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H. R. 512

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Brownley introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- This Act may be cited as the "Green Bus Act of
- 5 2021".

1 SEC. 2. ZERO-EMISSION BUS REQUIREMENTS.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United
- 3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5312
- 4 the following:

5 "§ 5313. Zero-emission bus requirements

- 6 "(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other re-
- 7 quirements of this chapter, not later than October 1,
- 8 2029, any bus purchased or leased with funds provided
- 9 under this chapter or otherwise provided by the Federal
- 10 Transit Administration for purposes of providing public
- 11 transportation shall be a zero-emission bus.
- 12 "(b) Federal Share.—Notwithstanding any other
- 13 requirements of this chapter, the Federal share of the cost
- 14 of any zero-emission bus purchased or leased with funds
- 15 provided under this chapter or otherwise provided by the
- 16 Federal Transit Administration for purposes of providing
- 17 public transportation shall be 90 percent.
- 18 "(c) Definition of Zero-Emission Bus.—In this
- 19 section, the term 'zero-emission bus' means a bus that,
- 20 under any possible operational modes or conditions, pro-
- 21 duces no exhaust emissions of—
- 22 "(1) any greenhouse gas; or
- 23 "(2) any air pollutant for which air quality cri-
- teria are issued under section 108 of the Clean Air
- Act (42 U.S.C. 7408) or for which a national ambi-

- 1 ent air quality standard has been promulgated under
- 2 section 109 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7409).".
- 3 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The table of sec-
- 4 tions for chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is
- 5 amended by inserting after the item related to section
- 6 5312 the following new item:

"5313. Zero-emission bus requirements.".

7 SEC. 3. REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES IMPLEMENTING

- 8 ZERO-EMISSION BUS FLEETS.
- 9 (a) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the
- 10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
- 11 tation shall compile, and make publicly available, a report
- 12 containing best practices and lessons learned by transit
- 13 agencies and States that have implemented or are in the
- 14 process of implementing zero-emission bus fleets.
- 15 (b) Consultation.—In compiling the report, the
- 16 Secretary shall consult with transit agencies, States, zero-
- 17 emission bus manufacturers, and other stakeholders that
- 18 the Secretary determines are appropriate.
- 19 (c) UPDATES TO REPORT.—The Secretary shall up-
- 20 date the report required under subsection (a) annually.
- 21 SEC. 4. PREFERENCE UNDER LOW- OR NO-EMISSION VEHI-
- 22 CLE PROGRAM FOR OPERATORS WITH FULL
- 23 FLEET TRANSITION PLANS.
- Section 5339(c) of title 49, United States Code, is
- 25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 "(8) Preference.—In awarding grants under 2 this subsection, the Secretary shall give preference 3 to applicants who have completed a full fleet transi-4 tion plan.".

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