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Short Title: Rebate and Grant Program for AFVs.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL AND VEHICLE REBATE
3 AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 113B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
6 new Article to read:

7 "Article 3.

8 "Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant Program.

9 **"§ 113B-30. Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant**
10 **Program established.**

11 (a) There is created an alternative fuel and vehicle rebate and infrastructure grant
12 program to be administered by the State Energy Office.

13 (b) The program shall provide for all of the following:

14 (1) Partial rebates to first owners for incremental cost differences for
15 eligible alternative fueled and hybrid vehicles.

16 (2) Limited rebates for State taxes paid on the incremental costs of
17 alternative motor fuels.

18 (3) Grants for alternative motor fuel infrastructure projects.

19 (c) The program shall include a cap on the number and amounts of rebates and
20 grants to limit them to the available funds. There shall be no entitlement to any rebate or
21 grant under the program.

22 **"§ 113B-31. Implementation and administration.**

23 (a) The State Energy Office shall adopt rules implementing the program
24 established in G.S. 113B-30.

25 (b) These rules shall be adopted after consultation with other State agencies,
26 including the Departments of Transportation, Correction, Public Instruction, Revenue,
27 and Environment and Natural Resources, and interested organizations and businesses.

28 (c) These rules shall comply with environmental and energy regulations issued
29 by the United States Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

1 (d) The rules shall provide that State and local government entities are not
2 eligible for rebates or grants under the Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and
3 Infrastructure Grant Program.

4 **"§ 113B-32. Funding.**

5 (a) The program established pursuant to G.S. 113B-30 shall be funded by an
6 increase in motor vehicle registration fees as provided in G.S. 20-87(b) and G.S.
7 20-88(i2).

8 (b) The funds collected by the Division of Motor Vehicles shall be transferred
9 quarterly to a special account in the Department of Administration for the State Energy
10 Office to administer the program and provide the rebates and grants.

11 (c) The State Energy Office and the Division of Motor Vehicles may use up to
12 five percent (5%) of the funds collected under this section for the administration of the
13 program.

14 (d) The State Energy Office may use up to ten percent (10%) of the funds
15 collected under this section for education and awareness about the applications and
16 advantages of alternative fuels and vehicles.

17 **"§ 113B-33. Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant**
18 **Program Fund established.**

19 The Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant Program Fund is
20 created as a nonreverting account within the Department of Administration. All fees
21 collected pursuant to this Article shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall be used
22 for the purposes set out in this Article.

23 **"§ 113B-34. Reports.**

24 (a) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall provide to the State Energy Office
25 quarterly reports of all registered motor vehicles identified by fuel type.

26 (b) The State Energy Office shall provide an annual report to the Joint
27 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the expenditure of funds associated
28 with the program established by G.S. 113B-30 and the number of alternative fuel
29 vehicles registered in North Carolina."

30 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.**

32 (a) ~~These~~ There shall be paid to the Division annually, as of the first day of
33 January, for the registration and licensing of passenger vehicles, fees according to the
34 following classifications and schedules:

35 ...

36 (b) Upon initial registration or renewal, an additional one-dollar (\$1.00) fee shall
37 be paid to the Division in addition to the fees authorized by subsection (a) of this section
38 to fund the Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant Program
39 established in G.S. 113B-30."

40 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-88 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

41 "(i2) Upon initial registration or renewal, an additional one-dollar (\$1.00) fee shall
42 be paid to the Division in addition to all other fees authorized by this section to fund the
43 Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant Program established in
44 G.S. 113B-30."

1 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The State Energy
2 Office shall adopt the rules to implement the program established by this act on or
3 before January 1, 2004. This act shall expire on January 1, 2007.