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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee on June 4, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Fuel Cell Task Force, and
 2 supplementing Title ¹**[26]** 48¹ 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 ¹**[Department of Environmental**
 8 **Protection]** Board of Public Utilities¹ the New Jersey Fuel Cell Task
 9 Force. The purpose of the task force shall be to develop a plan to
 10 increase the use of fuel cells in the State and to provide information,
 11 education, and resources for that purpose. The task force shall:

12 (1) serve as a resource to State departments and local governments
 13 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 may
 23 exist in other states.

24 b. The task force shall consist of ¹**[13]** 15¹ members as follows:

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

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

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

33 (b) one member representing fuel cell manufacturers;

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

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

36 (e) two members of the academic community with expertise in
 37 fuel cells;

38 (f) one member representing a manufacturer of stationary fuel
 39 cells; ¹**[and]**¹

40 (g) one member with expertise in fuel cell powered material
 41 handling equipment ¹;

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

44 (i) one member with expertise in retail fuel sales and distribution¹.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted June 4, 2020.

1 c. All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
2 90 days after the effective date of this act. Each ¹public¹ member shall
3 serve for four years or until a successor is appointed, and vacancies
4 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The
5 members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall
6 be eligible for reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses
7 incurred in the performance of their official duties within the limits of
8 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task force for its
9 purposes.

10 d. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable following
11 the appointment of ¹all¹ its public members and shall select a
12 chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members, as well
13 as a secretary who need not be a member of the task force. A majority
14 of the ¹full¹ membership of the task force shall constitute a quorum for
15 the transaction of task force business. The task force may meet and
16 hold hearings at the place or places the task force designates.

17 The ¹**【Department of Environmental Protection】** Board of Public
18 Utilities¹ shall provide staff support to the task force. The task force
19 shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services
20 of the employees of any State, county, or municipal department, board,
21 bureau, commission, or agency as the task force may require and as
22 may be available to the task force for its purposes.

23 e. No later than one year after its organization, and annually
24 thereafter, the task force shall prepare and submit to the Governor and,
25 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), ¹to¹ the
26 Legislature, a report detailing the task force's plan to increase the use
27 of fuel cells in the State, including any recommendations for
28 legislative or regulatory action that are necessary to effectuate the
29 plan.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.