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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Cotter, Speakman,  
Kennedy, Casimiro, and Henries

Date Introduced: January 19, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-11-2.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-11 entitled "Department  
2 of Administration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-11-2.4. State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund.**

4 (a) There is hereby created as a separate fund within the treasury to be known as the state  
5 fleet replacement revolving loan fund which shall be administered by the general treasurer in  
6 accordance with the same laws and fiscal procedures as the general funds of the state. This fund,  
7 hereafter referred to as the "revolving loan fund," shall consist of such sums as the state may from  
8 time to time appropriate, as well as money received from the disposal of used vehicles, loan, interest  
9 and service charge payments from benefiting state agencies, as well as interest earnings, money  
10 received from the federal government, gifts, bequests, donations, or otherwise from any public or  
11 private source.

12 This fund shall be used for the purpose of ~~acquiring~~ purchasing or leasing motor vehicles,  
13 both new and used, and vehicle-related equipment, and attachments to include electric vehicle  
14 charging stations for state departments and agencies.

15 (c) The proceeds from the repayment of any loans made for the purposes authorized under  
16 this chapter shall be deposited in and returned to the revolving loan fund in order to constitute a  
17 continuing revolving fund for the purposes listed above.

18 (d) The office of management and budget in coordination with the office of state fleet

1 operations of the Rhode Island department of administration shall adopt rules and regulations  
2 consistent with the purposes of this chapter and chapter 35 of title 42, in order to provide for the  
3 orderly and equitable disbursement and repayment of funds from the revolving loan fund.

4 (e) ~~Provided; however, a total of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000)~~  
5 ~~shall be made available as a direct grant from the revolving loan fund for the required twenty~~  
6 ~~percent (20%) match for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to obtain federal funds to~~  
7 ~~purchase buses through FY 2017. Any such sums need not be repaid to the revolving loan fund.~~

8 (f) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in § 31-1-3.

10 (2) "Light duty vehicle" means vehicles less than eight thousand five hundred pounds  
11 (8,500 lbs) as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

12 (3) "Non-emergency vehicle" means every vehicle except authorized emergency vehicles.

13 (4) "Zero-emission vehicle" means a battery electric vehicle, a plug-in hybrid electric  
14 vehicle, or a fuel cell vehicle.

15 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the department of administration shall be the responsible  
16 state agency with the authority to control and authorize state agency purchases or leases to ensure  
17 compliance with the following percentage of all new light duty, non-emergency vehicles as zero-  
18 emission vehicles in each fiscal year:

19 (1) Fifteen percent (15%) in fiscal year 2024;

20 (2) Twenty percent (20%) in fiscal year 2025;

21 (3) Twenty five percent (25%) in fiscal year 2026;

22 (4) Thirty percent (30%) in fiscal year 2027;

23 (5) Thirty five percent (35%) in fiscal year 2028;

24 (6) Forty percent (40%) in fiscal year 2029;

25 (7) Forty five percent (45%) in fiscal year 2030; and

26 (8) Fifty percent (50%) in fiscal year 2031.

27 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would define light duty, non-emergency, emergency and zero-emission vehicles  
2           and would require the state to annually increase the percentage of zero-emission vehicles in the  
3           state's fleet of new light duty, non-emergency vehicles to finally result in no less than fifty percent  
4           (50%) zero emission vehicles by the year 2031.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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