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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 868, L.D. 2278, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Low-emission Vehicle Program"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~§585-D.~~" by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 2, lines 21 to 34 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

~~'The commissioner shall complete a study of zero-emission vehicles and submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters no later than January 1, 2000. By December 1, 2000, the board shall evaluate the feasibility of the State's zero-emission vehicle mandate in existence on March 1, 2000. This study evaluation must include an examination of zero-emission vehicle technology, price, performance and consumer acceptability and implementation issues relating to use of those vehicles in the State. The study must recommend any rulemaking necessary for the board to establish a zero-emission vehicle program that is appropriate for the State and a schedule that provides the automobile manufacturers with a minimum 2 year lead time prior to implementation of such a program. Any rules establishing~~
Following this evaluation, any rule adopted by the board containing a zero-emission vehicle program are mandate is a major substantive rule pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

FISCAL NOTE

The Board of Environmental Protection within the Department of Environmental Protection will incur some minor additional costs to conduct a certain evaluation and to adopt certain rules. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.

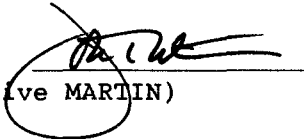
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SUMMARY

This amendment requires that, by December 1, 2000, the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Environmental Protection evaluate the feasibility of the State's zero-emission vehicle mandate in existence on March 1, 2000. The amendment specifies that, following the evaluation, any rule adopted by the board that contains a zero-emission vehicle mandate is a major substantive rule.

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