



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5314***

LCO No. 1056



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA'S LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-174g of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) On or before December 31, 2004, the Commissioner of Energy  
4 and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
5 with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the light duty motor  
6 vehicle emission standards of the state of California, and shall amend  
7 such regulations from time to time, in accordance with changes in said  
8 standards. Such regulations shall be applicable to motor vehicles with  
9 a model year 2008 and later. Such regulations may incorporate by  
10 reference the California motor vehicle emission standards set forth in  
11 final regulations issued by the California Air Resources Board  
12 pursuant to Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations and  
13 promulgated under the authority of Division 26 of the California  
14 Health and Safety Code, as may be amended from time to time.  
15 Nothing in this section shall limit the commissioner's authority to

16 regulate motor vehicle emissions for any other class of vehicle.

17 (b) The regulations described in subsection (a) of this section shall,  
18 in accordance with subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 4-170,  
19 incorporate by reference any provisions of such California regulations  
20 or changes to such California regulations that are necessary to  
21 maintain compliance with Section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act.

22 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) As part of the state's implementation plan under the federal  
23 Clean Air Act, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
24 Protection may establish a program to allow the sale, purchase and use  
25 of motor vehicles which comply with any regulations adopted by the  
26 commissioner which implement the California motor vehicles  
27 emissions standards for purposes of generating any emission  
28 reduction credits under said act. Nothing in this section shall prohibit  
29 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection from  
30 establishing a program to require the sale, purchase and use of motor  
31 vehicles which comply with any regulations adopted by the  
32 commissioner which implement the California motor vehicle emissions  
33 standards.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	22a-174g

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the state's low-emission vehicle regulations to incorporate by reference any changes to California's regulations for such vehicles without the need to submit such altered regulations to the Regulations Review Committee.

*[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.]*