By: Kuempel   H.B. No. 2577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the light-duty motor vehicle purchase or lease

3 incentive program.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 386.154, Health and Safety Code, is

6 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f) to

7 read as follows:

8   (d)   A new light-duty motor vehicle powered by an electric

9 drive is eligible for a $2,500 incentive if the vehicle:

10   (1)   has four wheels or is a motorcycle as defined by

11 Section 541.201, Transportation Code;

12   (2)   was manufactured for use primarily on public

13 streets, roads, and highways;

14   (3)   has   not   been   modified   from   the   original

15 manufacturer's specifications;

16   (4)   has a maximum speed capability of at least 55 miles

17 per hour;

18   (5)   is propelled to a significant extent by an

19 electric motor that draws electricity from a hydrogen fuel cell or

20 from a battery that:

21   (A)   has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt

22 hours; and

23   (B)   is capable of being recharged from an

24 external source of electricity; [and]

1   (6) was acquired on or after September 1, 2013, or a
2 later date as established by the commission, by the person applying
3 for the incentive under this subsection and for use or lease by that
4 person and not for resale; and
5   (7) is not a motor-assisted scooter or pocket bike or
6 minimotorbike as those terms are defined by Section 551.351,
7 Transportation Code.
8   (f) A person that receives the incentive described by
9 Subsection (d) shall remit $750 to the comptroller to deposit to the
10 credit of the state highway fund.
11   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.