SENATE BILL 1065

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By: Senator Guzzone

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Motor Vehicles - Registration - Annual Surcharge

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner of a motor vehicle to pay a certain annual 4 surcharge in addition to the annual registration fee; authorizing the surcharge to be 5 paid in installment payments; requiring the proceeds collected from the surcharge 6 to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund and, under certain 7 circumstances, to be used for certain purposes; requiring the Motor Vehicle 8 Administration to refuse to register or renew or transfer the registration of a motor 9 vehicle for failure to pay the surcharge or installments; and generally relating to annual surcharges on motor vehicle registrations. 10
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 12 Article Transportation
- 13 Section 11–125.1 and 11–145.1
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 16 BY adding to
- 17 Article Transportation
- 18 Section 13–956
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

24 11–125.1.

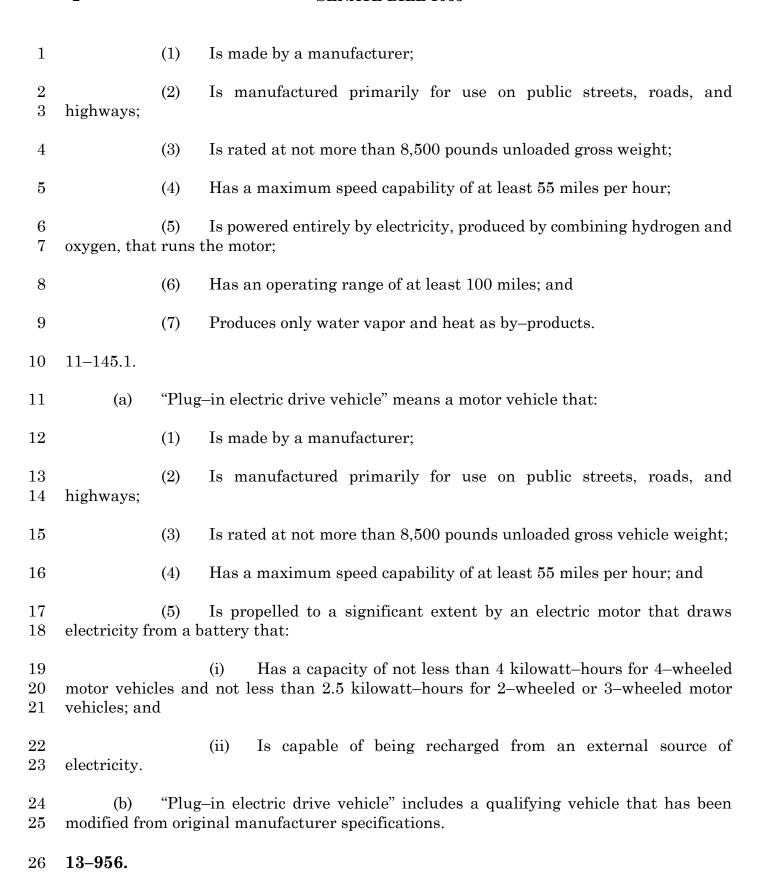
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25 "Fuel cell electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





27 (A) IN ADDITION TO THE REGISTRATION FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY 28 THIS TITLE, THE OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL PAY AN ANNUAL SURCHARGE:

- 1 (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, OF \$100 FOR EACH 2 PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE OR FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE; AND
- 3 (2) AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AT A RATE BASED ON THE AMOUNTS
 4 ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION AS
 5 DETERMINED ANNUALLY BY THE ADMINISTRATION.
- 6 (B) A SURCHARGE ASSESSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE PAID:
- 7 (1) AT THE TIME THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS PAID; OR
- 8 (2) IN INSTALLMENTS THROUGHOUT THE REGISTRATION PERIOD AS 9 DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.
- 10 (C) THE PROCEEDS COLLECTED FROM THE SURCHARGE ASSESSED ON PLUG—IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES OR FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLES UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:
- 13 (1) DEPOSITED INTO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND; AND
- 14 (2) USED ONLY TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF:
- 15 (I) ZERO-EMISSION OR ALTERNATIVE-FUEL BUSES AS 16 REQUIRED UNDER § 7–406 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND
- 17 (II) ZERO-EMISSION OR HYBRID VEHICLES IN THE STATE 18 VEHICLE FLEET AS REQUIRED UNDER § 14–418 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND 19 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.
- 20 (D) IF A PERSON THAT OWNS A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS ASSESSED THE 21 SURCHARGE FAILS TO PAY THE SURCHARGE OR INSTALLMENTS, THE 22 ADMINISTRATION SHALL REFUSE TO REGISTER OR RENEW OR TRANSFER THE 23 REGISTRATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2024, the Motor Vehicle Administration, in conjunction with the Comptroller, shall report to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on recommendations regarding the feasibility of automatically reducing the electric vehicle surcharge for low–income residents.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 31 October 1, 2024.