

# SENATE BILL 177

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By: Senator Manno

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and Electric Vehicle**  
3 **Excise Tax Credit – Fiscal Year 2017 Applicants**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Fiscal Year 2017 Electric Vehicle Recharging  
5 Equipment Rebate Program to provide certain rebates to certain individuals and  
6 entities for the costs of acquiring and installing certain equipment during a certain  
7 fiscal year; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the  
8 Program in a certain manner; providing for the amount of a rebate; limiting the  
9 number of rebates that an individual may claim; limiting the rebate to applicants  
10 that applied for a rebate during a certain fiscal year; allowing a credit against the  
11 motor vehicle excise tax for certain qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles; limiting  
12 the credit to applicants that applied for the credit during a certain fiscal year;  
13 authorizing an applicant to receive the credit as a refund of excise tax; providing for  
14 the calculation of the credit; providing that an individual or a business entity may  
15 not receive a credit for the acquisition of more than a certain number of vehicles;  
16 providing that a credit may not be issued unless a certain vehicle is registered in the  
17 State and the manufacturer conforms to certain laws and regulations; requiring the  
18 Motor Vehicle Administration to administer the credit in a certain manner; stating  
19 the intent of the General Assembly that certain funds be used to pay for the rebates  
20 and refunds for credits authorized under this Act; defining certain terms; providing  
21 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a rebate for the purchase  
22 and installation of electric vehicle recharging equipment and an excise tax credit for  
23 the purchase of certain electric vehicles.

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

26 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (2) “Administration” means the Maryland Energy Administration.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(3) "Electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate" means a rebate issued by the Administration under this section for the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment.

(4) "Qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment" means property in the State that is used for recharging motor vehicles propelled by electricity.

(5) "Retail service station dealer" has the meaning stated in § 10–101 of the Business Regulation Article.

8 (b) (1) There is a Fiscal Year 2017 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment  
9 Rebate Program.

16 (c) (1) For fiscal year 2019, subject to the provisions of this section, an  
17 individual, a business entity, or a unit of State or local government may apply to the  
18 Administration for an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate for the costs of  
19 acquiring and installing qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment during fiscal year  
20 2017.

24 (d) Subject to subsections (e) and (f) of this section, the Administration may issue  
25 an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate to:

26 (1) an individual in an amount equal to the lesser of:

27 (i) 50% of the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric  
28 vehicle recharging equipment; or

29 (ii) \$900;

(2) except as provided in item (3) of this subsection, a business entity or unit of State or local government in an amount equal to the lesser of:

32 (i) 50% of the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric  
33 vehicle recharging equipment; or



- (1) 1 vehicle per individual; and
- (2) 10 vehicles per business entity.

(f) A credit may not be claimed under this section:

- (1) for a vehicle unless the vehicle is registered in the State; or
- (2) unless the manufacturer has already conformed to any applicable State laws or regulations governing clean-fuel vehicle or electric vehicle purchases during the calendar year in which the vehicle is titled.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
12 Assembly that:

13 (1) any rebates authorized under Section 1 of this Act be paid from the  
14 Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under § 9–20B–05 of the State Government  
15 Article; and

16 (2) any refunds for credits authorized under Section 2 of this Act be paid  
17 from the Transportation Trust Fund established under § 3-216 of the Transportation  
18 Article.

19 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2019, this  
21 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
22 further force and effect.