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SB-301 Vehicular air pollution: Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project. (2023-2024)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2023–2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 301

Introduced by Senators Portantino and Newman
(Principal coauthor: Senator Archuleta)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Connolly, Gipson, Grayson, and Wilson)

February 02, 2023

An act to add Article 5 (commencing with Section 44274.25) to Chapter 8.9 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 301, Portantino. Vehicular air pollution: Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project.

Existing law directs the State Air Resources Board to coordinate efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards. Existing law creates the Air Quality Improvement Program, administered by the state board, to fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, air quality improvement projects relating to fuel and vehicle technologies.

This bill would require the state board to establish the Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project (ZCAP), upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute or, at the discretion of the state board, using moneys available from another clean transportation program, to provide an applicant who is a California resident with a rebate for an eligible vehicle that has been converted into a zero-emission vehicle. The rebate issued pursuant to the ZACP would be limited to one per vehicle and a value of up to \$4,000. The bill would require the state board to establish guidelines for the ZACP that, among other things, define qualifying conversion-types for used vehicles and establish minimum eligibility criteria for an applicant to be eligible for the rebate. The bill would also require the state board's guidelines to require that an eligible zero-emission vehicle have a range of at

least 100 miles and have completed an inspection of safety systems and components by a licensee of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, as provided.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article 5 (commencing with Section 44274.25) is added to Chapter 8.9 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 5. Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project

44274.25. For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Air Quality Improvement Program" refers to the program established pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 44274).
- (b) "Eligible vehicle" shall mean a light-duty motor vehicle, as defined in Section 415 of the Vehicle Code, originally propelled by a gasoline- or diesel-powered engine.
- (c) "Light-duty" has the same meaning as defined in Section 39035.
- (d) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in Section 415 of the Vehicle Code.
- (e) "Vehicle frame" has the same meaning as defined in Section 670.5 of the Vehicle Code.
- (f) "Zero-emission vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in Section 44258.

44274.26. (a) The state board shall establish the Zero-Emission Aftermarket Conversion Project (ZACP) upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute or, at the discretion of the state board, using moneys available from a clean transportation program that is in effect on or after the date the state board establishes the ZACP, to provide an applicant who is a California resident with a rebate for an eligible vehicle that has been converted into a zero-emission vehicle.

(b) The state board shall develop guidelines for the program that define qualifying conversion-types for used vehicles, define eligible replacement motors, power systems, and parts, establish reasonable warranty requirements for primary system components such as motors and battery packs, and establish minimum eligibility criteria for an applicant to be eligible for the rebate described in subdivision (a). The state board's guidelines shall also include the following requirements:

(1) An eligible zero-emission vehicle shall have completed an inspection of safety systems and components by a licensee of the Bureau of Automotive Repair consistent with the criteria established by the bureau pursuant to Section 9888.5 of the Business and Professions Code, and be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles as a zero-emission vehicle.

(2) An eligible zero-emission vehicle shall have a range of at least 100 miles.

(3) The equivalent of any manufacturer suggested retail price limit established for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project for a comparable vehicle category shall apply, based on total zero-emission vehicle cost, including the value of the donor vehicle at the time of the conversion, the cost of the conversion, and the cost of any new vehicle frame that is installed to accommodate a vehicle conversion.

(4) Any income limits established for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project shall apply.

(c) (1) A rebate issued pursuant to the ZACP shall be limited to one per vehicle and have a value of up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(2) In establishing rebate amounts, the state board shall ensure that the rebate issued for a converted zero-emission vehicle provides cost-effective benefits to the state in reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases that are no less than the benefits to the state in reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases with respect to the issuance of rebates for new zero-emission vehicles.

(d) A minimum of 25 percent of the rebates issued pursuant to the ZACP shall be issued to individuals with household incomes at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

(e) The state board shall coordinate the ZACP with the enhanced fleet modernization program and the Clean Cars 4 All Program, established pursuant to Article 11 (commencing with Section 44124) of Chapter 5, the Charge Ahead California Initiative, established pursuant to Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 44258), and the Zero-Emission Assurance Project and the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, established as part of the Air Quality Improvement Program established pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 44274).

