

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Alternate Fuels Act is amended by changing
5 Section 30 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 120/30)

7 Sec. 30. Rebate and grant program.

8 (a) Beginning January 1, 1997, and as long as funds are
9 available, each owner of an alternate fuel vehicle shall be
10 eligible to apply for a rebate. Beginning July 1, 2005, each
11 owner of a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel is eligible to
12 apply for a fuel cost differential rebate under item (3) of
13 this subsection ~~(c) of this Section~~. The Agency shall cause
14 rebates to be issued under the provisions of this Act. An owner
15 may apply for only one of 3 types of rebates with regard to an
16 individual alternate fuel vehicle: (i) a conversion cost
17 rebate, (ii) an OEM differential cost rebate, or (iii) a fuel
18 cost differential rebate. Only one rebate may be issued with
19 regard to a particular alternate fuel vehicle during the life
20 of that vehicle. A rebate shall not exceed \$4,000 per vehicle.
21 Over the life of this rebate program, an owner of an alternate
22 fuel vehicle or a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel may not
23 receive rebates for more than 150 vehicles per location or for

1 300 vehicles in total.

2 (1) ~~(a)~~ A conversion cost rebate may be issued to an
3 owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the cost of
4 converting a conventional vehicle or a hybrid vehicle to an
5 alternate fuel vehicle. Conversion of a conventional
6 vehicle or a hybrid vehicle to alternate fuel capability
7 must take place in Illinois for the owner to be eligible
8 for the conversion cost rebate. Amounts spent by applicants
9 within a calendar year may be claimed on a rebate
10 application submitted within 12 months after the month in
11 which the conversion of the vehicle took place. Approved
12 conversion cost rebates applied for during or after
13 calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all approved conversion
14 costs claimed and documented. Approval of conversion cost
15 rebates may continue after calendar year 2002, if funds are
16 still available. An applicant may include on an application
17 submitted in 1997 all amounts spent within that calendar
18 year on the conversion, even if the expenditure occurred
19 before promulgation of the Agency rules.

20 (2) ~~(b)~~ An OEM differential cost rebate may be issued
21 to an owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the
22 cost differential between a conventional vehicle or engine
23 and the same vehicle or engine, produced by an original
24 equipment manufacturer, that has the capability to use
25 alternate fuels.

26 A new OEM vehicle or engine must be purchased in

1 Illinois and must either be an alternate fuel vehicle or
2 used in an alternate fuel vehicle, respectively, for the
3 owner to be eligible for an OEM differential cost rebate.
4 Large vehicles, over 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight,
5 purchased outside Illinois are eligible for an OEM
6 differential cost rebate if the same or a comparable
7 vehicle is not available for purchase in Illinois. Amounts
8 spent by applicants within a calendar year may be claimed
9 on a rebate application submitted within 12 months after
10 the month in which the new OEM vehicle or engine was
11 purchased.

12 Approved OEM differential cost rebates applied for
13 during or after calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all
14 approved cost differential claimed and documented.
15 Approval of OEM differential cost rebates may continue
16 after calendar year 2002, if funds are still available. An
17 applicant may include on an application submitted in 1997
18 all amounts spent within that calendar year on OEM
19 equipment, even if the expenditure occurred before
20 promulgation of the Agency rules.

21 (3) ~~(e)~~ A fuel cost differential rebate may be issued
22 to an owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the
23 cost differential between conventional fuels and domestic
24 renewable fuels or alternate fuels purchased to operate an
25 alternate fuel vehicle. The fuel cost differential shall be
26 based on a 3-year life cycle cost analysis developed by the

1 Agency by rulemaking. The rebate shall apply to and be
2 payable during a consecutive 3-year period commencing on
3 the date the application is approved by the Agency.
4 Approved fuel cost differential rebates may be applied for
5 during or after calendar year 1997 and approved rebates
6 shall be 80% of the cost differential for a consecutive
7 3-year period. Approval of fuel cost differential rebates
8 may continue after calendar year 2002 if funds are still
9 available.

10 Twenty-five percent of the amount that is appropriated
11 under Section 40 to be used to fund programs authorized by
12 this Section during calendar year 2001 shall be designated
13 to fund fuel cost differential rebates. If the total dollar
14 amount of approved fuel cost differential rebate
15 applications as of July 1, 2001 is less than the amount
16 designated for that calendar year, the balance of
17 designated funds shall be immediately available to fund any
18 rebate authorized by this Section and approved in the
19 calendar year.

20 An approved fuel cost differential rebate shall be paid
21 to an owner in 3 annual installments on or about the
22 anniversary date of the approval of the application. Owners
23 receiving a fuel cost differential rebate shall be required
24 to demonstrate, through recordkeeping, the use of domestic
25 renewable fuels during the 3-year period commencing on the
26 date the application is approved by the Agency. If the

1 vehicle ceases to be registered to the original applicant
2 owner, a prorated installment shall be paid to that owner
3 or the owner's designee and the remainder of the rebate
4 shall be canceled.

5 (b) ~~(d)~~ Vehicles owned by the federal government or
6 vehicles registered in a state outside Illinois are not
7 eligible for rebates.

8 (c) Through fiscal year 2013, the Agency may make grants to
9 car sharing organizations in Illinois for the purchase of
10 electric vehicles. The grant program shall be subject to the
11 existing rules in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 275. A grant may not exceed
12 25% of the total project cost including vehicles and supporting
13 infrastructure.

14 (1) In each fiscal year, a car sharing organization may
15 submit a grant application to the Agency by June 30th. The
16 application shall include the following information:

17 (A) the information required in subsection (a) of
18 35 Ill. Adm. Code 275.230, except for items 1, 2, 3, 4
19 and 7;

20 (B) a narrative description of the project;

21 (C) a detailed project budget, including the costs
22 of vehicles and supporting infrastructure; and

23 (D) the number of vehicles proposed to be purchased
24 as part of the project.

25 (2) After the Agency has processed all rebate requests
26 submitted during the fiscal year, it may award grants for a

1 total amount not to exceed the amount of unspent money
2 remaining of the amount appropriated for the programs
3 authorized by this Section.

4 (3) In deciding whether to award a grant, the Agency
5 shall consider the overall level of environmental benefits
6 to be realized by the proposed project.

7 (4) Grant funds may only be used for purchasing
8 electric vehicles, and shall not exceed 25% of the actual
9 project expenditures. A vehicle purchased using grant
10 funds is not eligible for any rebate authorized by this
11 Section.

12 (5) Within one year after the date of the grant award,
13 the grantee shall submit a final report to the Agency. If
14 there are grant funds unspent at that time, the remaining
15 money shall be returned to the Agency. The report shall
16 include the following information:

17 (A) the make, model, and model year of each
18 vehicle;

19 (B) the dates of vehicle purchases;

20 (C) the vehicle identification number (VIN);

21 (D) the license plate number and the state of
22 registration;

23 (E) proof of payment for the vehicles; and

24 (F) a complete financial report for the project.

25 (6) Vehicles purchased with grant funds must remain
26 registered and in service with the grantee in Illinois for

1 a minimum of 5 years after purchase. If a vehicle is sold
2 or otherwise taken out of service in Illinois earlier than
3 that time, then the grantee shall refund to the Agency a
4 prorated amount of the grant funds used to purchase that
5 vehicle, except if a vehicle is replaced with a comparable
6 vehicle or can no longer be safely operated due to an
7 accident or other damage.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-537, eff. 8-14-09; 96-1278, eff. 7-26-10.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.