

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

PROCUREMENT: Prohibits all-electric vehicles from comprising more than three percent of state vehicle fleet

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 39:361(E), relative to the state fleet management program; to cap the number  
3 of electric vehicles that may be part of the state fleet; to provide exceptions; to  
4 provide definitions; to provide legislative intent; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. To maximize the state's readiness and capacities for day-to-day operations  
7 and to respond to emergencies the legislature finds that ensuring a fleet of vehicles with  
8 internal combustion engines are available to serve the public good without dependence on  
9 developmental technologies or insufficient infrastructure is necessary.

10 Section 2. R.S. 39:361(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §361. Policy for use of state owned vehicles; establishment of fleet management  
12 program

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14 E.(1) In no event shall the total number of all-electric vehicles in the vehicle  
15 fleet exceed three percent of the total vehicle fleet. Neighborhood electric vehicles  
16 shall not be counted toward the cap or the vehicle fleet total.

17 (2) For the purposes of this Subsection, the following terms shall have the  
18 following meanings:

1           (a) "All-electric vehicle" means an electric vehicle that is solely powered by  
2           an electric motor drawing current from fuel cells, rechargeable storage batteries, or  
3           other portable sources of electrical current.

4           (b) "Neighborhood electric vehicle" means a four-wheeled, electric-powered,  
5           on-road or nonroad vehicle that has a top attainable speed in one mile of at least  
6           twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a paved level  
7           surface.

#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Caps at three percent the total number of all-electric vehicles that may be part of the state vehicle fleet.

Present law requires the division of administration to establish, develop, and administer a program for the management of motor vehicles used by the state. Provides that such program includes:

- (1) All vehicles owned or leased by any agency, board, commission, council, department, or other entity of the executive branch; every vehicle owned and leased by any state college or university; and every vehicle owned or leased by the offices and entities of the judicial and legislative branches.
- (2) Any motorized licensed vehicle with four or more wheels used primarily for surface transportation of passengers or for delivery of small equipment and supplies.

Further provides that every vehicle in compliance with the above criteria shall be a "fleet vehicle" and the total of all vehicles shall be known as the "vehicle fleet".

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law caps the total number of all-electric vehicles in the vehicle fleet at three percent of the total vehicle fleet. Specifically excludes "neighborhood electric vehicles" from calculation of the cap or vehicle fleet totals. Provides that for the purposes of proposed law, "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a four-wheeled, electric-powered, on-road or nonroad vehicle that has a top attainable speed in one mile of more than twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour on a paved level surface. Further defines "all-electric vehicle" as an electric vehicle that is solely powered by an electric motor drawing current from fuel cells, rechargeable storage batteries, or other portable sources of electrical current.

(Adds R.S. 39:361(E))