



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB2903

Introduced 2/23/2011, by Rep. Ann Williams - Barbara Flynn Currie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 120/30

Amends the Alternate Fuels Act. Requires \$500,000 of the amount that is appropriated for rebate programs under the Act during fiscal years 2012 and 2013 to be designated instead to fund a grant program to support the adoption of electric vehicles powered by solar generation. Requires the Environmental Protection Agency in fiscal year 2012 and, again, in fiscal year 2013 to make a grant of \$500,000 to a not-for-profit car-sharing organization. Authorizes the grant funds to be used to purchase electric vehicles from an original equipment manufacturer that operates a manufacturing facility in Illinois. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Alternate Fuels Act is amended by changing
5 Section 30 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 120/30)

7 Sec. 30. Rebate and grant program.

8 (a) Beginning January 1, 1997, and as long as funds are
9 available, each owner of an alternate fuel vehicle shall be
10 eligible to apply for a rebate. Beginning July 1, 2005, each
11 owner of a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel is eligible to
12 apply for a fuel cost differential rebate under item (3) of
13 this subsection ~~(c) of this Section~~. The Agency shall cause
14 rebates to be issued under the provisions of this Act. An owner
15 may apply for only one of 3 types of rebates with regard to an
16 individual alternate fuel vehicle: (i) a conversion cost
17 rebate, (ii) an OEM differential cost rebate, or (iii) a fuel
18 cost differential rebate. Only one rebate may be issued with
19 regard to a particular alternate fuel vehicle during the life
20 of that vehicle. A rebate shall not exceed \$4,000 per vehicle.
21 Over the life of this rebate program, an owner of an alternate
22 fuel vehicle or a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel may not
23 receive rebates for more than 150 vehicles per location or for

1 300 vehicles in total.

2 (1) ~~(a)~~ A conversion cost rebate may be issued to an
3 owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the cost of
4 converting a conventional vehicle or a hybrid vehicle to an
5 alternate fuel vehicle. Conversion of a conventional
6 vehicle or a hybrid vehicle to alternate fuel capability
7 must take place in Illinois for the owner to be eligible
8 for the conversion cost rebate. Amounts spent by applicants
9 within a calendar year may be claimed on a rebate
10 application submitted within 12 months after the month in
11 which the conversion of the vehicle took place. Approved
12 conversion cost rebates applied for during or after
13 calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all approved conversion
14 costs claimed and documented. Approval of conversion cost
15 rebates may continue after calendar year 2002, if funds are
16 still available. An applicant may include on an application
17 submitted in 1997 all amounts spent within that calendar
18 year on the conversion, even if the expenditure occurred
19 before promulgation of the Agency rules.

20 (2) ~~(b)~~ An OEM differential cost rebate may be issued
21 to an owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the
22 cost differential between a conventional vehicle or engine
23 and the same vehicle or engine, produced by an original
24 equipment manufacturer, that has the capability to use
25 alternate fuels.

26 A new OEM vehicle or engine must be purchased in

1 Illinois and must either be an alternate fuel vehicle or
2 used in an alternate fuel vehicle, respectively, for the
3 owner to be eligible for an OEM differential cost rebate.
4 Large vehicles, over 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight,
5 purchased outside Illinois are eligible for an OEM
6 differential cost rebate if the same or a comparable
7 vehicle is not available for purchase in Illinois. Amounts
8 spent by applicants within a calendar year may be claimed
9 on a rebate application submitted within 12 months after
10 the month in which the new OEM vehicle or engine was
11 purchased.

12 Approved OEM differential cost rebates applied for
13 during or after calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all
14 approved cost differential claimed and documented.
15 Approval of OEM differential cost rebates may continue
16 after calendar year 2002, if funds are still available. An
17 applicant may include on an application submitted in 1997
18 all amounts spent within that calendar year on OEM
19 equipment, even if the expenditure occurred before
20 promulgation of the Agency rules.

21 (3) ~~(e)~~ A fuel cost differential rebate may be issued
22 to an owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the
23 cost differential between conventional fuels and domestic
24 renewable fuels or alternate fuels purchased to operate an
25 alternate fuel vehicle. The fuel cost differential shall be
26 based on a 3-year life cycle cost analysis developed by the

1 Agency by rulemaking. The rebate shall apply to and be
2 payable during a consecutive 3-year period commencing on
3 the date the application is approved by the Agency.
4 Approved fuel cost differential rebates may be applied for
5 during or after calendar year 1997 and approved rebates
6 shall be 80% of the cost differential for a consecutive
7 3-year period. Approval of fuel cost differential rebates
8 may continue after calendar year 2002 if funds are still
9 available.

10 Twenty-five percent of the amount that is appropriated
11 under Section 40 to be used to fund programs authorized by
12 this Section during calendar year 2001 shall be designated
13 to fund fuel cost differential rebates. If the total dollar
14 amount of approved fuel cost differential rebate
15 applications as of July 1, 2001 is less than the amount
16 designated for that calendar year, the balance of
17 designated funds shall be immediately available to fund any
18 rebate authorized by this Section and approved in the
19 calendar year.

20 An approved fuel cost differential rebate shall be paid
21 to an owner in 3 annual installments on or about the
22 anniversary date of the approval of the application. Owners
23 receiving a fuel cost differential rebate shall be required
24 to demonstrate, through recordkeeping, the use of domestic
25 renewable fuels during the 3-year period commencing on the
26 date the application is approved by the Agency. If the

1 vehicle ceases to be registered to the original applicant
2 owner, a prorated installment shall be paid to that owner
3 or the owner's designee and the remainder of the rebate
4 shall be canceled.

5 (b) ~~(d)~~ Vehicles owned by the federal government or
6 vehicles registered in a state outside Illinois are not
7 eligible for rebates.

8 (c) \$500,000 of the amount that is appropriated under
9 Section 40 to be used to fund programs authorized by this
10 Section during fiscal years 2012 and 2013 shall be designated
11 to fund a grant program to support the adoption of electric
12 vehicles powered by solar generation. In fiscal year 2012 and,
13 again, in fiscal year 2013, the Agency shall make a grant of
14 \$500,000 to a not-for-profit car-sharing organization with
15 on-site solar electric generation with a capacity of 10
16 kilowatts or greater to charge electric vehicles. The grant
17 funds may be used (i) to purchase electric vehicles from an
18 original equipment manufacturer that operates a manufacturing
19 facility in Illinois and (ii) to pay for 100% of the vehicle
20 cost.

21 (Source: P.A. 96-537, eff. 8-14-09; 96-1278, eff. 7-26-10.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.