STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 23, 2021

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to exempting new clean fuel vehicles and vehicles that meet the clean vehicle standards from the fees for the first year of registration of such vehicles; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding two new sections 107-a and 159-b to read as follows:

§ 107-a. Clean fuel vehicle. Every motor vehicle which is four-wheeled, has a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than eight thousand five hundred pounds, has a maximum speed of at least fifty-five miles per hour, and can be propelled at least in part by an electric motor and associated power electronics that draws electricity for a hydrogen fuel cell or from a battery that has a battery capacity of at least four kilowatt-hours, and is capable of being charged from an external source of electricity.

§ 159-b. Vehicle that meets the clean vehicle standards. Every motor vehicle which (a) is certified, as provided for under the provisions of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. section 7401 et seq., as amended) as meeting exhaust emission standards for super-ultra-low emission vehicles which the state of California has adopted (California Code of Regulations, Title 13) and is permitted to adopt under 42 U.S.C. section 7543, and which other states are permitted to adopt under 42 U.S.C. sections 7503 and 7507, and (b) has a fuel efficiency that is at least one and one-half times the average fuel efficiency for vehicles in its weight class.

§ 2. Subdivision 6 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph c-1 to read as follows:

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

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c-1. The provisions of this subdivision and subdivision seven of this section with respect to the payment of registration fees shall not apply to the first year of registration of any new clean fuel vehicle, vehicle that meets the clean vehicle standards or any passenger motor vehicle operated entirely by electricity not generated by an engine contained therein.

§ 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022 and shall expire January 1, 2026 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.