

Board Appointment Requirements

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PA 19-117, Sec. 94 (a) There is established a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate Board, which shall be within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for administrative purposes only. The board shall consist of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's designee, the president of the Connecticut Green Bank or the president's designee and six members appointed as follows:

- (1) One representative of an environmental organization knowledgeable in electric vehicle policy appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) one member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- (3) one representative of an organization that represents the interests of an environmental justice community, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a of the general statutes, appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (4) one representative of an association representing automotive retailers in the state appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- (5) one member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and
- (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may appoint to the board not more than three additional representatives from other industrial fleet or transportation companies. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of the board. The board shall meet at such times as it deems necessary.



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(b) On and after January 1, 2020, until December 31, 2025, inclusive, the board shall establish and administer a program to provide rebates that total at least three million dollars annually to residents of this state who (1) purchase or lease a battery electric vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle, or (2) purchase a used hydrogen vehicle or electric vehicle. The board shall establish and revise, as necessary, appropriate rebate levels and maximum income eligibility for rebates for used hydrogen vehicles or electric vehicles. The board shall evaluate such program on an annual basis. (c) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut House Bill No. 7424 Public Act No. 19-117 117 of 580 hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate Board for the purposes of administering the program established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Sec. 95. Section 22a-201c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

[(a) As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, with a gross vehicle weight rating, as defined in section 14-1, of ten thousand pounds or less, except for a motorcycle.] [(b) On and after January 1, 2007,] (a) For each registration of a new motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [shall charge] pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of [five] ten dollars, in addition to any other fees required for registration, for [each new motor vehicle. Said fee] registration for a biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or older and who obtains a one-year registration for a new motor vehicle under section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay five dollars for the annual registration period. (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to chapter 246, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of five dollars for registration for a biennial period for the following registration types: Passenger, motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years or older and who obtains a one-year registration or one-year registration House Bill No. 7424 Public Act No. 19-117 118 of 580 renewal for any motor vehicle, except a new motor vehicle, under section 14-49 for such registration type shall pay two dollars fifty cents for the annual registration period. (c) The fee imposed by this subsection may be identified as the "greenhouse gas reduction fee" on any registration form, or combined with the fee specified by subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of section 14-164c [. All receipts] on any registration form. The first three million dollars received from the payment of such fee shall be deposited into the Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate program account, established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 94 of this act. Any revenue from such fee in excess of the first three million dollars in each fiscal year shall be deposited into the General Fund. No part of the greenhouse gas reduction fee shall be subject to a refund under subsection (aa) of section 14-49.