

House Bill 44
Clean Cars Act of 2021

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Maryland (Established by the MD General Assembly in 2011)

FAVORABLE with a suggested Amendment

There are currently about 30,000 EVs that have been registered in Maryland. State Policy was to have 60,000 EVs by 2020 and to have 300,000 EVs by 2025. We need to continue to concentrate on EV adoption in MD. Nationally, over 1 million EVs have been bought and are being used.

I think it makes good sense to fund all battery (BEV) electrics (\$3,000) and hybrids (\$1,500) (battery/gas) at different rates. With the exception of the Chevy Volt (no longer in production), most of the auto companies are producing hybrids with very small battery packs that only allow up to 30 miles on battery before gas must be used.

The Maryland Strategic Investment Fund (SEIF) is to also “benefit Low-To Moderate-Income residents of the State”. A positive step in that direction would be to provide a rebate on used BEVs since most used cars are bought by low and moderate income persons.

AMENDMENT

Add under 13-815(d) a new section:

(3)\$1,500 for each used zero-emission plug-in or fuel cell electric vehicle purchased. A used vehicle shall be bought through a car dealer licensed in the State of Maryland.

Please vote out this bill favorably from the Committee