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House of Representatives, April 11, 2023

**An Act to Ensure Proper Funding of the Highway Fund by
Imposing a Surcharge on Electric Vehicle Registration**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


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Clerk

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, BELL of Yarmouth, MATLACK of St. George,
PLUECKER of Warren, Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§22-C** is enacted to read:

3 **22-C. Electric vehicle.** "Electric vehicle" means a fully electric vehicle that has an
4 onboard electrical energy storage device that is designed to be recharged using an external
5 energy source or a vehicle that is designed to operate using electricity produced from
6 compressed hydrogen fuel.

7 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

8 **14. Electric vehicle registration surcharge.** In addition to the payment of other
9 applicable registration fees under this section, and except as otherwise provided in this
10 subsection, the Secretary of State shall by rule adopted in accordance with this subsection
11 require payment of an annual electric vehicle registration surcharge by the owner of an
12 electric vehicle.

13 A. The annual electric vehicle registration surcharge under this subsection is \$72.

14 B. The annual electric vehicle registration surcharge under this subsection may be paid
15 in 2 semiannual payments.

16 C. Notwithstanding section 409 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the rules
17 adopted under this subsection must provide that the surcharges collected pursuant to
18 this subsection be transmitted to the Treasurer of State and credited to the Highway
19 Fund.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to require the owner of an electric vehicle to
22 pay an electric vehicle registration surcharge of \$72 per year. The money collected from
23 the surcharge must be transmitted to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the Highway
24 Fund.