

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2293 was passed by the House on May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2293 was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor