

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 532**SENATE BILL NO. 123****By Kurita, Raymond Finney, Marrero****Substituted for: House Bill No. 1146****By Buck, McDonald, Coleman, DuBois, Moore**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 11, relative to motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 11, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 4-3-11__. (a) The commissioner shall encourage the acquisition of energy-efficient motor vehicles in the fleet of state vehicles. At a minimum, each fiscal year, every effort should be made, to achieve a target goal that at least thirty percent (30%) of newly purchased passenger motor vehicles be energy-efficient motor vehicles.

(b)(i) Commencing June 30, 2008, the commissioner shall compile and maintain information on the nature of passenger motor vehicles that are owned and leased by the state, including, but not limited to:

(A) The number of passenger motor vehicles purchased during the fiscal year categorized by energy-efficiency; and

(B) The number of passenger motor vehicles owned as of June 30 of each year categorized by energy-efficiency.

The commissioner shall file an annual report with the governor and the general assembly concerning such passenger motor vehicles. The report shall include at a minimum:

(A) Problems or concerns the state may have experienced in meeting the target goal set pursuant to Section 1 relative to obtaining such energy-efficient motor vehicles; and

(B) Any savings or increased expenditures to the state in the purchase of as well as the operation and maintenance cost of such motor vehicles.

(ii) The information compiled and maintained pursuant to subdivision (i) shall be made accessible to the public on the department's web site through a prominent link provided on the home page. In addition, the department shall submit an annual report containing the information compiled and maintained pursuant to subdivision (i) to the speakers of the senate and house of representatives and to the chairs of the senate and house committees concerning government operations and conservation and environment.

(c) For purposes of this section,

(i) "Energy-efficient motor vehicle" means a passenger motor vehicle that is:

(A) An alternative fuel vehicle as defined by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-486);

(B) A flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) utilizing ethanol, biodiesel, or any other commercially available alternative fuel approved by the United States Department of Energy;

(C) A hybrid-electric vehicle (HEV); or

(D) A vehicle powered by unleaded gasoline that has a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least twenty-five (25) miles per gallon or greater for the model year purchased; and

(ii) "Passenger motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying six (6) or fewer adult passengers and used for the transportation of persons; provided, that vans, including cargo vans, trucks, sport utility vehicles and police pursuit vehicles shall not be considered passenger motor vehicles.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1105, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Implement and administer the procurement of energy-efficient motor vehicles as provided in this part;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 7, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDEESEN, GOVERNOR