

HOUSE BILL 689

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Electric Vehicles – Repeal of Excise Tax Credit and Establishment of Rebate**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the electric vehicle excise tax credit; establishing the Electric
5 Vehicle Rebate Program; establishing certain maximum income requirements for an
6 individual to receive an electric vehicle rebate; requiring the Motor Vehicle
7 Administration to establish a website to administer the rebate program; requiring a
8 participating dealer to provide a rebate to an eligible buyer at the time the buyer
9 purchases an eligible vehicle; requiring the Administration to reimburse a dealer for
10 rebates provided by the dealer; requiring the Comptroller to cooperate with the
11 Administration to verify the incomes of buyers who receive a rebate; providing that
12 the “total purchase price” of a vehicle on which the vehicle excise tax is imposed may
13 not be reduced by the amount of a rebate; and generally relating to electric vehicle
14 incentives.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Tax – General
17 Section 13–203(c)(14) and (15)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Tax – General
22 Section 13–203(c)(16)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

25 BY adding to
26 Article – Transportation
27 Section 12–121 and 13–809(a)(3)(iv)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 13–809(a)(3)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Transportation
Section 13–815
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 234 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Tax – General

13–203.

(c) Tax information may be disclosed to:

(14) a hospital, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the
Department of Human Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and the State
Department of Education, to the extent necessary to administer § 19–214.4 of the
Health – General Article; [and]

(15) subject to subsection (e) of this section, the Maryland Small Business
Retirement Savings Board and its authorized contractors for the purpose of administering
the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust as authorized under
Title 12 of the Labor and Employment Article; AND

**(16) THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO THE EXTENT
NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER § 12–121 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

Article – Transportation

12–121.

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
INDICATED.**

1 **(2) “PARTICIPATING DEALER” MEANS A DEALER THAT CHOOSES TO**
2 **PROVIDE THE REBATE UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE DEALER’S CUSTOMERS.**

3 **(3) “PROGRAM WEBSITE” MEANS A WEBSITE ESTABLISHED BY THE**
4 **ADMINISTRATION TO ADMINISTER THE REBATE UNDER THIS SECTION.**

5 **(4) “ZERO-EMISSION PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE” MEANS A**
6 **MOTOR VEHICLE THAT:**

7 **(I) IS MADE BY A MANUFACTURER;**

8 **(II) HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED CAPABILITY OF AT LEAST 55 MILES**
9 **PER HOUR; AND**

10 **(III) IS PROPELLED BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT DRAWS**
11 **ELECTRICITY FROM A BATTERY THAT:**

12 **1. HAS A CAPACITY OF NOT LESS THAN 4.0**
13 **KILOWATT-HOURS; AND**

14 **2. IS CAPABLE OF BEING RECHARGED FROM AN**
15 **EXTERNAL SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY.**

16 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO:**

17 **(1) A ZERO-EMISSION PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE THAT:**

18 **(I) HAS NOT BEEN MODIFIED FROM ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER**
19 **SPECIFICATIONS;**

20 **(II) IS ACQUIRED FOR USE OR LEASE BY THE TAXPAYER AND**
21 **NOT FOR RESALE;**

22 **(III) HAS A BASE PURCHASE PRICE NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000;**

23 **(IV) HAS A BATTERY CAPACITY OF AT LEAST 5.0**
24 **KILOWATT-HOURS; AND**

25 **(V) IS PURCHASED NEW AND TITLED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON**
26 **OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2027; AND**

27 **(2) A FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE THAT:**

1 (I) HAS NOT BEEN MODIFIED FROM ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER
2 SPECIFICATIONS;

3 (II) IS ACQUIRED FOR USE OR LEASE BY THE TAXPAYER AND
4 NOT FOR RESALE;

5 (III) HAS A BASE PURCHASE PRICE NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000;
6 AND

7 (IV) IS PURCHASED NEW AND TITLED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON
8 OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2027.

9 (C) THERE IS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM.

10 (D) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING, A REBATE IS ALLOWED FOR A
11 ZERO-EMISSION PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE OR FUEL CELL ELECTRIC
12 VEHICLE.

13 (E) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE REBATE ALLOWED
14 UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL:

15 (1) \$3,000 FOR EACH ZERO-EMISSION PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE
16 VEHICLE OR FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASED; OR

17 (2) (I) \$1,000 FOR EACH TWO-WHEELED ZERO-EMISSION
18 ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE PURCHASED; OR

19 (II) \$2,000 FOR EACH THREE-WHEELED ZERO-EMISSION
20 ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE OR AUTOCYCLE PURCHASED.

21 (F) THE REBATE ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IS LIMITED TO THE
22 ACQUISITION OF:

23 (1) ONE VEHICLE PER INDIVIDUAL; AND

24 (2) 10 VEHICLES PER BUSINESS ENTITY.

25 (G) A BUYER WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL MAY RECEIVE A REBATE UNDER THIS
26 SECTION ONLY IF THE BUYER'S FEDERAL MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME IN
27 THE YEAR IN WHICH THE BUYER TAKES DELIVERY OF THE VEHICLE OR THE YEAR
28 BEFORE THE BUYER TAKES DELIVERY OF THE VEHICLE DOES NOT EXCEED:

1 (1) **\$300,000 IF MARRIED FILING JOINTLY;**

2 (2) **\$225,000 IF A HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD; OR**

3 (3) **\$150,000 IF THE BUYER HAS ANY OTHER FEDERAL INCOME TAX**
4 **FILING STATUS.**

5 **(H) A REBATE MAY NOT BE CLAIMED UNDER THIS SECTION:**

6 (1) **FOR A VEHICLE UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED IN THE**
7 **STATE; OR**

8 (2) **UNLESS THE MANUFACTURER HAS ALREADY CONFORMED TO ANY**
9 **APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING CLEAN-FUEL**
10 **VEHICLE OR ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASES APPLICABLE DURING THE CALENDAR**
11 **YEAR IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS TITLED.**

12 **(I) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE REBATE UNDER**
13 **THIS SECTION.**

14 (2) **THE REBATE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE PROVIDED ONLY IN**
15 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.**

16 (3) **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM WEBSITE.**

17 (4) **SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
18 **THIS SECTION, A PARTICIPATING DEALER SHALL PROVIDE THE REBATE UNDER THIS**
19 **SECTION TO AN ELIGIBLE BUYER AT THE TIME THE BUYER PURCHASES AN ELIGIBLE**
20 **VEHICLE.**

21 (5) **A PARTICIPATING DEALER SHALL PROVIDE THE REBATE TO A**
22 **BUYER IN THE FORM OF A REDUCTION OF THE VEHICLE'S PURCHASE PRICE EQUAL**
23 **TO THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE REBATE FOR WHICH THE VEHICLE PURCHASED IS**
24 **ELIGIBLE.**

25 (6) **ON AT LEAST A DAILY BASIS, A PARTICIPATING DEALER SHALL**
26 **REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE PROGRAM WEBSITE EACH SALE**
27 **OF A VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE PARTICIPATING DEALER PROVIDED A REBATE.**

28 (7) **(I) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL REQUIRE A DEALER TO**
29 **REPORT THROUGH THE PROGRAM WEBSITE INFORMATION REGARDING VEHICLES**
30 **SOLD THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE**
31 **REBATE PROGRAM.**

(II) THE INFORMATION THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FOR DEALERS TO RECEIVE A TRANSFER OF THE CLEAN VEHICLE CREDIT UNDER § 30D(G) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OR THE PREVIOUSLY OWNED CLEAN VEHICLE CREDIT UNDER § 25E(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(8) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(I) ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH A DEALER MAY CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE PROGRAM WEBSITE FOR REBATES PROVIDED BY THE DEALER;

(II) PROCESS CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS PRACTICABLE; AND

(III) PAY ALL REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND.

(9) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MONITOR THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF REBATES AWARDED IN EACH FISCAL YEAR AND NOTIFY DEALERS THROUGH THE PROGRAM WEBSITE WHEN THE AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IS EXHAUSTED AND NO FURTHER REBATES MAY BE PROVIDED.

(10) (I) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO VERIFY THE INCOMES OF BUYERS WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS AND RECEIVE A REBATE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(II) IF THE ADMINISTRATION AND COMPTROLLER DETERMINE THAT A BUYER WHO RECEIVED A REBATE UNDER THIS SECTION WAS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE BECAUSE THE BUYER'S INCOME EXCEEDED THE APPLICABLE LIMIT IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BILL THE BUYER FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE REBATE THE BUYER RECEIVED.

(III) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY REFER ANY DEBT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH THAT IT IS UNABLE TO COLLECT TO THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(J) TO MAXIMIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIZE OUTREACH REGARDING THE REBATE

1 UNDER THIS SECTION TO PERSONS WHO CONSUME LARGE AMOUNTS OF GASOLINE
2 OR DIESEL FUEL, ESPECIALLY LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WHO
3 USE MORE THAN 1,000 GALLONS OF GASOLINE OR DIESEL FUEL.

4 13-809.

5 (a) (3) (i) Subject to subparagraphs (ii) [and], (iii), AND (IV) of this
6 paragraph, "total purchase price" means the price of a vehicle agreed on by the buyer and
7 the seller, including any dealer processing charge, less an allowance for trade-in but with
8 no allowance for other nonmonetary consideration.

9 (IV) THE "TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE" MAY NOT BE REDUCED BY
10 THE AMOUNT OF A REBATE PROVIDED UNDER § 12-121 OF THIS ARTICLE.

11 [13-815.

12 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (2) "Autocycle" has the meaning stated in § 11-103.4 of this article.

14 (3) "Excise tax" means the tax imposed under § 13-809 of this subtitle.

15 (4) "Zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle" means a motor vehicle
16 that:

17 (i) Is made by a manufacturer;

18 (ii) Has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour;

19 and

20 (iii) Is propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a
21 battery that:

22 1. Has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours; and

23 2. Is capable of being recharged from an external source of
24 electricity.

25 (b) This section applies only to:

26 (1) A zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle that:

27 (i) Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications;

28 (ii) Is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale;

(iii) Has a base purchase price not exceeding \$50,000;

(iv) Has a battery capacity of at least 5.0 kilowatt-hours; and

(v) Is purchased new and titled for the first time on or after July 1, 2023, but before July 1, 2027; and

(2) A fuel cell electric vehicle that:

(i) Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications;

(ii) Is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale;

(iii) Has a base purchase price not exceeding \$50,000; and

(iv) Is purchased new and titled for the first time on or after July 1, 2023, but before July 1, 2027.

(c) Subject to available funding, an excise tax credit is allowed for a zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle.

(d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, the credit allowed under this section shall equal:

(1) \$3,000 for each zero-emission plug-in electric drive vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle purchased; or

(2) (i) \$1,000 for each two-wheeled zero-emission electric motorcycle purchased; or

(ii) \$2,000 for each three-wheeled zero-emission electric motorcycle or autocycle purchased.

(e) The credit allowed under this section is limited to the acquisition of:

(1) One vehicle per individual; and

(2) 10 vehicles per business entity.

(f) A credit may not be claimed under this section:

(1) For a vehicle unless the vehicle is registered in the State; or

(2) Unless the manufacturer has already conformed to any applicable State or federal laws or regulations governing clean-fuel vehicle or electric vehicle purchases applicable during the calendar year in which the vehicle is titled.

(g) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall administer the credit under this section.]

Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2022

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law, for each of fiscal years [2024 through] **2026 AND 2027**, the Maryland Energy Administration shall transfer from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under § 9–20B–05 of the State Government Article to the Transportation Trust Fund the amount determined under subsection (b) of this section to offset [a reduction in revenues from the vehicle excise tax credit] **THE COST OF REBATES** for qualified zero–emission plug–in electric drive vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles, two–wheeled zero–emission electric motorcycles, and three–wheeled zero–emission electric motorcycles or autocycles under [§ 13–815] **§ 12–121** of the Transportation Article, as enacted by [Section 1 of this Act] **CHAPTER __ (H.B. __) (4LR0979) OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2024.**

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, for each fiscal year the Maryland Energy Administration shall determine the amount to transfer under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) For each of fiscal years [2024 through] **2026 AND 2027**, the amount transferred under subsection (a) of this section may not exceed the lesser of \$8,250,000 or the total amount of [credits] **REBATES** allowed [against the excise tax] for that fiscal year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.