

HOUSE BILL NO. 558  
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A PORTION OF VEHICLES PURCHASED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA TO BE OPERATED BY ALTERNATIVE FUEL AND HYBRID ELECTRIC POWER SOURCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Definitions.** As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Alternative fuel vehicle" means a vehicle operated by a fuel other than a petroleum product.
- (2) "Hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle operating on both an internal combustion engine and electronic power sources and using features such as regenerative braking and automatic start and shutoff.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. State motor pool to use alternative fuel or hybrid electric vehicles -- exceptions.** (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), vehicles in the custody of the state motor pool operated by the department of transportation and any vehicles purchased by the state and placed in the custody of other state agencies, as provided in 2-17-412, must include alternative fuel vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles as a portion of total vehicle purchases under the following guidelines:

- (a) 10% of the vehicles purchased during the 2009 biennium must be alternative fuel vehicles or hybrid electric vehicles;
- (b) 30% of the vehicles purchased during the 2011 biennium must be alternative fuel vehicles or hybrid electric vehicles;
- (c) 50% of the vehicles purchased during the 2013 biennium must be alternative fuel vehicles or hybrid electric vehicles; and
- (d) 100% of the vehicles purchased during the 2015 and subsequent bienniums must be alternative fuel vehicles or hybrid electric vehicles.

(2) Vehicles used for emergency services or law enforcement purposes, including but not limited to the highway patrol, game wardens, and brand enforcement officers, are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1).

(3) The department may exempt additional vehicles from the provisions of subsection (1) upon

demonstration that:

(a) the total cost of owning and operating an alternative fuel vehicle or hybrid electric vehicle is more than 15% of a conventional vehicle; or

(b) a specialized use vehicle is not available in a version that is run by alternative fuel or hybrid electric power.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 2, chapter 17, part 4, and the provisions of Title 2, chapter 17, part 4, apply to [sections 1 and 2].

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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