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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing that one hundred percent of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks shall be zero-emissions by two thousand thirty-five

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 19-0306-b to read as follows:

§ 19-0306-b. Zero-emissions cars and trucks.

1. It shall be a goal of the state that one hundred percent of new passenger cars and trucks offered for sale or lease, or sold, or leased, for registration in the state shall be zero-emissions by two thousand thirty-five. It shall be a further goal of the state that one hundred percent of medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles offered for sale or lease, or sold, or leased, for registration in the state be zero-emissions by two thousand forty-five for all operations where feasible. It shall be further a goal of the state to transition to one hundred percent zero-emissions off-road vehicles and equipment by two thousand thirty-five where feasible.

2. The department, to the extent consistent with federal law, shall develop and propose:

a. Passenger vehicle and truck regulations requiring increasing volumes of new zero-emissions vehicles offered for sale or lease, or sold, or leased, for registration in the state towards the target of one hundred percent of in-state sales by two thousand thirty-five.

b. Medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle regulations requiring increasing volumes of new zero-emissions trucks and buses offered for sale or lease, or sold, or leased, for registration and operated in the state towards the target of one hundred percent of the fleet transitioning to zero-emissions vehicles by two thousand forty-five everywhere feasible.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 c. Strategies, in coordination with other state agencies and the
2 federal environmental protection agency, to achieve one hundred percent
3 zero-emissions from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the
4 state by two thousand thirty-five. In implementing the provisions of
5 this paragraph, the department shall act consistently with safety, tech-
6 nological feasibility and cost-effectiveness.

7 3. The department, in consultation with the department of economic
8 development, the New York state energy research and development authori-
9 ty, the public service commission, the department of transportation, the
10 department of motor vehicles, and other state agencies, local agencies
11 and other interested parties, shall develop a zero-emissions vehicle
12 market development strategy by January thirty-first, two thousand twen-
13 ty-three, and an update every three years thereafter, that:

14 a. Ensures coordinated and expeditious implementation of the system of
15 policies, programs and regulations necessary to achieve the goals and
16 orders established by this section.

17 b. Outlines state agencies' actions to support new and used zero-emis-
18 sions vehicle markets for broad accessibility for all residents of this
19 state.

20 4. The department, the New York state energy research and development
21 authority, the public service commission and other state agencies, shall
22 use existing authorities to accelerate deployment of affordable powering
23 options for zero-emissions vehicles, in ways that serve all communities
24 and particularly low-income and disadvantaged communities, consistent
25 with state and federal law.

26 5. The department, the New York state energy research and development
27 authority, the department of motor vehicles and the department of trans-
28 portation, in consultation with the other state agencies, shall on or
29 before July fifteenth, two thousand twenty-three, identify near term
30 actions and investment strategies to improve sustainable transportation,
31 freight and transit options, including where feasible:

32 a. Supporting bicycle and pedestrian options, particularly in low-in-
33 come and disadvantaged communities in the state, by incorporating safe
34 and accessible infrastructure into projects where appropriate.

35 b. Supporting light, medium, and heavy-duty zero-emissions vehicles
36 and infrastructure as part of larger transportation projects, where
37 appropriate.

38 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.