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Senate Bill 950 (Senator Corderman)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Membership

This bill alters the composition of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) to add (1) the Secretary of General Services (or designee) and (2) another member so that existing representation from a plug-in electric drive vehicle manufacturer can be bifurcated to encompass both light- and heavy-duty vehicle manufacturers. Other membership and the interim and final report due dates for ZEEVIC are clarified as the bill restores changes made by Chapter 118 of 2020 (and inadvertently omitted under further amendments to ZEEVIC by Chapter 607 of 2021). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Altering representation on the council does not affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: 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. 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 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).

Chapter 118 of 2020 further altered membership of ZEEVIC by adding one more member (a second representative of the environmental community) and slightly altering affiliations for three existing members. Chapter 118 of 2020 also extended the termination date of ZEEVIC by six years (from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2026) and, consistent with that extension, established six more due dates (every December 1 from 2020 through 2025) for interim reports. Likewise, the final report was shifted to be June 30, 2026, concurrent with ZEEVIC's new termination date.

Chapter 607 of 2021, which altered the duties of the Office of People's Counsel, further modified membership of ZEEVIC – to include the People's Counsel or designee – but did not change reporting requirements or the duration of the council.

Additional Comments: As noted above, Chapter 118 of 2020 made a series of amendments to ZEEVIC, none of which was initially reflected in the text of this bill – because they were likewise not reflected in the text of Chapter 607 of 2021. Accordingly, the representation and reporting requirements in place *prior to* Chapter 118 of 2020 have inadvertently been reflected as if they were current law. The omissions perpetuated in this bill, as introduced, have been corrected through an amendment.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

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