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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1615

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1615, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Alternate Fuels Act is amended by changing
6 Section 30 as follows:

7 (415 ILCS 120/30)

8 Sec. 30. Rebate and grant program.

9 (a) Beginning January 1, 1997, and as long as funds are
10 available, each owner of an alternate fuel vehicle shall be
11 eligible to apply for a rebate. Beginning July 1, 2005, each
12 owner of a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel is eligible to
13 apply for a fuel cost differential rebate under item (3) of
14 this subsection ~~(c) of this Section~~. The Agency shall cause
15 rebates to be issued under the provisions of this Act. An owner
16 may apply for only one of 3 types of rebates with regard to an

1 individual alternate fuel vehicle: (i) a conversion cost
2 rebate, (ii) an OEM differential cost rebate, or (iii) a fuel
3 cost differential rebate. Only one rebate may be issued with
4 regard to a particular alternate fuel vehicle during the life
5 of that vehicle. A rebate shall not exceed \$4,000 per vehicle.
6 Over the life of this rebate program, an owner of an alternate
7 fuel vehicle or a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel may not
8 receive rebates for more than 150 vehicles per location or for
9 300 vehicles in total.

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

1 before promulgation of the Agency rules.

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

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

20 Approved OEM differential cost rebates applied for
21 during or after calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all
22 approved cost differential claimed and documented.
23 Approval of OEM differential cost rebates may continue
24 after calendar year 2002, if funds are still available. An
25 applicant may include on an application submitted in 1997
26 all amounts spent within that calendar year on OEM

1 equipment, even if the expenditure occurred before
2 promulgation of the Agency rules.

3 (3) ~~(e)~~ A fuel cost differential rebate may be issued
4 to an owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the
5 cost differential between conventional fuels and domestic
6 renewable fuels or alternate fuels purchased to operate an
7 alternate fuel vehicle. The fuel cost differential shall be
8 based on a 3-year life cycle cost analysis developed by the
9 Agency by rulemaking. The rebate shall apply to and be
10 payable during a consecutive 3-year period commencing on
11 the date the application is approved by the Agency.
12 Approved fuel cost differential rebates may be applied for
13 during or after calendar year 1997 and approved rebates
14 shall be 80% of the cost differential for a consecutive
15 3-year period. Approval of fuel cost differential rebates
16 may continue after calendar year 2002 if funds are still
17 available.

18 Twenty-five percent of the amount that is appropriated
19 under Section 40 to be used to fund programs authorized by
20 this Section during calendar year 2001 shall be designated
21 to fund fuel cost differential rebates. If the total dollar
22 amount of approved fuel cost differential rebate
23 applications as of July 1, 2001 is less than the amount
24 designated for that calendar year, the balance of
25 designated funds shall be immediately available to fund any
26 rebate authorized by this Section and approved in the

1 calendar year.

2 An approved fuel cost differential rebate shall be paid
3 to an owner in 3 annual installments on or about the
4 anniversary date of the approval of the application. Owners
5 receiving a fuel cost differential rebate shall be required
6 to demonstrate, through recordkeeping, the use of domestic
7 renewable fuels during the 3-year period commencing on the
8 date the application is approved by the Agency. If the
9 vehicle ceases to be registered to the original applicant
10 owner, a prorated installment shall be paid to that owner
11 or the owner's designee and the remainder of the rebate
12 shall be canceled.

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

16 (c) Through fiscal year 2013, the Agency may make grants to
17 car sharing organizations in Illinois for the purchase of
18 electric vehicles. The grant program shall be subject to the
19 existing rules in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 275. A grant may not exceed
20 25% of the total project cost including vehicles and supporting
21 infrastructure.

22 (1) In each fiscal year, a car sharing organization may
23 submit a grant application to the Agency by June 30th. The
24 application shall include the following information:

25 (A) the information required in subsection (a) of
26 35 Ill. Adm. Code 275.230, except for items 1, 2, 3, 4

1 and 7;

2 (B) a narrative description of the project;

3 (C) a detailed project budget, including the costs
4 of vehicles and supporting infrastructure; and

5 (D) the number of vehicles proposed to be purchased
6 as part of the project.

7 (2) After the Agency has processed all rebate requests
8 submitted during the fiscal year, it may award grants for a
9 total amount not to exceed the amount of unspent money
10 remaining of the amount appropriated for the programs
11 authorized by this Section.

12 (3) In deciding whether to award a grant, the Agency
13 shall consider the overall level of environmental benefits
14 to be realized by the proposed project.

15 (4) Grant funds may only be used for purchasing
16 electric vehicles, and shall not exceed 25% of the actual
17 project expenditures. A vehicle purchased using grant
18 funds is not eligible for any rebate authorized by this
19 Section.

20 (5) Within one year after the date of the grant award,
21 the grantee shall submit a final report to the Agency. If
22 there are grant funds unspent at that time, the remaining
23 money shall be returned to the Agency. The report shall
24 include the following information:

25 (A) the make, model, and model year of each
26 vehicle;

- 1 (B) the dates of vehicle purchases;
2 (C) the vehicle identification number (VIN);
3 (D) the license plate number and the state of
4 registration;
5 (E) proof of payment for the vehicles; and
6 (F) a complete financial report for the project.

7 (6) Vehicles purchased with grant funds must remain
8 registered and in service with the grantee in Illinois for
9 a minimum of 5 years after purchase. If a vehicle is sold
10 or otherwise taken out of service in Illinois earlier than
11 that time, then the grantee shall refund to the Agency a
12 prorated amount of the grant funds used to purchase that
13 vehicle, except if a vehicle is replaced with a comparable
14 vehicle or can no longer be safely operated due to an
15 accident or other damage.

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

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law."