



States' Biofuels Statutes

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Current through the 2013 Legislative Session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

§ 4a-67d. Purchase of cars and light duty trucks. Gasoline mileage ratings. Alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles. Requirements. Exemptions. Reports

(a) The fleet average for cars or light duty trucks purchased by the state shall: (1) On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1, 2003, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, (2) comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor vehicle fleet, and (3) obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of carbon dioxide emitted in its class. The alternative-fueled vehicles purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on fuel that is available in the state.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, (1) on and after January 1, 2008: (A) At least fifty per cent of all cars and light duty trucks purchased or leased by the state shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, (B) all alternative-fueled vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall be certified to the California Air Resources Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, (C) all gasoline-powered light duty and hybrid vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall, at a minimum, be certified to the California Air Resource Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, and (2) on and after January 1, 2012, one hundred per cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services determines that the vehicles required by the provisions of this subsection are not available for purchase or lease, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall include an explanation of such determination in the annual report described in subsection (f) of this section.

(c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to any vehicle of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection that the Commissioner of Emergency Services

and Public Protection designates as necessary for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to carry out its mission, provided the Commissioner of Administrative Services approves of such designation and, in consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, provides an explanation of why the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section should not apply to such vehicles.

(d) As used in this section, the terms “car” and “light duty truck” shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy Publication DOE/CE-0019/8, or any successor publication.

(e) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall file a report with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, the environment and energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet, including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or used by the Departments of Transportation and Emergency Services and Public Protection, the make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses, and (2) a copy of the determination made by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of public act 07-4 of the June special session. The Departments of Transportation and Emergency Services and Public Protection shall submit all data requested of such departments by the Department of Administrative Services in connection with the preparation of such report.

(f) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall file a report with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, the environment and energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet, including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or used by the Departments of Transportation and Emergency Services and Public Protection, the make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses, (2) any changes to the determination made by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session or any update concerning the waiver application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, as applicable, (3) a listing of any vehicle exempted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section along with the Commissioner of Administrative Services’ explanation for such exemption, (4) any changes or amendments to the plan required by subsection (b) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, and (5) any changes or amendments to the plan required by subsection (c) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session. The Departments of Transportation and Emergency Services and Public Protection shall submit all data requested of such departments by the Department of Administrative Services in connection with the preparation of such report.

(g) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may enter into any agreement necessary to carry out the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

(h) For purposes of this section, “hybrid” means a passenger car that draws acceleration energy from two on board sources of stored energy that consists of either an internal combustion or heat engine which uses combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system, and, for any passenger car or light duty truck with a model year of 2004 or newer, that is certified to meet or exceed the California

LEV (Low Emission Vehicle) II LEV Standard.

(i) In performing the requirements of this section, the Commissioners of Administrative Services and Energy and Environmental Protection shall, whenever possible, consider the use of and impact on Connecticut-based companies.

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