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SB2706

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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 Fleet Electrification Incentive Program to promote the use of electric trucks by fleet owners by offering a voucher of \$200,000 per electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8 truck purchased or leased for a fleet by the fleet's owner or operator. Provides that an applicant shall submit a proof of purchase, lease, or other binding contract regarding the electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8 truck in order to be awarded the voucher. Requires an applicant who is awarded a voucher to agree to participate in annual surveys on specified metrics. Contains other program requirements. Defines "Class 6 truck", "Class 7 truck", and "Class 8 truck".

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

6 (415 ILCS 5/9.19 new)

7 Sec. 9.19. Fleet Electrification Incentive Program.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Class 6 truck" means a truck categorized by the Federal
10 Highway Administration, using gross vehicle weight ratings, as
11 a Class 6 vehicle.

12 "Class 7 truck" means a truck categorized by the Federal
13 Highway Administration, using gross vehicle weight ratings, as
14 a Class 7 vehicle.

15 "Class 8 truck" means a truck categorized by the Federal
16 Highway Administration, using gross vehicle weight ratings, as
17 a Class 8 vehicle.

18 (b) The Agency shall establish a Fleet Electrification
19 Incentive Program to provide private fleet owners and
20 operators in Illinois grants to promote their use of electric
21 Class 6 trucks, electric Class 7 trucks, and electric Class 8
22 trucks. The Program shall offer qualifying applicants a grant
23 of \$200,000 per electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7

1 truck, or electric Class 8 truck purchased or leased for a
2 private fleet by the fleet's owner or operator.

3 (c) The Agency shall award grants under the Fleet
4 Electrification Incentive Program on a competitive basis
5 according to the availability of funding. To be eligible to
6 receive a grant under the Program an applicant must, at a
7 minimum, satisfy all of the following criteria:

8 (1) The electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7
9 truck, or electric Class 8 truck must be registered in
10 Illinois or recognized under the International
11 Registration Plan.

12 (2) The fleet owner or operator must be domiciled in
13 Illinois.

14 (3) If the electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7
15 truck, or electric Class 8 truck is leased by the fleet
16 owner or operator, the term of the lease must be at least
17 36 months.

18 In providing grants under the Program, the Agency may give
19 weight to applications based upon the potential impact of the
20 geographic locations and routes of the applicant's fleet on
21 pollution affecting environmental justice communities.

22 In providing grants under the Program, the Agency shall
23 give priority to applicants who have negotiated and entered
24 into a collective bargaining agreement at the time of
25 application for the grant.

26 (d) A grant provided under the Program is limited to a

1 maximum award of \$200,000 to purchase or lease one electric
2 Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8
3 truck. However, a fleet owner or operator may submit one
4 application for each diesel Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7
5 truck, or diesel Class 8 truck eligible to be replaced under
6 the Program and that is owned by the fleet owner or operator. A
7 fleet owner or operator may be awarded multiple grants under
8 the Program.

9 (e) The Agency shall notify an applicant when the
10 applicant's grant request has been granted preliminary
11 approval by the Agency. After an applicant receives
12 notification that the applicant's grant request has been
13 granted preliminary approval by the Agency, the applicant
14 shall submit a proof of purchase, lease, or other binding
15 contract regarding the electric Class 6 truck, electric Class
16 7 truck, or electric Class 8 truck in order to be awarded the
17 grant. The preliminary approval of the grant request may be
18 renewed at 3-month intervals for up to 18 months, pending
19 receipt of the applicant's proof of purchase, lease, or other
20 binding contract regarding the purchase or leasing of the
21 electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric
22 Class 8 truck.

23 (f) A fleet owner or operator who receives a grant under
24 this Section must retain title or right of use of the electric
25 Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8
26 truck incentivized under the Program for a minimum of 60

1 consecutive months after the purchase date or lease date of
2 the electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or
3 electric Class 8 truck. Resale or sublease of the electric
4 Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8
5 truck for financial gain within 60 months after the purchase
6 date or lease date is prohibited.

7 (g) Upon approval of an initial application for a grant
8 under the Program, the applicant may participate in a vehicle
9 replacement program through which:

10 (1) a diesel Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7 truck, or
11 diesel Class 8 truck from the applicant's existing fleet
12 is scrapped; or

13 (2) ownership of the oldest diesel Class 6 truck,
14 diesel Class 7 truck, or diesel Class 8 truck in the
15 applicant's existing fleet is transferred to another fleet
16 owner or operator who agrees to scrap their oldest diesel
17 Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7 truck, or diesel Class 8
18 truck upon receipt.

19 The electric Class 6 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or
20 electric Class 8 truck for which the grant is awarded must be
21 predominantly used in the same general location in Illinois as
22 the fleet owner's or operators' scrapped or transferred diesel
23 Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7 truck, or diesel Class 8 was used
24 by the fleet owner or operator.

25 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section:

26 (1) a fleet owner or operator shall scrap a diesel

1 Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7 truck, or diesel Class 8
2 truck for which a grant is awarded under this Section if
3 the model year of the diesel Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7
4 truck, or diesel Class 8 truck is 2009 or older; and

5 (2) if the diesel Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7 truck,
6 or diesel Class 8 truck for which a grant is awarded under
7 this Section has a model year of 2010 or newer, the fleet
8 owner or operator must keep, donate, or sell that diesel
9 Class 6 truck, diesel Class 7 truck, or diesel Class 8
10 truck.

11 (i) The deployment of the electric Class 6 truck, electric
12 Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8 truck in the applicant's
13 fleet is required within 24 months after receipt of notice of
14 approval of the applicant's Program application. Total
15 completion of the project for which the electric Class 6
16 truck, electric Class 7 truck, or electric Class 8 truck is
17 purchased or leased must occur within 36 months after receipt
18 of grant funds under the Program.

19 (j) An applicant who is awarded a grant under this Section
20 must agree to participate in annual surveys regarding metrics
21 as determined by the Agency, such as average daily mileage,
22 kilowatts consumed, and emissions reduction data.