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SYNOPSIS

Establishes NJ Fuel Cell Task Force to increase use of fuel cells in State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Fuel Cell Task Force and
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. There is established in the Board of Public Utilities the
8 New Jersey Fuel Cell Task Force. The purpose of the task force
9 shall be to develop a plan to increase the use of fuel cells in the
10 State and to provide information, education, and resources for that
11 purpose. The task force shall:

12 (1) serve as a resource to State departments and local
13 governments on fuel cell issues;

14 (2) assist in the growth of fuel cell businesses in the State;

15 (3) increase the use of fuel cells throughout State government
16 departments and agencies;

17 (4) develop a strategy for the development of infrastructure to
18 support the use of fuel cells; and

19 (5) provide information and educational materials to the public,
20 government, and industry about the use and benefits of fuel cells.

21 In conducting its duties, the task force shall consult with the United
22 States Department of Energy and any fuel cell organizations that
23 may exist in other states.

24 b. The task force shall consist of 15 members as follows:

25 (1) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the
26 President of the Board of Public Utilities, the Commissioner of
27 Transportation, the Commissioner of Community Affairs, the Chief
28 Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development
29 Authority, who shall serve ex officio, or their respective designees;
30 and

31 (2) the following public members, appointed by the Governor:

32 (a) one member representing a fuel cell advocacy group in the
33 State;

34 (b) one member representing fuel cell manufacturers;

35 (c) one member representing suppliers of hydrogen for fuel
36 cells;

37 (d) one member representing fuel cell vehicle manufacturers;

38 (e) two members of the academic community with expertise in
39 fuel cells;

40 (f) one member representing a manufacturer of stationary fuel
41 cells;

42 (g) one member with expertise in fuel cell powered material
43 handling equipment;

44 (h) one member representing local government with expertise in
45 municipal land use matters; and

46 (i) one member with expertise in retail fuel sales and
47 distribution.

1 c. All appointments to the task force shall be made no later
2 than 90 days after the effective date of this act. Each public member
3 shall serve for four years or until a successor is appointed, and
4 vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
5 appointments. The members of the task force shall serve without
6 compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary
7 and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their
8 official duties within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise
9 made available to the task force for its purposes.

10 d. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable
11 following the appointment of all its public members and shall select
12 a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members, as
13 well as a secretary who need not be a member of the task force. A
14 majority of the full membership of the task force shall constitute a
15 quorum for the transaction of task force business. The task force
16 may meet and hold hearings at the place or places the task force
17 designates.

18 The Board of Public Utilities shall provide staff support to the
19 task force. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance
20 and avail itself of the services of the employees of any State,
21 county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or
22 agency as the task force may require and as may be available to the
23 task force for its purposes.

24 e. No later than one year after its organization, and annually
25 thereafter, the task force shall prepare and submit to the Governor
26 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
27 Legislature, a report detailing the task force's plan to increase the
28 use of fuel cells in the State, including any recommendations for
29 legislative or regulatory action that are necessary to effectuate the
30 plan.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill establishes in the Board of Public Utilities the New Jersey
38 Fuel Cell Task Force (task force). The purpose of the task force is to
39 develop a plan to increase the use of fuel cells in the State and to
40 provide information, education, and resources for that purpose. In
41 addition to developing the plan, the task force is to:

42 1) serve as a resource to State departments and local governments
43 on fuel cell issues;

44 2) assist in the growth of fuel cell businesses in the State;

45 3) increase the use of fuel cells throughout State government;

46 4) develop a strategy for the development of infrastructure to
47 support the use of fuel cells; and

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1 5) provide informational materials and education to the public,
2 government, and industry about the use and benefits of fuel cells.

3 The task force is to consist of 15 members, including the
4 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the President of the Board
5 of Public Utilities, the Commissioner of Transportation, the
6 Commissioner of Community Affairs, the Chief Executive Officer of
7 the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, who would serve
8 ex officio, or their respective designees, and public members to be
9 appointed by the Governor who are to represent stakeholders and
10 experts.

11 No later than one year after its organization, and annually
12 thereafter, the task force is to prepare and submit to the Governor and
13 the Legislature a report detailing the task force's plan to increase the
14 use of fuel cells in the State, including any recommendations for
15 legislative or regulatory action that are necessary to effectuate the
16 plan.