

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1446

Introduced by

Representatives Weisz, Kempenich, J. Nelson

Senators Burckhard, Klein, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 17-10 and subsection 9 to section 39-12-05.3 of
2 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to natural gas fueling stations and weight limitations for
3 natural gas vehicles; and to provide an appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 17-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
6 follows:

7 **17-10-01. Definitions.**

8 For purposes of this chapter, unless context otherwise requires:

- 9 1. "Natural gas" means compressed natural gas, liquid natural gas, or propane.
10 2. "Retail location" means a site at which natural gas is dispensed through a device from
11 a storage tank into a motor vehicle.

12 **17-10-02. Natural gas fueling station incentive program.**

13 The department of commerce shall administer the natural gas fueling station incentive
14 program to provide cost-share grants of up to a maximum two hundred fifty thousand dollars per
15 retail location for equipment and installation of equipment to dispense natural gas at a retail
16 location. The department shall establish rules for the program including rules relating to the
17 verification of costs, the eligibility of recipients, the application and grant award procedures, and
18 reporting requirements.

19 **17-10-03. Natural gas motor vehicle incentive program.**

20 The department of commerce shall administer the natural gas vehicle incentive program to
21 provide a cost-share grant of up to seven thousand five hundred dollars for the purchase of a
22 new noncommercial motor vehicle that uses natural gas as the primary fuel or for the
23 conversion of a noncommercial motor vehicle to use natural gas as the primary fuel. The
24 department shall provide a cost-share grant of up to fifteen thousand dollars for a new

1 commercial motor vehicle that uses natural gas as the primary fuel or for the conversion of a
2 commercial motor vehicle to use natural gas as the primary fuel. The department shall establish
3 rules for the program including rules relating to the verification of costs, the eligibility of
4 recipients, and the application and grant award procedures.

5 **SECTION 2.** Subsection 9 to section 39-12-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 9. A vehicle or combination of vehicles that uses natural gas as the primary fuel may
8 operate with an additional two thousand five hundred pounds [1133.98 kilograms]. The
9 additional pounds may be solely for gross weight limits above the legal weight limits.

10 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
11 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much of the
12 sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of the natural gas
13 motor vehicle incentive program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,
14 2017.

15 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
16 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much of the
17 sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of natural gas
18 fueling station incentive program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,
19 2017.