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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 692

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 25, 2015

An act to add Section 38568 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 692, as amended, Quirk. Low-carbon transportation fuels.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 establishes the State Air Resources Board as the state agency responsible for monitoring and regulating sources emitting greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be achieved by 2020 equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels of 1990. The state board additionally is required to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Pursuant to the act, the state board has adopted the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations.

This bill, commencing January 1, 2017, would require the Department of Transportation, the Department of General Services, and any other state agency that is a buyer of transportation fuels to each procure ~~an unspecified percentage~~ 3% of the total amount of fuel purchased from very low carbon transportation fuel sources. The bill would require the percentage to be increased by 1% each year ~~thereafter~~. *thereafter until January 1, 2024. The bill would require each affected agency to annually submit a progress and implementation report to the Legislature between January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2025, and would also require*

each affected agency to conduct a full evaluation and review of the low-carbon fuel program during 2025, as specified, with a report to be submitted to the Legislature in that regard by January 1, 2026. The bill would define ~~low-carbon~~ low-carbon transportation fuel for these purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares both of the
2 following:

3 (a) Low-carbon transportation fuels are an important element
4 of the state's greenhouse gas reduction policy and increasing the
5 supply of those fuels will help the state achieve its greenhouse gas
6 reduction goals.

7 (b) Existing incentives for the development of low-carbon
8 transportation fuels, including the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard
9 regulation (Subarticle 7 (commencing with Section 95480) of
10 Article 4 of Subchapter 10 of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 17
11 of the California Code of Regulations), the California Global
12 Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with
13 Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code), and Assembly Bill
14 118 (Chapter 750 of the Statutes of 2007), have not resulted in
15 sufficient development of low-carbon transportation fuels.

16 SEC. 2. Section 38568 is added to the ~~Public Resources~~ *Health*
17 *and Safety* Code, to read:

18 38568. (a) Commencing January 1, 2017, the Department of
19 Transportation, the Department of General Services, and any other
20 state agency that is a buyer of transportation fuels, shall each
21 procure ~~_____~~ 3 percent of the total amount of fuel purchased from
22 very low carbon transportation fuel sources. Commencing January
23 1, 2018, the amount of very low carbon fuel purchased shall be
24 increased every year, by ~~_____~~ 1 percent, *until January 1, 2024.*

25 (b) *Each affected state agency shall submit, consistent with*
26 *Section 9795 of the Government Code, an annual progress and*
27 *implementation report to the Legislature commencing on January*
28 *1, 2018, with the final report to be submitted on January 1, 2025.*
29 *Each affected agency shall conduct a full evaluation and review*
30 *of the low-carbon transportation fuel program during 2025 to*

1 *consider the effectiveness of the program, including a market*
2 *analysis, and shall submit a report to the Legislature in that regard*
3 *on or before January 1, 2026.*

4 ~~(b)~~

5 (c) As used in this section, “very low carbon transportation fuel”
6 means a liquid or gaseous transportation fuel having no greater
7 than 50 percent the carbon intensity of the closest comparable
8 petroleum fuel for that year, as measured by the methodology in
9 the low-carbon fuel standard regulation (Subarticle 7 (commencing
10 with Section 95480) of Article 4 of Subchapter 10 of Chapter 1 of
11 Division 3 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations). The
12 carbon intensity for the transportation fuel shall include the indirect
13 land use change emission if an agricultural commodity that is a
14 food product is used as a feedstock for the production of the
15 transportation fuel.

16 ~~(e)~~

17 (d) This section does not replace or modify any existing fuel
18 standards or requirements imposed under the low-carbon fuel
19 standard regulation.