HOUSE BILL 592

By: Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo
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CHAPTER ______

1 AN ACT concerning

2 State Vehicle Fleet – Conversion to Zero–Emission Electric Passenger Cars and Other Light–Duty Vehicles

FOR the purpose of prohibiting, beginning in a certain fiscal year, a State unit from entering into a contract to purchase or lease a vehicle for the State vehicle fleet that is not a zero–emission electric vehicle; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that a certain percentage of passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles in the State vehicle fleet be zero–emission vehicles by certain years; requiring the State to ensure that a certain minimum percentage of passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet in certain fiscal years are zero–emission vehicles, subject to the availability of funding; requiring the Department of General Services to ensure the development of certain charging infrastructure; requiring the Chief Procurement Officer to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring certain units to cooperate with the Chief Procurement Officer in the collection and reporting of certain information; providing for the application of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the State vehicle fleet and zero–emission electric passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles.

19 BY adding to
20 Article – State Finance and Procurement
21 Section 14–417
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

14–417.

Beginning in fiscal year 2023, a State unit may not enter into a
contract to purchase or lease vehicles for the State vehicle fleet
that are not zero–emission electric vehicles.

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

(2) “Light–duty vehicle” means a vehicle with a gross
weight of 8,500 pounds or less.

(3) “Passenger car” has the meaning stated in § 11–144.2 of
the Transportation Article.

(4) “Zero–emission vehicle” has the meaning stated in §
23–206.4 of the Transportation Article.

(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that 100% of:

(1) Passenger cars in the State vehicle fleet be
zero–emission vehicles by 2030; and

(2) Other light–duty vehicles in the State vehicle fleet be
zero–emission vehicles by 2035.

(C) This section does not apply to the purchase of vehicles:

(1) That have special performance requirements necessary
for the protection and welfare of the public; or

(2) by the Department of Transportation or the Maryland
Transit Administration that will be used to provide paratransit
service.

(D) Subject to the availability of funding, the State shall
ensure that:
(1) In fiscal years 2022 through 2024, inclusive, at least 25% of passenger cars purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero–emission vehicles;

(ii) In fiscal years 2025 and 2026, inclusive, at least 50% of passenger cars purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero–emission vehicles; and

(iii) beginning in fiscal year 2027, 100% of passenger cars purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero–emission vehicles;

(2) In fiscal years 2027 through 2029, inclusive, at least 25% of all other light–duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero–emission vehicles;

(ii) In fiscal years 2030 and 2031, inclusive, at least 50% of all other light–duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero–emission vehicles; and

(iii) beginning in fiscal year 2032, 100% of all other light–duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero–emission vehicles.

(E) The Department shall ensure the development of charging infrastructure to support the operation of zero–emission vehicles in the State vehicle fleet.

(F) (1) On or before December 1 each year, the Chief Procurement Officer shall submit to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, an annual report that includes, for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

(i) the total number of passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles purchased by each unit;

(ii) the number of zero–emission passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles purchased by each unit;

(iii) the current percentage of passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles in the State vehicle fleet that are zero–emission vehicles;
(IV) ANY OPERATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES; AND

(V) AN EVALUATION OF THE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE THAT EXISTS TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES IN THE STATE VEHICLE FLEET.

(2) EACH UNIT SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER IN THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.