

HOUSE BILL 64

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By: **Delegate J. Lewis**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles – Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of altering eligibility for the vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of
4 certain electric vehicles to include certain vehicles purchased used and titled within
5 a certain period of time; and generally relating to the electric vehicle excise tax
6 credit.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 13–815

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 13–815.

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

17 (2) “Autocycle” has the meaning stated in § 11–103.4 of this article.

18 (3) “Excise tax” means the tax imposed under § 13–809 of this subtitle.

19 (4) “Zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle” means a motor vehicle
20 that:

21 (i) Is made by a manufacturer;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour;
2 and
3 (iii) Is propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a
4 battery that:
5 1. Has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours; and
6 2. Is capable of being recharged from an external source of
7 electricity.

8 (b) This section applies only to:

9 (1) A zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle that:

- 10 (i) Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications;
11 (ii) Is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale;
12 (iii) Has a base purchase price not exceeding \$50,000;
13 (iv) Has a battery capacity of at least 5.0 kilowatt-hours; and
14 (v) 1. Is purchased new and titled for the first time on or after
15 July 1, 2023, but before July 1, 2027; OR

16 2. **IS PURCHASED USED AND TITLED ON OR AFTER JULY**
17 **1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2027;** and

18 (2) A fuel cell electric vehicle that:

- 19 (i) Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications;
20 (ii) Is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale;
21 (iii) Has a base purchase price not exceeding \$50,000; and
22 (iv) 1. Is purchased new and titled for the first time on or after
23 July 1, 2023, but before July 1, 2027; OR

24 2. **IS PURCHASED USED AND TITLED ON OR AFTER JULY**
25 **1, 2024, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2027.**

26 (c) Subject to available funding, an excise tax credit is allowed for a zero-emission
27 plug-in electric drive vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle.

1 (d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, the credit allowed under this section
2 shall equal:

3 (1) \$3,000 for each zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle or fuel cell
4 electric vehicle purchased; or

5 (2) (i) \$1,000 for each two-wheeled zero-emission electric motorcycle
6 purchased; or

7 (ii) \$2,000 for each three-wheeled zero-emission electric motorcycle
8 or auticycle purchased.

9 (e) The credit allowed under this section is limited to the acquisition of:

10 (1) One vehicle per individual; and

11 (2) 10 vehicles per business entity.

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

13 (1) For a vehicle unless the vehicle is registered in the State; or

14 (2) Unless the manufacturer has already conformed to any applicable State
15 or federal laws or regulations governing clean-fuel vehicle or electric vehicle purchases
16 applicable during the calendar year in which the vehicle is titled.

17 (g) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall administer the credit under this
18 section.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2024.