

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 515

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

CONSUMERS: Prohibits government restriction of choice regarding vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 39:364.1, relative to combustion engine vehicles; to provide for freedom of  
3 choice for private individuals in the selection of vehicles; to specify that air quality  
4 challenges cannot restrict a citizen's ability to purchase a vehicle; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:364.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §364.1. Preservation of choice in vehicle purchases; combustion engine vehicles

9 A. For purposes of this Section, "combustion engine vehicle" shall mean the  
10 component of a motor vehicle that converts the chemical energy in fuel into  
11 mechanical energy for power.

12 B. No state agency shall restrict the use or sale of a motor vehicle by any  
13 citizen based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle, including the  
14 energy source used for propulsion or use of powering other functions of the motor  
15 vehicle.

16 C. No state agency shall limit or prohibit the use or sale of a new motor  
17 vehicle with an internal combustion engine. Further, any air quality challenges in  
18 R.S. 30:2060(L), relative to "Louisiana's Toxic Air Pollutant Emission Control  
19 Program" shall not restrict the ability of Louisiana citizens to purchase any vehicle.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 515 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits government restriction of freedom of choice regarding the purchase of any vehicle by a private citizen.

Proposed law defines a "combustion engine vehicle" as the component of a motor vehicle that converts the chemical energy in fuel into mechanical energy for power.

Proposed law prohibits state agencies from restricting the use or sale of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle, inclusive of the energy source used for propulsion or use of powering other functions of the motor vehicle.

Proposed law prohibits a state agency from limiting or prohibiting the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines.

Proposed law specifies that any air quality challenges related to the La. Air Pollutant Emission Control Program cannot restrict a La. citizen's ability to purchase any vehicle.

(Adds R.S. 39:364.1)