AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN CONNECTICUT.

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

Section 1. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

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

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, (1) on and after January 1, 2008: (A) At least fifty per cent of all cars and light duty trucks purchased or leased by the state shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, (B) all alternative-fueled vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall be certified to the California Air Resources Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, and (C) all gasoline-powered light duty and hybrid vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall, at a minimum, be certified to the California Air Resource Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, and (2) on and after January 1, 2012, one hundred per cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, and (3) on and after January 1, 2030, at least fifty per cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall be zero-emission vehicles.

(c) On and after January 1, 2030, at least thirty per cent of all buses purchased or leased by the state shall be zero-emission buses.

(d) If the Commissioner of Administrative Services determines that the vehicles required by the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section are not available for purchase or lease, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall include an explanation of such determination in the annual report described in subsection (g) of this section.

[(c)] (e) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) to (c), inclusive, of this section shall not apply to any emergency vehicle.

[(d)] (f) As used in this section, (1) the terms "car" and "light duty truck" have the same meaning as provided in the United States Department of Energy Publication DOE/CE-0019/8, or any successor publication, (2) "emergency vehicle" means a vehicle used by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Correction, State Capitol Police, Department
of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Children and Families, Department of Transportation, Judicial Department, Board of Pardons and Paroles, Board of Regents for Higher Education, The University of Connecticut or The University of Connecticut Health Center for law enforcement or emergency response purposes, [and] (3) "hybrid" means a passenger car that draws acceleration energy from two on-board sources of stored energy that consists of either an internal combustion or heat engine which uses combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system, and, for any passenger car or light duty truck with a model year of 2004 or newer, that is certified to meet or exceed the California LEV (Low Emission Vehicle) II LEV Standard, and (4) "zero-emission vehicle" means a battery electric vehicle, hybrid electric vehicle, range-extended electric vehicle and any vehicle that meets the requirements of section 22a-174-36 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies.

[(e)] (g) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, shall file a report with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, the environment and energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet, including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or used by the Departments of Transportation and Emergency Services and Public Protection, the make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses, (2) any changes to the determination made by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session or any update concerning the waiver application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, as applicable, (3) any changes or amendments to the plan required by subsection (b) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, [and] (4) any changes or amendments to the
plan required by subsection (c) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, (5) a vehicle purchasing and procurement three-year plan that aligns with the requirements of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section and subsection (c) of this section, and (6) an assessment of the availability of zero-emission medium and heavy duty trucks and the feasibility of the state purchasing or leasing zero-emission medium and heavy duty trucks. The Departments of Transportation and Emergency Services and Public Protection shall submit all data requested of said departments by the Department of Administrative Services in connection with the preparation of such report.

[(f)] (h) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may enter into any agreement necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection [(e)] (g) of this section.

[(g)] (i) In performing the requirements of this section, the Commissioners of Administrative Services, [and] Energy and Environmental Protection and Transportation shall, whenever possible, consider the use of and impact on Connecticut-based companies.

(j) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, shall study the feasibility of creating a competitive bid process for the aggregate procurement of zero-emission vehicles and zero-emission buses and determine whether such aggregate procurement would achieve a cost savings on the purchase of such vehicles and buses and related administrative costs. On or before January 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the results of such study to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration and transportation. The Commissioner of Administrative Services may proceed with such aggregate procurement if the commissioner determines such aggregate procurement would achieve a cost savings.
Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) (a) There is established a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate Board, which shall be within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's designee, the president of the Connecticut Green Bank or the president's designee and three members appointed as follows: One representative of an environmental organization knowledgeable in electric vehicle policy, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one representative of an organization that represents the interests of an environmental justice community, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a of the general statutes, appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and one representative of an association representing automotive retailers in the state, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may appoint to the board additional representatives from other industrial fleet or transportation companies. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall serve as chairperson of the board. The board shall meet at such times at it deems necessary.

(b) On and after January 1, 2020, until December 31, 2025, the board shall, from resources available through state appropriated funds, establish and administer a program to provide rebates that total at least three million dollars annually to residents of this state who (1) purchase or lease a battery electric vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle, and (2) purchase a used hydrogen vehicle or electric vehicle. The board shall establish and revise, as necessary, appropriate rebate levels and maximum income eligibility for rebates for used hydrogen vehicles or electric vehicles. The board shall evaluate such program on an annual basis.

(c) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account"
which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate Board for the purposes of administering the program established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 3. Section 22a-201c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

(a) As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, with a gross vehicle weight rating, as defined in section 14-1, of ten thousand pounds or less, except for a motorcycle.

(b) On and after January 1, [2007] 2020, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee of [five] ten dollars, in addition to any other fees required for 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. All receipts from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the [General Fund] Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. (Effective October 1, 2019) The sum of three million dollars is appropriated to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, for deposit in the Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To require a percentage of the cars, light duty trucks and buses purchased or leased by the state be zero-emission vehicles or zero-emission buses, establish a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate Program and fund such program.

[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.]