

By: Rodriguez of Travis

H.B. No. 787

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to incentives for the purchase or lease of an electric-powered light-duty motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 386.152(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The program shall authorize statewide incentives for the purchase or lease, according to the schedule provided by Section 386.153, of new gasoline-powered light-duty motor vehicles that are certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to meet an emissions standard that is at least as stringent as those provided by Section 386.153(a) and electric-powered motor vehicles under Section 386.153(b) [~~386.153~~] for a purchaser or lessee who agrees to register the vehicle in this state and to operate the vehicle in this state for not less than 75 percent of the vehicle's annual mileage.

SECTION 2. Section 386.153, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 386.153. LIGHT-DUTY MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASE OR LEASE INCENTIVE SCHEDULE. (a) A new light-duty motor vehicle powered exclusively by a gasoline engine is eligible for an incentive according to the following schedule:

Incentive emissions standard and incentive amount

Model year 2003-2007

1                    Bin 4    \$1,250  
2                    Bin 3    \$2,225  
3                    Bin 2    \$3,750  
4                    Bin 1    \$5,000

5            (b) A new light-duty motor vehicle powered in part by an  
6 electric motor, including a vehicle that draws power from a battery  
7 or a hybrid engine, is eligible for a \$2,500 incentive.

8            (c) The incentive under Subsection (b) is limited to 2,000  
9 vehicles for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2013.  
10 This subsection expires September 1, 2015.

11            SECTION 3. Section 386.154, Health and Safety Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13            Sec. 386.154. MODIFICATION OF INCENTIVE EMISSIONS  
14 STANDARDS. After evaluating new technologies and after public  
15 notice and comment, the commission, in consultation with the  
16 advisory board, may change the incentive emissions standards  
17 established by Section 386.153(a) [~~386.153~~] to improve the ability  
18 of the program to achieve its goals.

19            SECTION 4. Section 386.155, Health and Safety Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21            Sec. 386.155. MANUFACTURER'S REPORT. At the beginning of  
22 but not later than July 1 of each year preceding the vehicle model  
23 year, a manufacturer of motor vehicles shall provide to the  
24 commission a list of the new vehicle models that the manufacturer  
25 intends to sell in this state during that model year that meet the  
26 incentive emissions standards established by the schedules set out  
27 under Section 386.153(a) or that are electric-powered vehicles

1 described by Section 386.153(b) [~~386.153~~]. The manufacturer may  
2 supplement the list provided to the commission under this section  
3 as necessary to include additional new vehicle models the  
4 manufacturer intends to sell in this state during the model year.

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.