

Chapter 400

(Senate Bill 176)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; specifying the membership and staffing of the Council; requiring the Governor to designate the chair or cochair of the Council; requiring the Council to perform certain duties and make certain recommendations; prohibiting members of the Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Council to submit an interim and a final report by certain dates; defining ~~certain terms~~ a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) In this section, “electric vehicle” or “EV” means any mode of electric drive transportation that is not operated on rails.

(b) There is a Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council.

(c) The Council consists of the following members:

(1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) ~~One member~~ Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) The Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary’s designee;

(4) The Secretary of Planning or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) The Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary’s designee;

(6) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the Secretary’s designee;

(7) The ~~Chairman~~ Executive Director of the Technical Staff of the Maryland Public Service Commission or the ~~Chairman’s~~ Executive Director’s designee;

(8) The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration or the Director's designee; and

(9) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) ~~Two representatives of institutions~~ One representative of an institution of higher education in the State with expertise in energy, transportation, or the environment;

(ii) Two representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties, including:

1. A representative who resides in a rural region of the State; and

2. A representative who resides in an urban or suburban region of the State;

(iii) Two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League, including:

1. A representative who resides in a rural region of the State; and

2. A representative who resides in an urban or suburban region of the State;

(iv) One representative of the Baltimore Electric Vehicle Initiative;

(v) ~~Three~~ Two representatives of electric companies in the State;

(vi) ~~Two representatives of electric vehicle manufacturers or dealers~~ One representative of an electric vehicle manufacturer;

(vii) ~~One member with expertise in electric vehicle charging equipment~~ representative of a manufacturer of electric vehicle charging stations;

(viii) One representative of fleet vehicle operators;

(ix) One representative of electrical workers;

(x) One representative of the environmental community;

(xi) One public member with expertise in energy or transportation policy; ~~and~~

(xii) ~~Any additional members appointed by the Governor~~ One representative of the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association; and

(xiii) One representative of the retail electric supplier community.

(d) The Governor shall designate the chair or cochairs of the Council; ~~and~~

(e) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the Council with the assistance of the Maryland Energy Administration and Maryland Public Service Commission.

(f) A member of the Council:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Council shall:

(1) Develop an action plan to facilitate the ~~rapid and seamless~~ successful integration of electric vehicles into the State's transportation network;

(2) Assist in developing and coordinating statewide standards for streamlined permitting and installation of residential and commercial EV charging stations and supply equipment;

(3) Develop a recommendation for a statewide ~~metering and~~ charging infrastructure plan, including placement opportunities for public charging stations;

(4) Increase consumer awareness and demand for electric vehicles through public outreach;

(5) Make recommendations regarding monetary and nonmonetary incentives to support electric vehicle ownership and maximize private sector investment in electric vehicles;

(6) Develop targeted policies to support fleet purchases of electric vehicles;

(7) Develop charging solutions for existing and future multidwelling units;

(8) Encourage local and regional efforts to promote the use of electric vehicles and attract federal funding for State and local EV programs;

(9) ~~Investigate how EV charging will impact electricity demand and develop strategies to increase off-peak charging and~~ Recommend policies that support EV charging from clean energy sources;

(10) Recommend a method of displaying pricing information at public charging stations;

~~(10)~~ (11) Establish performance measures for meeting EV-related employment, infrastructure, and regulatory goals; and

~~(11)~~ (12) Pursue other goals and objectives that promote the utilization of electric vehicles in the State.

(h) (1) On or before January 1, 2012, the Council shall submit an interim report of its work and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(2) On or before December 1, 2012, the Council shall submit a final report of its work and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.