

[29 V.S.A. § 903\(g\)](#)

(g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, when purchasing or leasing vehicles for State use, shall, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase or lease hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85), but in no instance shall less than 75 percent of the vehicles annually purchased or leased be hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles. The Commissioner shall, whenever possible and provided that the vehicles are comparable and meet the State's needs, purchase or lease the lowest-cost year of the selected make and model, and only the latest year model when it is the least expensive.

Applicable amendments come from 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Secs. [40](#) (effective 7/1/19)

Sec. 40. 29 V.S.A. § 903(g) is amended to read:

(g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, when purchasing ~~or leasing~~ vehicles for State use shall ~~consider vehicles using alternative fuels when the alternative fuel is suitable for the vehicle's operation, is available in the region where the vehicle will be used, and is competitively priced with~~

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~~traditional fuels, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase or lease hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85), but in no instance shall less than 50 percent of the vehicles annually purchased or leased be hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles. The Commissioner shall, whenever possible and provided that the vehicles are comparable and meet the State's needs, purchase or lease the lowest-cost year of the selected make and model, and only the latest year model when it is the least expensive.~~

And 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Secs. [41](#) (effective 7/1/20)

Sec. 41. 29 V.S.A. § 903(g) is amended to read:

(g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, when purchasing or leasing vehicles for State use shall, to the maximum extent practicable, purchase or lease hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles, as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85), but in no instance shall less than ~~50~~ 75 percent of the vehicles annually purchased or leased be hybrid or plug-in electric vehicles. The Commissioner shall, whenever possible and provided that the vehicles are comparable and meet the State's needs, purchase or lease the lowest-cost year of the selected make and model, and only the latest year model when it is the least expensive.

The numbers of vehicles purchased or leased for the fleet have historically been included in the summary section of the T. Bill:

- [2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 2\(7\)](#) (734 vehicles in the fleet, 54 hybrid or PEV);
- [2020 Acts and Resolves No. 121, Sec. 1a\(6\)](#) (BGS expects to add 24 PHEVs and 3 BEVs to the fleet in SFY21);
- [2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 2\(6\)](#) (BGS expects to add 25 PHEVs and 8 BEVs to the fleet in SFY22);
- [2022 Acts and Resolves No. 184, Sec. 2\(6\)](#) (BGS expects to add 18 PHEVs and 11 BEVs to the fleet in SFY23); and
- [2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec. 2\(6\)](#) (BGS expects to add 21 PHEVs and 13 BEVs to the fleet in SFY24).