

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

3 § 19-0306-b. Zero-emissions cars and trucks.

4 1. It shall be a goal of the state that one hundred percent of
5 in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks shall be zero-emissions
6 by two thousand thirty-five. It shall be a further goal of the state
7 that one hundred percent of medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles in the
8 state be zero-emissions by two thousand forty-five for all operations
9 where feasible. It shall be further a goal of the state to transition to
10 one hundred percent zero-emissions off-road vehicles and equipment by
11 two thousand thirty-five where feasible.

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

14 a. Passenger vehicle and truck regulations requiring increasing
15 volumes of new zero-emissions vehicles sold in the state towards the
16 target of one hundred percent of in-state sales by two thousand thirty-
17 five.

18 b. Medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle regulations requiring increasing
19 volumes of new zero-emissions trucks and buses sold and operated in the
20 state towards the target of one hundred percent of the fleet transition-
21 ing to zero-emissions vehicles by two thousand forty-five everywhere
22 feasible.

23 c. Strategies, in coordination with other state agencies and the
24 federal environmental protection agency, to achieve one hundred percent
25 zero-emissions from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the

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

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1 state by two thousand thirty-five. In implementing the provisions of
2 this paragraph, the department shall act consistently with safety, tech-
3 nological feasibility and cost-effectiveness.

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

11 a. Ensures coordinated and expeditious implementation of the system of
12 policies, programs and regulations necessary to achieve the goals and
13 orders established by this section.

14 b. Outlines state agencies' actions to support new and used zero-
15 emissions vehicle markets for broad accessibility for all residents of
16 this state.

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

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

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

32 b. Supporting light, medium, and heavy-duty zero-emissions vehicles
33 and infrastructure as part of larger transportation projects, where
34 appropriate.

35 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.