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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of 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; and generally relating to the State vehicle fleet and zero–emission passenger cars and other light–duty vehicles.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement
Section 14–418
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Finance and Procurement

14–418.

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.
(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 2031; and

(2) other light-duty vehicles in the State vehicle fleet be zero-emission vehicles by 2036.

(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) (i) in fiscal years 2023 through 2025, inclusive, at least 25% of passenger cars purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero-emission vehicles;

(ii) in fiscal years 2026 and 2027, at least 50% of passenger cars purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero-emission vehicles; and

(iii) beginning in fiscal year 2028, 100% of passenger cars purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero-emission vehicles; and
(2) (I) In fiscal years 2028 through 2030, inclusive, at least 25% of all other light-duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero-emission vehicles;

(II) In fiscal years 2031 and 2032, 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 2033, 100% of all other light-duty vehicles purchased for the State vehicle fleet are zero-emission vehicles.

(E) The Department of General Services 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, 2022.