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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to natural gas; to create the Natural Gas Fuel
- 2 Board; and to provide powers and duties.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Natural Gas Fuel Board is hereby  
2 established to advise the State Energy Office regarding the promotion  
3 of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel in Nebraska. The board shall  
4 provide recommendations relating to:

5           (a) Distribution, infrastructure, and workforce  
6 development for natural gas to be used as a motor vehicle fuel;

7           (b) Loans, grants, and tax incentives to encourage the  
8 use of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel for individuals and public  
9 and private fleets; and

10           (c) Such other matters as it deems appropriate.

11           (2) The board shall consist of eight members appointed by  
12 the Governor. The Governor shall make the initial appointments by  
13 October 1, 2012. The board shall include:

14           (a) One member representing a jurisdictional utility as  
15 defined in section 66-1802;

16           (b) One member representing a metropolitan utilities  
17 district;

18           (c) One member representing the interests of the  
19 transportation industry in the state;

20           (d) One member representing the interests of the business  
21 community in the state, specifically fueling station owners or  
22 operators;

23           (e) One member representing natural gas marketers or  
24 pipelines in the state;

25           (f) One member representing automobile dealerships or

1 repair businesses in the state;

2 (g) One member representing labor interests in the state;

3 and

4 (h) One member representing environmental interests in  
5 the state, specifically air quality.

6 (3) All appointments shall be subject to the approval of  
7 a majority of the members of the Legislature if the Legislature is in  
8 session, and if the Legislature is not in session, any appointment to  
9 fill a vacancy shall be temporary until the next session of the  
10 Legislature, at which time a majority of the members of the  
11 Legislature may approve or disapprove such appointment.

12 (4) Members shall be appointed for terms of four years,  
13 except that of the initial appointees the terms of the members  
14 representing a jurisdictional utility and a metropolitan utilities  
15 district shall expire on September 30, 2015, the terms of the members  
16 representing the transportation industry, the business community,  
17 natural gas marketers or pipelines, and automobile dealerships or  
18 repair businesses shall expire on September 30, 2014, and the terms  
19 of the members representing labor and environmental interests shall  
20 expire on September 30, 2013. Members may be reappointed. A member  
21 shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.

22 (5) A vacancy on the board shall exist in the event of  
23 death, disability, resignation, or removal for cause of a member. Any  
24 vacancy on the board arising other than from the expiration of a term  
25 shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.

1 An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by the Governor with  
2 the approval of a majority of the Legislature, and any person so  
3 appointed shall have the same qualifications as the person whom he or  
4 she succeeds.

5 (6) The board shall meet at least once annually.

6 (7) The members shall not be reimbursed for expenses  
7 associated with carrying out their duties as members.

8 (8) The State Energy Office shall provide administrative  
9 support to the board as necessary so that the board may carry out its  
10 duties.