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H.B. No. 2293

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a requirement that state agencies purchase
3 low-emissions vehicles as a minimum percentage of their vehicles
4 purchased.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2158, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 2158.009 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 2158.009. LOW-EMISSIONS VEHICLES PURCHASING
9 REQUIREMENT. (a) This section applies only to a state agency that
10 purchases 10 or more vehicles in a state fiscal biennium.

11 (b) A state agency authorized to purchase passenger
12 vehicles or other ground transportation vehicles for general use
13 shall ensure that not less than 10 percent of its vehicle purchases
14 during any state fiscal biennium are purchases of vehicles that
15 meet or exceed the emissions standards necessary to be rated by the
16 United States Environmental Protection Agency as a Tier II, Bin 3,
17 emissions standard vehicle that has a greenhouse gas score of eight
18 under regulations of that agency as they existed September 1, 2007.

19 (c) A state agency is exempt from Subsection (b) to the
20 extent that a vehicle described by that subsection that meets the
21 agency's operational needs is not commercially available.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.