An Act To Ensure Equity in the Funding of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by Imposing an Annual Fee on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 203. Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative PARRY of Arundel.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§8-B is enacted to read:

8-B. Battery-electric motor vehicle. "Battery-electric motor vehicle" means an automobile or pickup truck the primary motive power of which is an electric motor. "Battery-electric motor vehicle" includes an electric motor vehicle with an auxiliary fuel combustion engine for purposes of charging a battery and operating auxiliary equipment. "Battery-electric motor vehicle" does not include a low-speed vehicle.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§27-B is enacted to read:

27-B. Hybrid motor vehicle. "Hybrid motor vehicle" means an automobile or pickup truck powered by a combination of a fuel combustion engine and electric motor.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§§1-A and 1-B are enacted to read:

1-A. Hybrid motor vehicle registration surcharge. In addition to the fee in subsection 1, the annual surcharge for registering a hybrid motor vehicle is $150. The surcharge collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the Highway Fund.

1-B. Battery-electric motor vehicle registration surcharge. In addition to the fee in subsection 1, the annual surcharge for registering a battery-electric motor vehicle is $250. The surcharge collected pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the Highway Fund.

SUMMARY

This bill imposes a surcharge, dedicated to the Highway Fund, on the annual registration of a hybrid motor vehicle in the amount of $150 and of a battery-electric motor vehicle in the amount of $250.