
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2801 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, CONKLIN,
SCHLOSSBERG, D. WILLIAMS, MADDEN, DELLOSO, GUENST, SANCHEZ
AND HOWARD, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Rebate
2 Program within the Department of Environmental Protection and
3 the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Rebate Account; and
4 making an appropriation.

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

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Alternative
9 Fuel Vehicle Purchase Rebate Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Account." The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Rebate
15 Account established under section 6.

16 "Alternative fuel vehicle." A self-propelled vehicle
17 operating on an alternative fuel designed for transporting
18 persons or property. The term includes a bi-fuel vehicle, dual-

1 fuel vehicle, hybrid vehicle and dedicated vehicle.

2 "Alternative fuels." Motor vehicle fuels and fuel systems
3 which when compared to conventional gasoline or reformulated
4 gasoline, diesel fuel, oil or coal will result in lower
5 emissions of oxides of nitrogen, volatile organic compounds,
6 carbon monoxide or particulates, toxic air pollutants,
7 greenhouse gases or any combination thereof. These shall
8 include, but are not limited to, compressed natural gas (CNG),
9 liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquid propane gas (LPG), alcohols
10 (ethanol - e85 and methanol - m85), hydrogen, hythane (any
11 combination of CNG and hydrogen), biofuels and electricity.

12 "Applicant." A resident of this Commonwealth who applies for
13 a rebate under the program in accordance with this act.

14 "Bi-fuel vehicle" or "dual-fuel vehicle." A vehicle that
15 operates on an alternative fuel and gasoline or an alternative
16 fuel and diesel fuel. The term includes original equipment
17 manufacturer (OEM) vehicles and retrofitted vehicles.

18 "Dedicated vehicle." A vehicle that runs exclusively on an
19 alternative fuel. The term includes an original equipment
20 manufacturer or retrofit vehicle.

21 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
22 the Commonwealth.

23 "Hybrid vehicle." A motor vehicle that draws propulsion
24 energy from onboard sources of stored energy that are both:

25 (1) An internal combustion engine using combustible
26 fuel.

27 (2) A rechargeable energy storage system.

28 "Program." The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Rebate
29 Program established under section 3.

30 Section 3. Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Rebate Program.

1 (a) Establishment.--The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase
2 Rebate Program is established and shall be administered by the
3 department.

4 (b) Purpose.--The purpose of the program is to provide
5 incentives for consumers to purchase alternative fuel vehicles
6 by awarding rebates of 6%, but not more than \$3,000, of the
7 total sale price of an alternative fuel vehicle.

8 Section 4. Administration of program.

9 (a) Application.--A resident of this Commonwealth may submit
10 an application to the department for a rebate under the program
11 in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

12 (b) Application period.--When rebate award money is made
13 available under the program during a fiscal year, the department
14 shall accept applications from applicants to obtain a rebate
15 under the program.

16 (c) Notice of application period.--The department shall
17 provide notice of the application period and process on the
18 department's publicly accessible Internet website.

19 (d) Timeline.--The department shall establish a deadline for
20 the submission of applications during a fiscal year.

21 (e) Review.--The department shall review completed
22 applications for rebate awards under the program and make the
23 rebate awards in accordance with section 5. If a rebate award is
24 denied, the department shall provide the applicant with written
25 notice and the reason for the denial.

26 Section 5. Awards.

27 (a) Criteria.--When determining rebate awards under the
28 program, the department shall require proof of the following:

29 (1) Proof of purchase of a new or one-owner, preowned
30 qualifying alternative fuel vehicle with less than 75,000

1 miles and purchased within six months of submitting the
2 application to the department.

3 (2) Proof of residence.

4 (3) Proof of current vehicle registration.

5 (4) Proof that the vehicle was purchased from a licensed
6 dealer.

7 (b) Rebate awards.--

8 (1) An applicant may only apply for and receive one
9 rebate under the program.

10 (2) If approved by the department, a rebate award shall
11 be 6% of the total purchase price paid by the applicant of
12 the alternative fuel vehicle.

13 (3) An applicant may not receive a rebate under the
14 program in excess of \$3,000.

15 Section 6. Account.

16 (a) Establishment.--The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase
17 Rebate Account is established as an account within the General
18 Fund to be used for awarding rebates under the program.

19 (b) Transfers.--In addition to any other money appropriated
20 to the department for awarding rebates under the program, the
21 sum of \$50,000,000 is transferred to the account from Federal
22 money received by the Commonwealth under the American Rescue
23 Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4).

24 (c) Remaining money.--

25 (1) Money in the account which remains unexpended,
26 uncommitted or unencumbered on the date of the deadline
27 established under section 4 shall remain in the account.

28 (2) The account shall cease to exist after the
29 expiration of this act.

30 Section 7. Expiration.

1 This act shall expire December 31, 2024.

2 Section 8. Effective date.

3 This act shall take effect immediately.