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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a requirement that the state department of
2 transportation purchase soydiesel fuel for use in its
3 vehicles.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 307.21, Code 2001, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. When purchasing special diesel fuel,
4 purchase biodiesel fuel for use in the department's motor
5 vehicles that operate on diesel fuel, pursuant to the schedule
6 in this subsection. Beginning July 1, 2001, a minimum of
7 twenty-five percent of the purchases of diesel fuel made
8 annually shall be purchases of biodiesel fuel. This
9 percentage shall increase by twenty-five percent annually
10 until one hundred percent of the department's annual purchases
11 of diesel fuel are purchases of biodiesel fuel. A department
12 motor vehicle operating on biodiesel fuel shall be affixed
13 with a brightly visible sticker which notifies the traveling
14 public that the motor vehicle uses biodiesel fuel. For
15 purposes of this section, "biodiesel fuel" means soydiesel
16 fuel as defined in section 159A.2.

17 Sec. 2. 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1018, sections 2 and 3,
18 are repealed.

19 **EXPLANATION**

20 This bill directs the state department of transportation's
21 administrator of administrative services to purchase biodiesel
22 fuel for department motor vehicles that operate on diesel
23 fuel. Beginning July 1, 2001, at least 25 percent of the
24 department's annual diesel fuel purchases are to be biodiesel
25 fuel, and this percentage is to increase by 25 percent
26 annually until 100 percent of such purchases are biodiesel
27 fuel.

28 The bill requires department motor vehicles operating on
29 biodiesel fuel to be affixed with a sticker notifying the
30 traveling public that the vehicle uses biodiesel fuel. The
31 bill defines "biodiesel fuel", for purposes of the bill, as
32 "soydiesel fuel" as defined in Code section 159A.2.

33 The bill also strikes provisions enacted in 2000 that
34 direct the state department of transportation to conduct an
35 ongoing biodiesel fuel pilot project beginning September 1,

1 2000. The project was to be conducted at two of the
2 department's field garages for as long as the department had
3 sufficient funding for the project. The project was
4 contingent upon an appropriation to the department for fiscal
5 year 2000-2001 for the purchase of biodiesel fuel for the
6 project.

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