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Committee Bill No. 6250

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FLEET.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The fleet average for cars or light duty trucks purchased by the
4 state shall: (1) On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States
5 Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage
6 rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1,
7 2003, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated
8 highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, (2)
9 comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the
10 percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor
11 vehicle fleet, and (3) obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of
12 carbon dioxide emitted in its class. The alternative-fueled vehicles
13 purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be
14 capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system
15 acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on
16 fuel that is available in the state.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, (1) on and
18 after January 1, 2008, any car or light duty truck purchased by the state
19 shall have an efficiency rating that is in the top third of all vehicles in
20 such purchased vehicle's class and fifty per cent of such cars and light
21 duty trucks shall be an alternative fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in
22 electric vehicle, and (2) on and after January 1, 2012, one hundred per
23 cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall be alternative fueled,
24 hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles.

25 [(b)] (c) The provisions of [subsection (a)] subsections (a) and (b) of
26 this section shall not apply to [cars or light duty trucks purchased for
27 law enforcement or other special use purposes as designated by the
28 Department of Administrative Services] state police vehicles used in
29 the immediate pursuit of actual or suspected violators of the law.

30 [(c)] (d) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty
31 truck" shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy
32 Publication DOE/CE -0019/8, or any successor publication.

33 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2008, the
34 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
35 Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall determine whether the
36 state qualifies for an exemption under the federal Energy Policy Act of
37 2005 from the requirement to utilize ethanol fuel in state vehicles, due
38 to the lack of availability in the state of such fuel.

39 (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Commissioner of
40 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of
41 Administrative Services, shall develop a plan to increase the utilization
42 of existing ethanol fueling stations in the state. Not later than February
43 1, 2008, such plan shall be submitted to the joint standing committees
44 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
45 government administration and the environment.

46 (c) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Commissioner of
47 Environmental Protection shall determine whether the state may

48 utilize any credits the state may have under the Energy Policy Act of
49 2005 to invest in hydrogen fuel vehicles.

50 Sec. 3. (Effective July 1, 2007) The sum of five hundred thousand
51 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, from the
52 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose
53 of providing a grant to the Greater New Haven Transit District for the
54 acquisition and installation of a hydrogen fueling station and
55 maintenance facility in Hamden for use by hydrogen powered vehicles
56 owned by the Greater New Haven Transit District and the town of
57 Hamden.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4a-67d
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the state fleet to consist of low emission, high gas mileage vehicles by 2012.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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