

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

BY REPRESENTATIVE JANE SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LOCAL AGENCIES: Repeals an exemption from the authority of political subdivisions to use hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 33:1418(B), relative to hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles and to the use of  
3 such vehicles by agencies of political subdivisions; to repeal an exemption from the  
4 authority to use such vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:1418(B) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
11 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes local government use of hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles by law enforcement agencies and emergency vehicles.

Present law authorizes a political subdivision (parish, municipality, and any other unit of local government, including a school board and a special district) to purchase or lease any motor vehicle for use by any agency of the political subdivision that is equipped to use an alternative fuel that results in lower emissions, including hybrid vehicles. Provides that alternative fuels include compressed natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, reformulated gasoline, methanol, ethanol, electricity, and any other fuel which meets or exceeds federal Clean Air standards.

Present law authorizes an agency of a political subdivision to acquire or be provided equipment or refueling facilities necessary to operate alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles. Provides methods for acquiring equipment and facilities including by purchase or lease, as authorized by law, or gift or loan.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that present law does not apply to vehicles operated by law enforcement agencies or used as emergency vehicles.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Repeals R.S. 33:1418(B))