



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 623

November 24, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives HAHN, F. LASEE, FREESE, AINSWORTH, MUSSER, OWENS, GOETSCH and SPRINGER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 16.045 (1) (cg), (cr) and (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of
2 flexible fuel vehicles by this state.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current state law, the department of administration (DOA) must require state employees to utilize gasohol or alternative fuel for the operation of all state-owned or state-leased motor vehicles whenever such utilization is feasible. "Gasohol" means motor fuel containing at least 10% alcohol, the use of which the department of natural resources (DNR) finds would improve air quality as compared to the use of gasoline or petroleum-based diesel fuel.

Also under current law, DNR administers a clean fuel fleet program, under which each covered fleet must include in the fleet's annual new vehicle acquisitions a specified minimum percentage of vehicles that meet federal clean fuel fleet vehicle exhaust emission standards. The current minimum percentage is 30% for 1997 and increases annually to 70% for 1999 and thereafter. In general, this requirement applies to fleets consisting of 10 or more vehicles that can be centrally fueled and that operate in the counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha. Federal law also requires that each state government fleet include in the fleet's annual new vehicle acquisitions a specified minimum percentage of vehicles capable of operating on alternative fuels, including ethanol (ethyl alcohol), hydrogen and electricity. The specified minimum percentage is 15% for 1996 and increases annually to 75% for 1999 and thereafter.

This bill directs DOA to ensure that, of the total number of motor vehicles owned or leased by the state, the following minimum percentage of vehicles are flexible-fuel vehicles on the following dates:

