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House Bill 232 (Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

Finance

Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council - Reporting,
Membership, and Sunset Extension

This bill extends, from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2026, the termination date for the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) and establishes new interim and final reporting deadlines for ZEEVIC. The bill also alters the membership of ZEEVIC. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Reporting and staffing requirements related to ZEEVIC can continue to be handled with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill establishes new interim reporting deadlines of December 1 each year from 2020 through 2025. It also repeals the final report deadline of June 30, 2020, and establishes a new deadline of June 30, 2026.

Current Law/Background: Chapters 400 and 401 of 2011 established the council as the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) and required it to develop a plan to expand the adoption of electric vehicles and develop an infrastructure charging network. In its (then) final report issued in December 2012, the council made several recommendations, including (1) extending EVIC through June 2015; (2) increasing the

amount of zero emission State fleet vehicle purchases to 10% by 2020 and at least 25% by 2025; (3) establishing a grant program for electric vehicle support equipment installation and procurement of transaction management software for multiunit dwellings; and (4) extending the recharging equipment tax credit through December 2016, and the qualified electric vehicle excise tax credit to July 1, 2016.

Chapters 64 and 65 of 2013 extended EVIC through June 2015. Further, Chapters 359 and 360 of 2014 extended the termination date of the tax credit program through fiscal 2017, altered the value of the tax credits, and replaced the electric vehicle recharging equipment income tax credit with a rebate program. Chapter 378 of 2015 subsequently extended EVIC to June 30, 2020, and shifted the reporting deadline to December 1 of each year, with a final report due June 30, 2020. Chapter 363 of 2017 extended the termination dates of the qualified plug-in electric vehicle excise tax credit and the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program through fiscal 2020. Chapter 213 of 2019 changed the name of the council to be ZEEVIC, expanded membership of the council, altered its responsibilities to focus more generally on zero emission vehicles and fuel cell electric vehicles, and required an additional interim report (on December 1, 2019).

The 2018 Annual EVIC report contained two policy recommendations: (1) a “right to charge” policy initiative clarifying how chargers can be installed and operated for nonsingle-family homes, such as apartment buildings, condominiums, and homeowners associations; and (2) the elimination of nonelectric vehicle parking in electric vehicle charging spaces. As of early February 2020, the 2019 ZEEVIC annual report is not yet available.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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