

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 38, *approved June 19, 2020*
Assembly, No. 741

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;

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

3 (i) one member with expertise in retail fuel sales and
4 distribution.

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

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

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

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

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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