-2008;
 - 3. Seventy-five percent of car purchases in fiscal year 2008-2009; and
 - 4. One hundred percent of car purchases in fiscal year 2009-2010.
- By July 1, 2011, 100% of centralized fleet purchases shall be clean alternative fuel or hybrid passenger-type vehicles.
- B. For purposes of this section, "clean alternative fuel passenger-type vehicle" means any passenger-type vehicle fueled by methanol, ethanol, other alcohols, reformulated gasoline, diesel, natural gases, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen, electricity or other power source that complies with the standards applicable to such vehicle under the federal Clean Air Act when using such fuel or other power source.

"Hybrid passenger-type vehicle" means any passenger-type, dual-fuel and bi-fuel vehicle equipped to operate on both a conventional fuel and an alternative fuel.

- C. The following vehicles shall not be subject to the provisions of this section:
- 1. Vehicles that have special equipment or performance requirements related to use by law-enforcement officers;
 - 2. Vehicles for use by any elected official of the people of the Commonwealth;
- 3. Vehicles purchased by the Department of Transportation and used directly in carrying out its maintenance, operations, and construction programs; and
 - 4. Such other special category of vehicles as may be excepted by the Director.

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