

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 911
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and
 1-4 Economic Development; April 7, 2015, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-6 Nays 0; April 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 911 By: Zaffirini

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the eligibility for grants for natural gas fueling
 1-24 stations under the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 394.005(c), Health and Safety Code, is
 1-27 amended to read as follows:

1-28 (c) As a condition of receiving a grant, the qualifying
 1-29 vehicle must be continuously owned, leased, or otherwise
 1-30 commercially financed and registered and operated in the state by
 1-31 the grant recipient until the earlier of the fourth anniversary of
 1-32 the date of reimbursement of the grant-funded expenses or until the
 1-33 date the vehicle has been in operation for 400,000 miles after the
 1-34 date of reimbursement. Not less than 75 percent of the annual use
 1-35 of the qualifying vehicle, either mileage or fuel use as determined
 1-36 by the commission, must occur in:

1-37 (1) the counties any part of which are included in the
 1-38 areas [area] described by Section 394.010(a-1) [~~394.010(a)~~]; or

1-39 (2) counties designated as nonattainment areas within
 1-40 the meaning of Section 107(d) of the federal Clean Air Act (42
 1-41 U.S.C. Section 7407).

1-42 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 394.010, Health and
 1-43 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 394.010. CLEAN TRANSPORTATION TRIANGLES [~~TRIANGLE~~].

1-45 SECTION 3. Section 394.010, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-46 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsections
 1-47 (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

1-48 (a) In this section:

1-49 (1) "Affected county" has the meaning assigned by
 1-50 Section 386.001.

1-51 (2) "State highway" means a highway in this state
 1-52 included in the plan providing for a system of state highways
 1-53 prepared by the executive director of the Texas Department of
 1-54 Transportation under Section 201.103, Transportation Code.

1-55 (a-1) To ensure that natural gas vehicles purchased,
 1-56 leased, or otherwise commercially financed or repowered under the
 1-57 program have access to fuel, and to build the foundation for a
 1-58 self-sustaining market for natural gas vehicles in Texas, the
 1-59 commission shall award grants to support the development of a
 1-60 network of natural gas vehicle fueling stations:

2-1 (1) along the interstate highways connecting Houston,
2-2 San Antonio, Dallas, and Fort Worth;

2-3 (2) along the interstate highways connecting San
2-4 Antonio to Corpus Christi and Laredo and the state highways
2-5 connecting Corpus Christi and Laredo; [7] and

2-6 (3) in nonattainment areas and affected counties of
2-7 the state.

2-8 (a-2) In awarding the grants, the commission shall provide
2-9 for:

2-10 (1) strategically placed natural gas vehicle fueling
2-11 stations:

2-12 (A) in and between the Houston, San Antonio, and
2-13 Dallas-Fort Worth areas to enable a natural gas vehicle to travel in
2-14 that triangular area relying solely on natural gas fuel;

2-15 (B) in and between the Corpus Christi, Laredo,
2-16 and San Antonio areas to enable a natural gas vehicle to travel in
2-17 that triangular area relying solely on natural gas fuel; [7] and

2-18 (C) in nonattainment areas and affected counties
2-19 of the state, to enable a natural gas vehicle to travel in those
2-20 areas relying solely on natural gas fuel;

2-21 (2) the grants to be dispersed through a competitive
2-22 bidding process to offset a portion of the cost of installation of
2-23 the natural gas dispensing equipment;

2-24 (3) contracts that require the recipient stations to
2-25 meet operational, maintenance, and reporting requirements as
2-26 specified by the commission; and

2-27 (4) a listing, to be maintained by the commission and
2-28 made available to the public online, of all natural gas vehicle
2-29 fueling stations that have received grant funding, including
2-30 location and hours of operation.

2-31 (d) Stations funded by grants under this section must be
2-32 publicly accessible. In awarding grants for stations under this
2-33 section, the [The] commission shall give preference to:

2-34 (1) stations providing both liquefied natural gas and
2-35 compressed natural gas at a single location;

2-36 (2) stations located not more than one mile from an
2-37 interstate highway [system]; and

2-38 (3) stations located in the triangular areas described
2-39 by Subsections (a-2)(1)(A) and (B) [~~area between the Houston, San~~
2-40 ~~Antonio, and Dallas-Fort Worth areas~~].

2-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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