



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3597

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/9.19 new

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a voucher program to promote the use of electric vehicles by offering, subject to appropriation, a voucher in specified amounts per electric vehicle purchased or leased. Requires vouchers to be (1) made available for electric vehicles that are registered in Illinois or recognized under the International Registration Plan, (2) issued only to applicants who have a primary residence in Illinois, and (3) made available for direct purchases, purchases through third-party bulk orders, and leasing of electric vehicles. Provides that an applicant shall submit a proof of purchase, lease, or other binding contract regarding the electric vehicle in order to be awarded the voucher. Contains other requirements. Defines "electric vehicle". Contains other provisions.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 3. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) Accelerating the use of electric vehicles will
6 help address Illinois' serious ozone nonattainment issues
7 and provide significant public health benefits to Illinois
8 residents.

9 (2) Historically underserved communities are likely to
10 benefit the most from this transition because they tend to
11 be close to highways and warehouses where pollution from
12 medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles is the most
13 concentrated.

14 (3) Medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles with a gross
15 vehicle weight ranking (GVWR) of more than 8,500 pounds
16 comprise only 5% of vehicles on the road, but they are
17 responsible for 30% of greenhouse gas emissions, 42% of
18 on-road emissions of nitrous oxide, and 51% of on-road
19 PM_{2.5} emissions nationally.

20 (4) Transitioning medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles,
21 especially the heaviest and most polluting vehicles, to
22 zero-emission models will significantly reduce air
23 pollution and greenhouse gas emissions consistent with
24 relevant State and federal laws and the State's public

1 policy goals.

2 (5) Widespread adoption of medium-duty and heavy-duty
3 vehicles will create significant economic benefits through
4 reduced fueling and maintenance costs for both public and
5 private fleets and will avoid costs related to negative
6 health outcomes, hospital visits, and missed workdays.

7 (6) Numerous companies working in the zero-emission
8 vehicle industry operate within the State of Illinois,
9 creating high-paying jobs and economic growth for the
10 State. Policies encouraging adoption of zero-emission
11 medium-duty vehicles and zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles
12 will support this burgeoning industry in Illinois.

13 (7) Illinois lacks a program that can help bring down
14 the upfront costs of zero-emission medium-duty vehicles
15 and zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles and that can help
16 fleet operators realize the cost savings of this new
17 technology and spur long-term economic development in the
18 State.

19 (8) Illinois can use federal funds available under the
20 federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to achieve zero
21 emissions from medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles.

22 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
23 adding Section 9.19 as follows:

24 (415 ILCS 5/9.19 new)

1 Sec. 9.19. Electric vehicle voucher program.

2 (a) The Agency shall establish a voucher program to
3 promote the use of electric vehicles. Subject to
4 appropriation, the program shall offer a voucher of up to
5 \$40,000 for each purchased or leased electric vehicle,
6 including the cost of charging equipment required for the
7 electric vehicle, subject to the following limitations:

8 (1) Any commercial clean vehicle credit available
9 under Section 45W of the Internal Revenue Code to an
10 applicant for the electric vehicle for which the voucher
11 is to be awarded shall be subtracted from the amount of the
12 voucher under this Section.

13 (2) An applicant may not receive a voucher under this
14 Section if the value of the federal tax credit described
15 under paragraph (1), the voucher under this Section, and
16 any other governmental incentive for the electric vehicle
17 exceed the vehicle's Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price
18 (MSRP) minus the MSRP of a vehicle deemed to be a
19 comparable internal combustion vehicle under guidance of
20 the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

21 (b) Vouchers offered under this Section shall be made
22 available for electric vehicles that are registered in
23 Illinois or recognized under the International Registration
24 Plan and whose applicant has a primary residence in Illinois.
25 Vouchers must be made available for direct purchases,
26 purchases through third-party bulk orders, and leasing of

1 electric vehicles.

2 (c) After an applicant receives notification that the
3 applicant's voucher request has been granted preliminary
4 approval by the Agency, the applicant shall submit a proof of
5 purchase, lease, or other binding contract regarding the
6 electric vehicle in order to be awarded the voucher. The
7 preliminary approval of the voucher request may be renewed at
8 3-month intervals for up to 18 months, pending receipt of the
9 applicant's proof of purchase, lease, or other binding
10 contract regarding the purchase or leasing of the electric
11 vehicle.

12 (d) A person who receives a voucher under this Section
13 must retain title or right of use of the electric vehicle
14 incentivized under the program for a minimum of 36 consecutive
15 months after the purchase date or lease date of the electric
16 vehicle. Resale or sublease of the electric vehicle for
17 financial gain within 36 months after the purchase date or
18 lease date is prohibited.

19 (e) If the electric vehicle of an applicant is leased, a
20 lease term of at least 36 months is required for the electric
21 vehicle to be eligible for the program.

22 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person
23 may receive a grant under this Section for an electric vehicle
24 that has received a low-duty vehicle credit from the State.
25 The Agency shall adopt rules prohibiting a person from
26 receiving a low-duty vehicle credit from the State for an

1 electric vehicle if the person has received a voucher under
2 this Section for that electric vehicle.

3 (g) In this Section, "electric vehicle" means a vehicle
4 that is exclusively powered by and refueled by electricity,
5 must be plugged in to charge, is licensed to drive on public
6 roadways, and is classified by the USEPA as a medium duty or
7 heavy duty vehicle.