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S.121

Introduced by Senator MacDonald

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; plug-in electric vehicles; vehicle registration fees

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create additional vehicle registration fees for plug-in electric vehicles.

An act relating to plug-in electric vehicle registration fees

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 361a is added to read:

§ 361a. PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES

(a) All plug-in electric vehicles are subject to an additional registration fee, which shall be due at the same time as the applicable annual or biennial vehicle registration fee.

(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish for each State fiscal year additional annual and biennial registration fees for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles that are:

(1) based on whether the vehicle is a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or a battery electric vehicle, with the additional annual registration fee for a battery

1 electric vehicle being twice the additional annual registration fee for a plug-in  
2 hybrid electric vehicle;

3 (2) linked to the average vehicle miles traveled by a vehicle registered in  
4 Vermont, the gasoline and diesel tax rates applicable under chapters 27 and 28  
5 of this title, and the average revenue to the State from gasoline and diesel taxes  
6 owed for the usage of motor vehicles that only have an onboard combustion  
7 engine; and

8 (3) designed to collect comparable contributions to the Transportation  
9 Fund from Vermont operators of plug-in electric vehicles and vehicles that  
10 only have an onboard combustion engine.

11 (c) The additional plug-in electric vehicle registration fees applicable for a  
12 fiscal year shall be prominently displayed on the website for the Department of  
13 Motor Vehicles.

14 (d) The Commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25  
15 regulating the establishment and publishing of the additional plug-in electric  
16 vehicle registration fees applicable for the subsequent fiscal year that are  
17 consistent with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

18 Sec. 2. RULEMAKING

19 On or before June 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall  
20 finally adopt rules regarding the establishment and publishing of additional  
21 registration fees for plug-in electric vehicles as required under 23 V.S.A.

1     § 361a, as added by Sec. 1 of this act, unless that deadline is extended by the  
2     Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 843(c).

3     Sec. 3. REPEAL

4         23 V.S.A. § 361a (plug-in electric vehicle registration fees) is repealed on  
5     July 1, 2024.

6     Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

7         (a) Sec. 1 (plug-in electric vehicle registration fees) shall take effect on  
8     July 1, 2022.

9         (b) All other sections shall take effect on passage.