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S.B. No. 1548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to hydrogen-fueled vehicles and refueling stations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 382.133, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A mass transit hydrogen-fueled fleet vehicle may be used to satisfy the percentage requirement under this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.617 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.617. HYDROGEN-FUELED VEHICLES AND REFUELING STATIONS. (a) The department shall establish and operate at least four hydrogen refueling stations. The refueling stations shall be located in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, and Houston near Interstate Highway 10 or Interstate Highway 35.

(b) In each of the cities in Subsection (a) the department shall operate hydrogen-fueled vehicles, including, at a minimum:

(1) four vehicles with internal combustion engines that run on hydrogen; and

(2) three fuel-cell vehicles or one fuel-cell bus.

(c) A vehicle purchased to meet the requirements of Subsection (a) may be used to satisfy the alternative fuels percentage requirement under Subchapter A, Chapter 2158, Government Code.

(d) The department may establish hydrogen refueling

1 stations on the Trans-Texas Corridor under Chapter 227.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.