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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 9
AS AMENDED BY
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE FLEET.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 71, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 7109. Procurement of state-owned vehicles; zero emission vehicle fleet plan.

(a) In pursuit of a zero emission vehicle state fleet, the State shall ensure the following:

(1) Fifteen percent of passenger vehicles and light duty vehicles owned and operated by the State shall be zero emission vehicles by 2026.

(2) Twenty-five percent of passenger vehicles and light duty vehicles owned and operated by the State shall be zero emission vehicles by 2029.

(3) Fifty percent of passenger vehicles and light duty vehicles owned and operated by the State shall be zero emission vehicles by 2032.

(4) All passenger vehicles and light duty vehicles owned and operated by the State shall be zero emission vehicles by 2040.

(b) The Office of Management and Budget shall submit an implementation report regarding the goals set forth in subsection (a) of this section beginning on January 31, 2026, and every 3 years thereafter until 2040.

(c) By January 31, 2035, the Office of Management and Budget shall submit a report detailing recommendations for further reduction of carbon emissions and decreasing the environmental impact of the statewide fleet system.

(d) The reports in subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be delivered to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, the Director of the Division of Research, and the Director of the Public Archives.

(e) If zero emission vehicle technology improves faster than expected, the State shall make every effort to surpass the goals required by subsection (a) of this section.

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(f) The Office of Management and Budget may grant exemptions from the requirements of this section to the extent that the vehicles required by this section are not available or do not meet the specific needs of an agency.

(g) This section shall not apply to the following vehicles:

(1) Law-enforcement and emergency vehicles of State agency law-enforcement and emergency personnel.

(2) All vehicles owned or operated by the Department of Education, school districts, and charter schools.

(3) Vehicles designated for take home use prior to the year 2035.

(h) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Passenger vehicles” and “light duty vehicles” shall mean as defined in state regulations promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

(2) “Zero emission vehicle” means a battery electric vehicle, a hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle, or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with a battery range that is sufficient to meet the vehicle’s regular mileage between charges.