

AN ACT concerning electric vehicles.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Electric Vehicle Act.

Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that the adoption and use of electric vehicles would benefit the State of Illinois by (i) improving the health and environmental quality of the residents of Illinois through reduced pollution, (ii) reducing the operating costs of vehicle transportation, and (iii) shifting the demand for imported petroleum to locally produced electricity.

Section 10. Definitions.

"Coordinator" means the Electric Vehicle Coordinator created in Section 15.

"Council" means the Electric Vehicle Advisory Council created in Section 20.

"Electric vehicle" means (i) a battery-powered electric vehicle operated solely by electricity or (ii) a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle that operates on electricity and gasoline and has a battery that can be recharged from an external source.

Section 15. Electric Vehicle Coordinator. The Governor shall appoint a person within the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to serve as the Electric Vehicle Coordinator for the State of Illinois. This person may be an existing employee with other duties. The Coordinator shall act as a point person for electric vehicle related policies and activities in Illinois.

Section 20. Electric vehicle advisory council.

(a) There is created the Illinois Electric Vehicle Advisory Council. The Council shall investigate and recommend strategies that the Governor and the General Assembly may implement to promote the use of electric vehicles, including, but not limited to, potential infrastructure improvements, State and local regulatory streamlining, and changes to electric utility rates and tariffs.

(b) The Council shall include all of the following members:

(1) The Electric Vehicle Coordinator to serve as chairperson.

(2) Four members of the General Assembly, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the President of the Senate, and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(3) The Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

or his or her designee.

(4) The Director of the Environmental Protection Agency or his or her designee.

(5) The Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce Commission or his or her designee.

(6) The Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation or his or her designee.

(7) Ten at-large members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) two representatives of statewide environmental organizations;

(B) two representatives of national or regional environmental organizations;

(C) one representative of a nonprofit car-sharing organization;

(D) two representatives of automobile manufacturers;

(E) one representative of the City of Chicago; and

(F) two representatives of electric utilities.

(c) The Council shall report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2011.

(d) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative and other support to the Council.

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