



Substitute Senate Bill No. 660

Public Act No. 06-161

AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN CARS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 3, 4 and 6 of this act:

(1) "Motor vehicle" means motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, except that for purposes of this section, motor vehicle is limited to vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating, as defined in said section 14-1, of ten thousand pounds or less; and

(2) "Greenhouse gas" means greenhouse gas, as defined in section 22a-200 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than October 1, 2006, the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change, shall conduct a study to determine the motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission reductions necessary to meet the goals of section 22a-200a of the general statutes. The department shall include its findings, accompanied by any recommended legislative revisions, in its 2007 climate change report required by subsection (d) of section 22a-200a of

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the general statutes.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a greenhouse gas labeling program for new motor vehicles sold or leased in the state with a model year of 2009 or later.

(b) Greenhouse gas labels under this program shall include the vehicle's greenhouse gas score, comparing the vehicle's greenhouse gas emissions with the greenhouse gas emissions from all vehicle models of the same model year for which a label is required, presented in both a continuous bar format and a single qualitative score, or an alternative graphical representation that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection determines will more effectively convey the information to consumers. The label shall also include the average greenhouse gas score for vehicles within the same vehicle class as the vehicle to which the label is affixed and any other relevant information, as determined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

(c) The greenhouse gas label shall be affixed to the vehicle in a clearly visible location, as determined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

(d) No new motor vehicle with a model year of 2009 or later shall be sold or leased in the state without a greenhouse gas emissions label that meets the requirements of this section affixed to it.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall establish or contract for a public education program regarding the vehicle labeling program pursuant to section 3 of this act. This program shall also include the dissemination of information about the environmental impact of greenhouse gas

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emissions from motor vehicles and the impact of vehicle choice on vehicle greenhouse gas emissions.

Sec. 5. Subdivision (115) of section 12-412 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(115) On and after October 1, 2004, and prior to October 1, 2008, the sale of any hybrid passenger car [utilizing hybrid technology] that has a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon. For purposes of this subdivision, "hybrid passenger car" means a passenger car that draws acceleration energy from two onboard sources of stored energy, which are both an internal combustion or heat engine using combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system and, for a passenger car or light truck with a model year of 2004 or later, is certified to meet or exceed the tier II bin 5 low emission vehicle classification.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) On and after January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of five dollars, in addition to any other fees required for such registration, for each new motor vehicle. Said fee may be identified as the "greenhouse gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined with the fee specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c of the general statutes. All receipts from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the federal Clean Air Act account established pursuant to section 14-49b of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

(b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may draw upon not more than sixty per cent of the funds deposited into said account pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to implement the requirements of sections 3 and 4 of this act, and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may draw upon not more than forty per cent of the

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funds deposited into said account pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to implement the requirements of sections 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 14-49b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(a) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of ten dollars for registration for a biennial period and five dollars for registration for an annual period, except that any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older on or after January 1, 1994, may, at the discretion of such individual, pay the fee for either a one-year or two-year period. The provisions of this section shall not apply with respect to any motor vehicle which is not self-propelled, which is electrically powered, or which is exempted from payment of a registration fee. This fee may be identified as the "federal Clean Air Act fee" on any registration form provided by the commissioner. Payments collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited as follows: (1) Fifty-seven and one-half per cent of such payments collected shall be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund established pursuant to section 13b-68, and (2) forty-two and one-half per cent of such payments collected shall be deposited in a treasurer's account and credited to a separate, nonlapsing federal Clean Air Act account which shall be established by the Comptroller within the General Fund. The federal Clean Air Act account may be used to pay any costs to state agencies of implementing the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 that are not otherwise met by the fees collected pursuant to section 22a-174 and any funds transferred to the account pursuant to section 22a-27m may additionally be used by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to carry out the provisions of chapter 446c and section 6 of

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this act. All moneys deposited in this account are deemed to be appropriated for this purpose. The fee required by this section is in addition to any other fees prescribed by any other provision of this title for the registration of a motor vehicle.

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