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SENATE BILL NO. 551

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-1176.1, relating to the purchase or lease of energy efficient vehicles.*

Patron—Whipple

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-1176.1 as follows:

§ 2.2-1176.1. Purchase or lease of energy efficient vehicles.

Any passenger-type vehicles purchased or leased with public funds by any department, agency, institution, or commission of the Commonwealth, or any officer or employee on behalf of the Commonwealth shall be of the highest fuel economy and lowest pollutant emissions available for the vehicle's intended purpose. The Division of Energy, within the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Quality, shall establish a list of conforming vehicles for specific classes of use. Consideration shall be given to cost-effectiveness, lifetime fuel savings, and reduction in air quality externalities versus increased purchase cost of cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicles, taking into account increased value at resale.

The following vehicles shall not be subject to the provisions of this section:

1. Vehicles that have special equipment or performance requirements related to use by law-enforcement officers;

2. Vehicles for use by any elected official of the people of the Commonwealth;

3. Vehicles purchased by the Department of Transportation and used directly in carrying out its maintenance, operations, and construction programs; and

4. Such other special category of vehicles as may be excepted by the Director.

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