

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

MOTOR VEHICLES: Imposes a road usage fee on certain electric and hybrid vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part II-A of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 32:461, relative to a yearly road usage fee on certain vehicles; to  
4 levy a road usage fee on electric and hybrid motor vehicles; to provide for the  
5 collection and disposition of the proceeds; to provide for certain definitions; to  
6 provide for the use of road usage fee proceeds; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part II-A of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 32:461, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART II-A. ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND HYBRID VEHICLES

11 §461. Imposition of road usage fee; electric vehicles; hybrid vehicles; collection;  
12 use of proceeds

13 A.(1) There is hereby levied a road usage fee of four hundred dollars per  
14 year on each electric vehicle which is operated upon the highways of this state and  
15 which is required to be registered and to pay the vehicle registration license tax in  
16 accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the  
17 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

18 (2) There is hereby levied a road usage fee of two hundred seventy-five  
19 dollars per year on each hybrid vehicle which is operated upon the highways of this  
20 state and which is required to be registered and to pay a vehicle registration license

1 tax in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the  
2 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

3 B. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following  
4 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 (1) "Electric vehicle" shall mean a vehicle which is powered by one or more  
6 electric motors or energy stored in rechargeable batteries for propulsion.

7 (2) "Hybrid vehicle" shall mean a vehicle that uses gasoline, diesel fuel, or  
8 special fuels in combination with an electric motor for propulsion.

9 C. The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles shall collect the fee  
10 levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section every two years at the same time and  
11 in the same manner as the vehicle registration license tax collected pursuant to the  
12 provisions of R.S. 47:463.

13 D. The Department of Transportation and Development shall utilize one  
14 hundred percent of the road usage fee levied on electric and hybrid vehicles for  
15 highway and bridge preservation projects included in the Highway Priority Program  
16 in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Development's definitions  
17 of such projects. The total cost of a preservation project shall include the prorated  
18 cost associated with third-party services required by the department to create,  
19 implement, and maintain an online platform pursuant to the provisions of R.S.  
20 48:229.1.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Levies a road usage fee for electric and hybrid vehicles and dedicates the fees to certain Highway Priority Program projects.

Proposed law levies a road usage fee of \$400 per year on each electric vehicle and an annual road usage fee of \$275 per year on each hybrid vehicle operated on state highways which are required to be registered and to pay a vehicle registration license tax in accordance with present law. Further requires the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles to collect the tax levied in proposed law every two years at the same time and in the same manner as the registration license tax pursuant to present law.

Proposed law defines "electric vehicle" as a vehicle powered by one or more electric motors or energy stored in rechargeable batteries for propulsion and defines "hybrid vehicle" as a vehicle that uses gasoline, diesel fuel, or special fuels in combination with an electric motor for propulsion.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to utilize the road usage fees from electric and hybrid vehicles on highway and bridge preservation projects included in the Highway Priority Program as outlined in present law. Further requires the total cost of a preservation project include the prorated cost associated with third-party services required by the department to create, implement, and maintain an online platform pursuant to the provisions of present law.

(Adds R.S. 32:461)