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SENATOR CORMAN, TRANSPORTATION, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
MAY 19, 1992

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for definitions, for reduced
3 combustion vehicles and for inspection certificates.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:

8 § 102. Definitions.

9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
10 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
11 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
12 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
13 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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2 "Electric vehicle." A motor vehicle which operates solely by
3 use of a battery or battery pack and which meets the APPLICABLE <—
4 FEDERAL motor vehicle safety standards of the National Highway <—
5 Traffic Safety Administration. The term includes a motor vehicle
6 which is powered mainly through the use of an electric battery
7 or battery pack but which uses a flywheel that stores energy
8 produced by the electric motor or through regenerative braking
9 to assist in operation of the motor vehicle.

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11 "Hybrid electric vehicle." An electric vehicle which allows
12 power to be delivered to the drive wheels solely by a battery-
13 powered electric motor but which also incorporates the use of a
14 combustion engine to provide power to the battery AND WHICH <—
15 MEETS THE APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS. The
16 primary source of power for the motor must be the electric
17 battery or battery pack and not the combustion engine.

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19 "Zero-emission vehicle." A motor vehicle which produces no
20 emissions of any criteria of pollutants under any operational
21 mode and under any conditions and which meets the APPLICABLE <—
22 FEDERAL motor vehicle safety standards of the National Highway <—
23 Traffic Safety Administration.

24 Section 2. Sections 1919 and 1958 of Title 75 are amended to
25 read:

26 § 1919. [Electric] Reduced combustion vehicles.

27 [The annual fee for registration of a vehicle which is
28 propelled by electric power shall be \$12.]

29 (a) General rule.--There shall be no annual fee for
30 registration of any of the following:

1 (1) An electric vehicle.

2 (2) A hybrid electric vehicle.

3 (3) A zero-emission vehicle.

4 (b) Expiration.--This section shall expire December 31, 1999 <—
5 1996.

6 § 1958. Certificate of inspection.

7 (a) General rule.--The department shall charge \$2 for each
8 annual certificate of inspection and \$1 for each semiannual
9 certificate of inspection.

10 ~~(b) Exception.~~ <—

11 ~~(1) Subsection (a) shall not apply to certificates~~
12 ~~issued for any of the following:~~

13 ~~(i) An electric vehicle.~~

14 ~~(ii) A hybrid electric vehicle.~~

15 ~~(iii) A zero emission vehicle.~~

16 (B) CREDIT.-- <—

17 (1) ONCE EACH CALENDAR YEAR, EVERY OFFICIAL INSPECTION
18 STATION WHICH INSPECTS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE, A HYBRID ELECTRIC
19 VEHICLE OR A ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM
20 A CREDIT FOR THE COST OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR
21 SAID VEHICLE. THE OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATION MAY ONLY CLAIM
22 THE CREDIT ONE TIME IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR AND SHALL CLAIM IT
23 WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE INSPECTION ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY
24 THE DEPARTMENT.

25 (2) This subsection shall expire December 31, 1999 1996. <—

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.