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H.B. No. 657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2158.009, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) A state agency authorized to purchase passenger
10 vehicles or other ground transportation vehicles for general use
11 shall ensure that not less than 50 [~~40~~] percent of the vehicles the
12 agency [~~its vehicle~~] purchases during any state fiscal biennium,
13 other than vehicles the purchase of which is exempted from this
14 subsection by Subsection (c) or (d), are [~~purchases of~~] vehicles
15 that meet or exceed the emissions standards necessary to be rated by
16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a Tier II, Bin
17 3, emissions standard vehicle that has a greenhouse gas score of
18 eight under regulations of that agency as they existed September 1,
19 2007.

20 (d) Subsection (b) does not apply to a state agency's
21 purchase of a vehicle to be used by a peace officer, as defined by
22 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, whose duties include the
23 apprehension of persons for violation of a criminal law of this
24 state.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2158.009(a), Government Code, is
2 repealed.

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