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S.B. No. 763

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

(b) A state agency authorized to purchase passenger vehicles or other ground transportation vehicles for general use shall ensure that not less than 50 ~~[10]~~ percent of the vehicles the agency [its vehicle] purchases during any state fiscal biennium, other than vehicles the purchase of which is exempted from this subsection by Subsection (c) or (d), 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.

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

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2 repealed.

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