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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 4

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN AIR ACT."

1 Strike section 7 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 7. Section 22a-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022, and*
5 *applicable to appointments made on and after said date*):

6 (a) As used in this section, (1) "environmental justice community" has
7 the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a, (2)
8 "battery electric vehicle", "electric vehicle", "fuel cell electric vehicle" and
9 "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in
10 section 16-19eee, and (3) "electric bicycle" has the same meaning as
11 provided in section 14-1.

12 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall establish and

13 administer a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase
14 Rebate program.

15 [(a)] (c) There is established a Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric
16 Automobile Purchase Rebate Advisory Board, which shall be within the
17 Department of [Energy and Environmental Protection] Revenue
18 Services for administrative purposes only. The advisory board shall
19 advise the Commissioner of Revenue Services concerning priorities for
20 the allocation, distribution and utilization of funds for the Connecticut
21 Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate program. The
22 advisory board shall consist of the Commissioner of Revenue Services
23 or the commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of Energy and
24 Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee, the
25 Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's designee,
26 the president of the Connecticut Green Bank or the president's designee,
27 the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority or the
28 chairperson's designee and [six] ten members appointed as follows: (1)
29 One representative of an environmental organization knowledgeable in
30 electric vehicle policy appointed by the speaker of the House of
31 Representatives; (2) one member who is an owner or manager of a
32 business engaged in the sale or repair of bicycles appointed by the
33 president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one representative of an
34 organization that represents the interests of an environmental justice
35 community [, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a,] appointed
36 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (4) one
37 representative of an association representing automotive retailers in the
38 state appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (5) one [member]
39 representative of an association representing electric vehicle consumers
40 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; [and]
41 (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; (7) one
42 representative of an organization interested in the promotion of walking
43 or bicycling appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
44 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
45 relating to transportation; (8) one member appointed by the Senate
46 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

47 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation; (9) one
48 representative of an association representing electric vehicle
49 manufacturers appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
50 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
51 matters relating to transportation; and (10) one member appointed by
52 the Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of the
53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
54 transportation. The Commissioner of [Energy and Environmental
55 Protection] Revenue Services may appoint to the advisory board not
56 more than three additional representatives from other industrial fleet or
57 transportation companies. Each member appointed pursuant to
58 subdivisions (1) to (10), inclusive, of this subsection or appointed by the
59 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall serve for a term of two years
60 and may service until such member's successor is appointed. The
61 Commissioner of [Energy and Environmental Protection] Revenue
62 Services, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of
63 the advisory board. The advisory board shall meet at such times as it
64 deems necessary and may establish rules governing its internal
65 procedures.

66 [(b)] (d) On and after [January 1, 2020, until December 31, 2025,
67 inclusive, the board] July 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Revenue Services
68 shall establish and administer a program to provide rebates [that total
69 at least three million dollars annually] or vouchers to residents, [of]
70 municipalities, businesses, nonprofit organizations and tribal entities
71 located in this state [who (1)] when such residents, municipalities,
72 businesses, organizations or tribal entities purchase or lease a new or
73 used battery electric vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or fuel cell
74 electric vehicle. [, or (2) purchase a used hydrogen vehicle or electric
75 vehicle.] The [board] commissioner, in consultation with the advisory
76 board, shall establish and revise, as necessary, appropriate rebate levels,
77 voucher amounts and maximum income eligibility for such rebates [for
78 used hydrogen vehicles or electric vehicles.] or vouchers. The
79 commissioner shall prioritize the granting of rebates or vouchers to
80 residents of environmental justice communities, residents having

81 household incomes at or below three hundred per cent of the federal
82 poverty level and residents who participate in state and federal
83 assistance programs, including, but not limited to, the state-
84 administered federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
85 state-administered federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance
86 Program, a Head Start program established pursuant to section 10-16n
87 or assistance provided by Operation Fuel, Incorporated. Any such
88 rebate or voucher awarded to a resident of an environmental justice
89 community shall be in an amount up to one hundred per cent more than
90 the standard rebate level or voucher amount. An eligible municipality,
91 business, nonprofit organization or tribal entity may receive not more
92 than ten rebates or vouchers a year, within available funds, and not
93 more than a total of twenty rebates or vouchers, except the
94 commissioner may issue additional rebates or vouchers to an eligible
95 business or nonprofit organization that operates a fleet of motor vehicles
96 exclusively in an environmental justice community. On and after July 1,
97 2022, and until June 30, 2027, inclusive, a battery electric vehicle, plug-
98 in hybrid electric vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle that is eligible for a
99 rebate or voucher under the program shall have a base manufacturer's
100 suggested retail price of not more than fifty thousand dollars.

101 (e) As a part of the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile
102 Purchase Rebate program, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall
103 also establish and administer a program to provide rebates or vouchers
104 to residents of the state who purchase an electric bicycle. The
105 commissioner, in consultation with the advisory board, shall establish
106 and revise, as necessary, maximum income eligibility for such rebates
107 or vouchers. Any such rebate or voucher amount shall be in an amount
108 not less than five hundred dollars. The rebate or voucher program shall
109 be designed to maximize the air quality benefits associated with the
110 deployment of electric bicycles and prioritize providing vouchers to
111 residents of environmental justice communities, residents having
112 household incomes at or below three hundred per cent of the federal
113 poverty level, and residents who participate in state and federal
114 assistance programs, including, but not limited to, the state-

115 administered federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
116 state-administered federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance
117 Program, a Head Start program established pursuant to section 10-16 or
118 assistance provided by Operation Fuel, Incorporated. On and after July
119 1, 2022, and until June 30, 2027, inclusive, an electric bicycle that is
120 eligible for a rebate or voucher under the program shall have a base
121 manufacturer's suggested retail price of not more than three thousand
122 dollars.

123 (f) The [board] Commissioner of Revenue Services shall evaluate
124 [such] the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase
125 Rebate program on an annual basis. Not later than June 20, 2024, and
126 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the joint
127 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
128 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, the environment and
129 transportation regarding the status and effectiveness of such program.
130 Such report shall include information on program participation and the
131 environmental benefits accruing to environmental justice communities
132 and communities overburdened by air pollution.

133 (g) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall conduct outreach
134 programs and implement a marketing campaign for the promotion of
135 the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate
136 program.

137 [(c)] (h) There is established an account to be known as the
138 "Connecticut hydrogen and electric automobile purchase rebate
139 program account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within
140 the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by
141 law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be
142 expended by the [Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile
143 Purchase Rebate Board] Commissioner of Revenue Services for the
144 purposes of (1) administering the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric
145 Automobile Purchase Rebate program [established pursuant to
146 subsection (b) of this section] and the voucher program established
147 pursuant to section 14 of this act, and (2) paying the staffing needs

148 associated with administering the grant program for zero-emission
149 buses and providing administrative and technical assistance for such
150 grant program pursuant to section 13 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2022, and applicable to appointments made on and after said date</i>	22a-202