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H.B. No. 1649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to vehicle eligibility for the light-duty motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 386.154(d), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A new light-duty motor vehicle powered by an electric drive is eligible for a \$2,500 incentive if the vehicle:

(1) has four wheels or is a motorcycle as defined by 541.201, Transportation Code;

(2) was manufactured for use primarily on public streets, roads, and highways;

(3) has not been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

(4) has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour;

(5) is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that draws electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell or from a battery that:

(A) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt hours; and

(B) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity; and

(6) was acquired on or after September 1, 2013, or a

1 later date as established by the commission, by the person applying
2 for the incentive under this subsection and for use or lease by that
3 person and not for resale.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.