

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 19, 2019

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### **An Act To Incentivize Municipalities, State Agencies, Colleges and Universities To Use Electric Vehicles**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel.  
Cosponsored by Senator CHENETTE of York and  
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, DENK of Kennebunk, DOUDERA of Camden, HEPLER  
of Woolwich, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, 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 incentive program**

4 The trust shall, in accordance with this section, develop a program to provide grants  
5 to municipalities, state agencies, colleges and universities to support the purchase of  
6 charging stations for electric vehicles and the purchase of electric vehicles.

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

9 A. "Electric vehicle" means a car or other motor vehicle that uses one or more  
10 electric motors for propulsion.

11 B. "Eligible charging station" means a charging station for an electric vehicle that is  
12 made available for public use other than a standard 120-volt electrical outlet and  
13 includes but is not limited to a 240-volt charging station or a direct current charging  
14 station.

15 C. "Eligible entity" means a state agency, a municipality or a college or university  
16 located in this State.

17 D. "Fund" means the electric vehicle fund established in subsection 3.

18 E. "Program" means the electric vehicle incentive program established pursuant to  
19 this section.

20 **2. Program design.** Under the program, the trust may provide grants to eligible  
21 entities for the purchase and installation of one or more eligible charging stations or one  
22 or more electric vehicles. The trust shall establish procedures for eligible entities to apply  
23 for grants under this section and for choosing grantees and determining grant amounts.  
24 The program may provide grants for the full or partial cost of vehicles or charging  
25 stations and grants for the purpose of providing matching funds for or otherwise  
26 supplementing other state, federal or private funding.

27 **3. Fund established.** There is established the electric vehicle fund. The fund is a  
28 nonlapsing fund administered by the trust. The trust may seek and accept funding for the  
29 program from any source, public or private. Any funds accepted for use in the program  
30 must be deposited in the fund. Funds not spent in any fiscal year remain in the fund to be  
31 used for the purposes of this section. Any interest earned on funds in the fund must be  
32 credited to the fund.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to develop a program to provide grants  
35 to municipalities, state agencies, colleges and universities to support the purchase of  
36 charging stations for electric vehicles and the purchase of electric vehicles.