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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by state agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2158, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2158.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 2158.010. PURCHASE OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES. (a) In this section, "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by both:

(1) an internal combustion engine; and

(2) an electric motor supplied by batteries that can be charged from an external electrical outlet.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 2158.004, 2158.005, or 2158.009 or any other law, a state agency may not purchase a vehicle unless the vehicle is a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply if the state agency determines that the cost over a five-year period to purchase and operate a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle of the type required by the agency is greater than the cost over a five-year period to purchase and operate a similar vehicle that is not a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 2158, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. PURCHASE OF [~~PASSENGER~~] VEHICLES

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.