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**An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Highway Funding by Imposing
a Road Use Fee for Electric Vehicles**

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Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ARDELL of Monticello.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA c. 456** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 456**

4 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE ROAD USE FEES**

5 **§3051. Road use fee for electric vehicles**

6 In addition to the annual fee for registration of motor vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A,
7 section 501, registration of electric vehicles is subject to this section.

8 **1. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
9 following terms have the following meanings.

10 A. "Battery electric vehicle" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 10126,
11 subsection 1, paragraph A.

12 B. "Electric vehicle" means a battery electric vehicle and a plug-in hybrid electric
13 vehicle.

14 C. "Fund" means the Electric Vehicle Road Use Fee Fund established in subsection 5.

15 D. "Gasoline tax" means the excise tax imposed on internal combustion engine fuel
16 used or sold in this State pursuant to section 2903.

17 E. "Mileage registration form" means the form completed by a person registering an
18 electric vehicle pursuant to subsection 2.

19 F. "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section
20 10126, subsection 1, paragraph D.

21 **2. Mileage registration form.** Beginning January 1, 2026, a person registering an
22 electric vehicle pursuant to Title 29-A, section 501 shall complete, at the same time, a
23 mileage registration form provided by the bureau stating the mileage of the electric vehicle
24 at the time of registration. A person who knowingly misrepresents the actual mileage of
25 the electric vehicle at the time of registration on the mileage registration form commits
26 forgery and is in violation of Title 17-A, section 703. The assessor shall make the mileage
27 registration form available to municipalities and on the bureau's publicly accessible
28 website.

29 **3. Return of forms to bureau.** A municipality that receives a completed mileage
30 registration form shall forward that form to the bureau within 30 days of receipt of the
31 mileage registration form.

32 **4. Calculation and levy of fee.** The bureau, based on the mileage stated on a mileage
33 registration form, shall calculate the fee due from each registrant of an electric vehicle
34 pursuant to this subsection.

35 A. The bureau shall subtract from the mileage stated on the most recently received
36 mileage reimbursement form the mileage stated on the mileage reimbursement form
37 filed for that electric vehicle for the immediately prior year. This is the net mileage.

38 B. The bureau shall multiple the net mileage under paragraph A by:

1 an electric vehicle is required to complete at the same time a form stating the mileage of
2 the electric vehicle and submit the form to the municipality in which the electric vehicle is
3 registered. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue
4 Services is required, based on the mileage accumulated by that electric vehicle during the
5 prior registration period, to assess the person registering that electric vehicle a fee, which
6 for battery electric vehicles is 1.0¢ per mile and for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles is 0.5¢
7 per mile. The per mile rate is tied to the gasoline tax rate imposed on internal combustion
8 engine fuel of 30.0¢ per gallon; if that rate changes, the per mile electric vehicle rate also
9 changes.

10 Revenue collected from the electric vehicle road use fee is used to temporarily suspend
11 the gasoline tax for the number of days equivalent to a ratio of fees to total gasoline tax
12 revenue. The Governor is required to determine and announce the dates of the suspension.