

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 8, 2013

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 600**

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**Introduced by Senator Lieu**

February 22, 2013

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*An act to add Section 43006.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to vehicular air pollution.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 600, as amended, Lieu. Vehicles: alternative fuel.

Existing law generally designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution. Existing law authorizes the State Air Resources Board to certify the fuel system of any motor vehicle powered by a fuel other than gasoline or diesel if it meets certain standards and to adopt test procedures for that certification.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that simplifies and improves the alternative fuel conversion certification program administered by the State Air Resources Board.~~

*This bill, commencing January 1, 2014, would require the state board to use specified procedures for small volume manufacturers of vehicles seeking to have alternative fuel conversion systems certified by the state board. The bill would require the state board, commencing January 1, 2014, to extend the life of a new vehicle or engine certification until December 31 of the year following a given vehicle model year.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent~~  
2 ~~legislation that simplifies and improves the alternative fuel~~  
3 ~~conversion certification procedures administered by the State Air~~  
4 ~~Resources Board.~~

5 *SECTION 1. Section 43006.5 is added to the Health and Safety*  
6 *Code, to read:*

7 *43006.5. (a) Commencing January 1, 2014, for purposes of*  
8 *small volume manufacturers of vehicles seeking to have alternative*  
9 *fuel conversion systems certified by the state board, the state board*  
10 *shall do all of the following:*

11 *(1) Use federal test procedures, as published in Number 68 of*  
12 *Volume 76 of the Federal Register on April 8, 2011.*

13 *(2) Certify to federal tailpipe emissions standards and On-Board*  
14 *Diagnostics II (OBD II) standards so long as they meet or improve*  
15 *on the standards to which the original equipment manufacturer*  
16 *certified on the original fuel.*

17 *(3) Automatically qualify new vehicle alternative fuel conversion*  
18 *certifications for after-market certifications if requested. Requests*  
19 *may be made with a one-page letter and additional documentation*  
20 *necessary for labeling and warranty.*

21 *(4) Use commercially available fuel for all required emissions*  
22 *testing.*

23 *(5) Conduct only evaporative emissions testing on the added*  
24 *alternative fuel system when seeking to certify a dual-fuel*  
25 *conversion.*

26 *(b) Commencing January 1, 2014, the state board shall extend*  
27 *the life of a new vehicle or engine certification until December 31*  
28 *of the year following a given vehicle model year.*