An Act to Address Climate Change by Reducing Carbon Emissions from State Vehicles

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: BALDACCI of Penobscot, Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, COPELAND of Saco, DHALAC of South Portland, PAULHUS of Bath, RISEMAN of Harrison.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1830, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Battery electric vehicle purchases or leases. In addition to the requirements of subsection 12, the Central Fleet Management Division and the Department of Public Safety shall purchase or lease only battery electric vehicles to the extent a battery electric vehicle that meets the need for which the vehicle is being purchased or leased is commercially available. For purposes of this subsection, "battery electric vehicle" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 10126, subsection 1, paragraph A.

SUMMARY

Current law establishes certain goals for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Central Fleet Management Division and the Department of Public Safety in acquiring by purchase or lease plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and zero-emission vehicles. This bill provides, in addition, that the Central Fleet Management Division and the Department of Public Safety must purchase or lease only zero-emission battery electric vehicles, to the extent a battery electric vehicle that meets the need for which the vehicle is being purchased or leased is commercially available.