

STATE OF MAINE

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H.P. 1451 - L.D. 2261

An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-D, as amended by PL 2011, c. 120, §8, is further amended by enacting after the 2nd indented paragraph a new paragraph to read:

Rules adopted or amended by the board on or after August 1, 2024 pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, rules to establish zero-emission requirements, are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §585-D, as amended by PL 2011, c. 120, §8, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

By January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters regarding the status of the regulatory program adopted by the California Air Resources Board for new motor vehicle emissions, known as the Advanced Clean Cars II program, and the adoption of that program by other states, as well as any updates regarding federal motor vehicle emissions control requirements. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Legislature in the legislative session in which the report is submitted.

Sec. 3. Report on regulation of motor vehicle emissions. The Department of Environmental Protection, in developing the report required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 585-D and due January 1, 2025, shall collaborate with the Department of Transportation, the Governor's Energy Office, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Efficiency Maine Trust in evaluating relevant barriers to the adoption of zero-emission vehicle standards or requirements in the State. In addition to the requirements set forth in Title 38, section 585-D, the report due January 1, 2025 must include an analysis of zero-emission vehicle adoption rates in the State relative to national trends and identification of barriers to achieving higher adoption rates, identification of strategies to reduce those barriers with particular consideration given to barriers present in rural communities and an evaluation of policies or market trends for overcoming those barriers. Notwithstanding Title 38, section 585-D, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit this report by January 1, 2025 to the joint standing committees of

the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, energy and utilities matters and transportation matters. After reviewing the report, each of the joint standing committees may report out legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.