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"AN ACT CONCERNING ASH RESIDUE DISPOSAL AREAS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
4 independent low emission vehicle review panel, which panel shall
5 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
6 cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the state's
7 implementation of the California low emission vehicle program in
8 accordance with the provisions of this section.

9 (b) The panel shall consist of ten members who have no financial
10 ties to any motor vehicle manufacturers or suppliers of such
11 manufacturers, except for the automotive retailer representative, which
12 members shall be as follows: The Commissioner of Environmental
13 Protection, or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of
14 Public Health or the commissioner's designee, the chairpersons of the

15 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
16 of matters relating to the environment, a representative of a state-wide
17 public health organization to be appointed by the speaker of the House
18 of Representatives, a representative of a state-wide environmental
19 organization to be appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives, a representative of Northeastern States for
21 Coordinated Air Use Management to be appointed by the president
22 pro tempore of the Senate, a representative of an automobile
23 manufacturers' association to be appointed by the majority leader of
24 the Senate, a representative of an automotive retailer to be appointed
25 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and a member
26 of a state-wide business association to be appointed by the minority
27 leader of the Senate. The panel shall be chaired by the Commissioner
28 of Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

29 (c) The panel shall evaluate any proposed or adopted changes made
30 by the California Air Resources Board to the zero emission vehicle
31 requirements made prior to the state's full adoption of the low
32 emission vehicle program. Such evaluation shall include consideration
33 of vehicle technology, price, availability, consumer acceptance and the
34 extent to which the zero emission vehicle requirements have
35 contributed to the production and sale of vehicles subject to such
36 requirements. Not later than December 31, 2006, the panel shall submit
37 a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
38 Governor, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the
39 legislative leaders of the General Assembly setting forth (1) the
40 activities and findings of the panel, and (2) any recommendations that
41 would increase the effectiveness of the implementation of the zero
42 emission vehicle requirements in the state.

43 (d) If the California Air Resources Board has not acted prior to the
44 start of the 2008 model year to revise the requirements under the
45 alternative compliance path for the amount of fuel cells or equivalent
46 technology required by a manufacturer at the start of the model year
47 2012 from a state-specific requirement to a nation-wide requirement,
48 the panel shall evaluate the feasibility of the California zero emission

49 vehicle requirement of the California low emission vehicle program
50 and submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
51 statutes, to the Governor, the Commissioner of Environmental
52 Protection and the legislative leaders of the General Assembly as to
53 whether the state should implement such program or if the state
54 should instead implement the federal low emission vehicle program.

55 (e) The members of the panel shall serve without compensation."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>