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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 120/30

Amends the Alternate Fuels Act. Provides that certain provisions concerning alternate fuel rebates are inoperative after the effective date of this amendatory Act. Provides that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency may issue rebates to entities for the installation of DC fast charging stations made available to the public. Defines "DC fast charging stations". Provides that in order to be eligible an entity shall make charging stations available to the public. Contains provisions concerning rebate amounts. Effective immediately.

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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 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 through the effective
9 date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly, and
10 as long as funds are available, each owner of an alternate fuel
11 vehicle shall be eligible to apply for a rebate. Beginning July
12 1, 2005 and through the effective date of this amendatory Act
13 of the 99th General Assembly, each owner of a vehicle using
14 domestic renewable fuel is eligible to apply for a fuel cost
15 differential rebate under item (3) of this subsection. The
16 Agency shall cause rebates to be issued under the provisions of
17 this Act. An owner may apply for only one of 3 types of rebates
18 with regard to an individual alternate fuel vehicle: (i) a
19 conversion cost rebate, (ii) an OEM differential cost rebate,
20 or (iii) a fuel cost differential rebate. Only one rebate may
21 be issued with regard to a particular alternate fuel vehicle
22 during the life of that vehicle. A rebate shall not exceed
23 \$4,000 per vehicle. Over the life of this rebate program, an

1 owner of an alternate fuel vehicle or a vehicle using domestic
2 renewable fuel may not receive rebates for more than 150
3 vehicles per location or for 300 vehicles in total.

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

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

1 alternate fuels.

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

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

23 (3) A fuel cost differential rebate may be issued to an
24 owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the cost
25 differential between conventional fuels and domestic
26 renewable fuels or alternate fuels purchased to operate an

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

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

22 An approved fuel cost differential rebate shall be paid
23 to an owner in 3 annual installments on or about the
24 anniversary date of the approval of the application. Owners
25 receiving a fuel cost differential rebate shall be required
26 to demonstrate, through recordkeeping, the use of domestic

1 renewable fuels during the 3-year period commencing on the
2 date the application is approved by the Agency. If the
3 vehicle ceases to be registered to the original applicant
4 owner, a prorated installment shall be paid to that owner
5 or the owner's designee and the remainder of the rebate
6 shall be canceled.

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

10 (c) Through fiscal year 2013, the Agency may make grants to
11 one or more car sharing organizations located and operating in
12 Illinois for the purchase of new electric vehicles from an
13 Illinois car dealership. A grant may not exceed 25% of the
14 total project cost, including vehicles and supporting
15 infrastructure.

16 (1) Once in each fiscal year, a car sharing
17 organization may submit a grant proposal to the Agency. The
18 information in the proposal shall, at a minimum, consist of
19 the following:

20 (A) the name, address, and locations of the car
21 sharing organization and its operations within
22 Illinois;

23 (B) a description of the car sharing organization,
24 including the number and types of vehicles currently in
25 the fleet and how the vehicles are strategically
26 located to maximize their usage along with a summary of

1 the demographic populations being served;

2 (C) a summary of average miles per year driven by
3 the vehicles currently in the fleet;

4 (D) a narrative description of the project,
5 including the overall plans of the organization in
6 acquiring electric vehicles, the makes and models and
7 the number of electric vehicles that will be acquired
8 by the funding, estimated purchase costs for each
9 vehicle, how the vehicles will be refueled, and whether
10 the refueling locations are available to the public or
11 other entities, are private facilities solely used by
12 the organization, or a combination of both; and

13 (E) a detailed project budget, including the costs
14 of vehicles and supporting infrastructure.

15 (2) The Agency may award grants and set grant amounts,
16 provided that the total amount of the grants does not
17 exceed the Agency's estimate of the amount of the annual
18 appropriation remaining after all rebates have been
19 submitted and processed.

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

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

1 Section. The grant shall provide funding only for the base
2 Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of the
3 vehicle and its electric motors and drivetrain system as
4 depicted on the window sticker or similar documents, and is
5 not to include add-on options such as cabin-related product
6 or component upgrades and extended warranties.

7 (5) Within one year after the date of the grant award,
8 the grantee shall submit a final report to the Agency. If
9 there are grant funds unspent at that time, the remaining
10 money shall be returned to the Agency. The report shall
11 include the following information:

12 (A) the make, model, and model year of each
13 vehicle;

14 (B) the dates of vehicle purchases;

15 (C) the vehicle identification number (VIN);

16 (D) the license plate number and the state of
17 registration;

18 (E) a copy of each vehicle's window sticker or
19 similar document showing the base MSRP and all options;

20 (F) proof of payment and purchase invoices for the
21 vehicles showing the Illinois car dealership where the
22 vehicles were purchased; and

23 (G) a complete financial report for the project.

24 (6) Vehicles purchased with grant funds must remain
25 registered and in service with the grantee in Illinois for
26 a minimum of 5 years after purchase. If a vehicle is sold

1 or otherwise taken out of service in Illinois earlier than
2 that time, then the grantee shall refund to the Agency a
3 prorated amount of the grant funds used to purchase that
4 vehicle, except if a vehicle is replaced with a comparable
5 vehicle or can no longer be safely operated due to an
6 accident or other damage.

7 (d) After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
8 99th General Assembly, and as long as funds are available, a DC
9 fast charging station rebate may be issued to any public or
10 private entity or their designee in order to reduce the cost of
11 the purchase, installation, and utility costs associated with
12 operating DC fast charging stations made available to the
13 public. The following shall apply:

14 (1) For the purposes of this subsection "DC fast
15 charging station" means electrical vehicle charging
16 equipment that uses a 480 volt direct current plug or any
17 other electrical vehicle charging equipment that the
18 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency approves of to
19 keep pace with changing technology.

20 (2) An entity making a DC fast charging station
21 available to the public is eligible for a rebate under this
22 subsection, regardless of whether the charging station is
23 operated for a fee or available for use at no charge.

24 (3) Entities that purchase, install, and operate 1 to 5
25 DC fast charging stations shall be eligible for a rebate of
26 \$2,500 upon installation. Entities that install 6 or more

1 DC fast charging stations shall be eligible for a rebate of
2 \$3,000 upon installation. Entities shall only be eligible
3 to receive one rebate.

4 (Source: P.A. 96-537, eff. 8-14-09; 96-1278, eff. 7-26-10;
5 97-90, eff. 7-11-11.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.