

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Electric Vehicle Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that the
7 adoption and use of electric vehicles would benefit the State
8 of Illinois by (i) improving the health and environmental
9 quality of the residents of Illinois through reduced pollution,
10 (ii) reducing the operating costs of vehicle transportation,
11 and (iii) shifting the demand for imported petroleum to locally
12 produced electricity.

13 Section 10. Definitions.

14 "Coordinator" means the Electric Vehicle Coordinator
15 created in Section 15.

16 "Council" means the Electric Vehicle Advisory Council
17 created in Section 20.

18 "Electric vehicle" means (i) a battery-powered electric
19 vehicle operated solely by electricity or (ii) a plug-in hybrid
20 electric vehicle that operates on electricity and gasoline and
21 has a battery that can be recharged from an external source.

1 Section 15. Electric Vehicle Coordinator. The Governor
2 shall appoint a person within the Department of Commerce and
3 Economic Opportunity to serve as the Electric Vehicle
4 Coordinator for the State of Illinois. This person may be an
5 existing employee with other duties. The Coordinator shall act
6 as a point person for electric vehicle related policies and
7 activities in Illinois.

8 Section 20. Electric vehicle advisory council.

9 (a) There is created the Illinois Electric Vehicle Advisory
10 Council. The Council shall investigate and recommend
11 strategies that the Governor and the General Assembly may
12 implement to promote the use of electric vehicles, including,
13 but not limited to, potential infrastructure improvements,
14 State and local regulatory streamlining, and changes to
15 electric utility rates and tariffs.

16 (b) The Council shall include all of the following members:

17 (1) The Electric Vehicle Coordinator to serve as
18 chairperson.

19 (2) Four members of the General Assembly, one appointed
20 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
22 Representatives, one appointed by the President of the
23 Senate, and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the
24 Senate.

25 (3) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

1 or his or her designee.

2 (4) The Director of the Environmental Protection
3 Agency or his or her designee.

4 (5) The Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce
5 Commission or his or her designee.

6 (6) Ten at-large members appointed by the Governor as
7 follows:

8 (A) two representatives of statewide environmental
9 organizations;

10 (B) two representatives of national or regional
11 environmental organizations;

12 (C) one representative of a nonprofit car-sharing
13 organization;

14 (D) two representatives of automobile
15 manufacturers;

16 (E) one representative of the City of Chicago; and

17 (F) two representatives of an electric utility.

18 (c) The Council shall report its findings to the Governor
19 and General Assembly by December 31, 2011.

20 (d) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
21 shall provide administrative and other support to the Council.

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