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Short Title: Energy-Efficient State Motor Vehicle Fleet.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO GIVE
2 PREFERENCE TO NEW PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES THAT HAVE A
3 FUEL ECONOMY THAT IS IN THE TOP FIFTY PERCENT OF THAT CLASS
4 OF COMPARABLE AUTOMOBILES FOR PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES
5 PURCHASED BY THE STATE.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-341(8) reads as rewritten:

9 "(8) General Services:

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11 i. To establish and operate a central motor pool and such
12 subsidiary related facilities as the Secretary may deem
13 necessary, and to that end:

14 1. To establish and operate central facilities for the
15 maintenance, repair, and storage of state-owned
16 passenger motor vehicles for the use of State agencies; to
17 utilize any available State facilities for that purpose; and
18 to establish such subsidiary facilities as the Secretary
19 may deem necessary.

20 2. To acquire passenger motor vehicles by transfer from
21 other State agencies and by purchase. All motor vehicles
22 transferred to or purchased by the Department shall
23 become part of a central motor pool.

24 2a. Every new motor vehicle transferred to or purchased by
25 the Department that is designed to operate on diesel fuel
26 shall be covered by an express manufacturer's warranty
27 that allows the use of B-20 fuel, as defined in

1 G.S. 143-58.4. This sub-sub-subdivision does not apply
2 if the intended use, as determined by the Department, of
3 the new motor vehicle requires a type of vehicle for
4 which an express manufacturer's warranty allows the use
5 of B-20 fuel is not available.

6 2b. As used in this sub-sub-subdivision, "fuel economy" and
7 "class of comparable automobiles" have the same
8 meaning as in Part 600 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal
9 Regulations (July 1, 2007 Edition). As used in this
10 sub-sub-subdivision, "passenger motor vehicle" has the
11 same meaning as "private passenger vehicle" as defined
12 in G.S. 20-4.01. Notwithstanding the requirements of
13 sub-sub-subdivision 2a. of this sub-subdivision, every
14 request for proposals for new passenger motor vehicles
15 to be purchased by the Department shall state a
16 preference for vehicles that have a fuel economy for the
17 new vehicle's model year that is in the top fifty percent
18 (50%) of its class of comparable automobiles. The award
19 for every new passenger motor vehicle that is purchased
20 by the Department shall be based on the Department's
21 evaluation of the best value for the State, taking into
22 account fuel economy ratings and life cycle cost that
23 reasonably consider both projected fuel costs and
24 acquisition costs. This sub-sub-subdivision does not
25 apply to vehicles used in law enforcement, emergency
26 medical response, and firefighting. The Department shall
27 report the number of new passenger motor vehicles that
28 are purchased as required by this sub-sub-subdivision,
29 the savings or costs for the purchase of vehicles to
30 comply with this sub-sub-subdivision, and the quantity
31 and cost of fuel saved for the previous fiscal year on or
32 before October 1 of each year to the Joint Legislative
33 Commission on Governmental Operations and the
34 Environmental Review Commission.

35 ~~2a.2c.~~ To participate in the energy credit banking and selling
36 program under G.S. 143-58.4. The Division of Motor
37 Fleet Management of the Department of Administration
38 is eligible to receive proceeds from the Alternative Fuel
39 Revolving Fund under G.S. 143-58.5 to purchase
40 alternative fuel, develop alternative fuel refueling
41 infrastructure, or purchase AFVs as defined in
42 G.S. 143-58.4.

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1 **SECTION 2.** The first report required under G.S. 143-34(8)i.2b. shall be due
2 on or before October 1, 2010.

3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009, and applies to
4 contracts to purchase passenger motor vehicles on or after that date.