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An Act To Provide Purchase Rebates for Battery Electric Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, CLOUTIER of Lewiston,
DODGE of Belfast, HEPLER of Woolwich, JORGENSEN of Portland, KESSLER of South
Portland, MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10124** is enacted to read:

3 **§10124. Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund**

4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.

6 A. "Battery electric vehicle" means a fully electric, zero-emission vehicle that has an
7 on-board electrical energy storage device that is designed to be recharged using an
8 external energy source.

9 B. "Eligible electric vehicle" means a battery electric vehicle that:

10 (1) Is sold or offered for sale in new condition by its original equipment
11 manufacturer or an authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer;

12 (2) Has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of not more than \$50,000; and

13 (3) Is listed by the trust in accordance with subsection 4.

14 C. "Fund" means the Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund established in subsection 2.

15 D. "Program" means the program established pursuant to subsection 3.

16 **2. Fund established.** The Electric Vehicle Rebate Fund is established as a
17 nonlapsing fund administered by the trust to support the program. Any interest earned on
18 funds in the fund must be credited to the fund, and funds not spent in any fiscal year
19 remain in the fund to be used in accordance with this section. The trust may receive and
20 deposit in the fund funds from the following sources:

21 A. Federal funds and awards that may be used for the purposes of this section;

22 B. Any interest earned on investment of fund balances; and

23 C. Any other funds from public or private sources received in support of the
24 purposes for which the fund is established.

25 **3. Program established.** In accordance with the provisions of this section, the trust
26 shall establish and administer a program that, beginning July 1, 2020, allows a person
27 who purchases or leases an eligible electric vehicle to apply for and, as resources within
28 the fund allow, receive a direct rebate of \$2,500 if the person meets the following
29 eligibility criteria:

30 A. The person is a resident of the State;

31 B. On or after July 1, 2020, the person purchases the eligible electric vehicle or
32 enters into a lease of the eligible electric vehicle with a term of 36 months or more.

33 A person who purchases or enters into a lease of an eligible electric vehicle outside of
34 the State is eligible for a direct rebate under this section as long as the person
35 registers the vehicle as a new vehicle with the State within the 3 months following the
36 date the person purchases or leases the vehicle and as long as the person meets all
37 other eligibility requirements under this section;

