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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FUEL ECONOMY FUND AND ALTERNATIVE**
2 **FUEL GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**There is established in the
5 Treasury a Fuel Economy Fund (hereinafter in this
6 Act referred to as the “Fund”) consisting of
7 amounts transferred to the Fund under paragraph
8 (2) and amounts credited to the Fund under para-
9 graph (3).

10 (2) **TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS.—**For fiscal year
11 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary
12 of the Treasury shall, subject to the availability of
13 funds provided in advance in appropriations Acts,
14 transfer to the Fund an amount determined by the
15 Secretary to be equal to the total amount deposited
16 in the general fund of the Treasury in the preceding
17 fiscal year from fines, penalties, and other moneys
18 obtained through enforcement actions conducted
19 pursuant to section 32912 of title 49, United States
20 Code, including moneys obtained under consent de-
21 crees.

22 (3) **INVESTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—**The Secretary
23 of the Treasury shall invest in interest-bearing obli-
24 gations of the United States such portion of the
25 Fund as is not, in the Secretary’s judgment, re-
26 quired to meet current withdrawals. Such obligations

1 shall be acquired and sold and interest on, and the
2 proceeds from the sale or redemption of, such obliga-
3 tions shall be credited to the Fund in accordance
4 with the requirements of section 9602 of the Inter-
5 nal Revenue Code of 1986.

6 (4) USE OF AMOUNTS IN THE FUND.—Amounts
7 in the Fund shall be made available, subject to the
8 availability of funds provided in advance in appro-
9 priations Acts, to the Secretary of Energy to carry
10 out the grant program described in subsection (b).

11 (b) ALTERNATIVE FUELS EXPANSION GRANT PRO-
12 GRAM.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy
14 shall, through the Clean Cities Program of the De-
15 partment of Energy, carry out a grant program to
16 expand the availability to consumers of alternative
17 fuels. A grant awarded under this section shall not
18 exceed \$30,000.

19 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—Any entity that is eligible for
20 assistance through the Clean Cities Program may be
21 eligible for a grant under this section, except that no
22 large, vertically integrated oil company may be eligi-
23 ble for a grant under this section. No entity may be
24 awarded grants totaling more than \$60,000 in any
25 fiscal year.

1 (3) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants provided
2 under this section shall be used for the construction
3 or expansion of infrastructure necessary to increase
4 the availability to consumers of alternative fuels (as
5 defined in section 32901(a)(1) of title 49, United
6 States Code). Not more than 3 percent of grant
7 funds may be used for administrative costs.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2006.

Attest:

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Clerk.