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HOUSE BILL 1213

Short Title: Loan and Education Funds for AFVs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Tolson.

Referred to: Finance.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE REBATE AND  
3 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 113B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
6 new Article to read:

7 "Article 3.

8 "Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate and Infrastructure Grant Program.

9 "**§ 113B-30. Purpose.**

10 (a) There is created an alternative fuel vehicle rebate and infrastructure grant  
11 program to provide the following rebates and grants:

12 (1) Eighty percent (80%) of the incremental costs for dedicated vehicles.

13 (2) Fifty percent (50%) of the incremental costs for bi-fuel and hybrid  
14 alternative fuel vehicles (based on documented fuel availability at the  
15 time of purchase).

16 (3) Twenty percent (20%) of the total purchase price of low-speed electric  
17 vehicles or one thousand dollars (\$1,000), whichever is less.

18 (4) Ten percent (10%) for all other dedicated alternative fuel vehicles that  
19 have no comparable convention model on which to base incremental  
20 cost calculations.

21 (b) Funds from this program may also be used to provide grants for alternative  
22 fuel vehicle infrastructure based on a documented fifty percent (50%) cost share.  
23 Applicants shall assure public accessibility to alternative fuel infrastructure and will be  
24 competitively selected. Eligible infrastructure includes, among others, fueling stations,  
25 fueling tanks, and charging stations in parking lots.

26 "**§ 113B-31. Funding.**

1 The alternative fuel vehicle rebate and infrastructure grant program shall be funded  
2 from a two dollar (\$2.00) increase in the cost of registering each motor vehicle  
3 registered in this State."

4 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.**

6 (a) These shall be paid to the Division annually, as of the first day of January, for  
7 the registration and licensing of passenger vehicles, fees according to the following  
8 classifications and schedules:

9 (1) For-Hire Passenger Vehicles. – The fee for a passenger vehicle that is  
10 operated for compensation and has a capacity of 15 passengers or less  
11 is seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00). The fee for a passenger vehicle that  
12 is operated for compensation and has a capacity of more than 15  
13 passengers is one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hundred pounds of  
14 empty weight of the vehicle.

15 (2) U-Drive-It Vehicles. – U-drive-it vehicles shall pay the following tax:

17	Motorcycles:	1-passenger capacity .....	\$18.00
18		2-passenger capacity .....	22.00
19		3-passenger capacity .....	26.00
20	Automobiles:	15 or fewer passengers .....	\$41.00
21	Buses:	16 or more passengers	\$1.40 per
22			hundred
23			pounds of
24			empty weight
25	Trucks under		
26	7,000 pounds		
27	that do not		
28	haul products		
29	for hire:	4,000 pounds .....	\$41.50
30		5,000 pounds .....	\$51.00
31		6,000 pounds .....	\$61.00.

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33 (3) Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 976, s. 3.

34 (4) Limousine Vehicles. – For-hire passenger vehicles on call or demand  
35 which do not solicit passengers indiscriminately for hire between  
36 points along streets or highways, shall be taxed at the same rate as  
37 for-hire passenger vehicles under G.S. 20-87(1) but shall be issued  
38 appropriate registration plates to distinguish such vehicles from  
39 taxicabs.

40 (5) Private Passenger Vehicles. – There shall be paid to the Division  
41 annually, as of the first day of January, for the registration and  
42 licensing of private passenger vehicles, fees according to the following  
43 classifications and schedules:  
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- 1 Private passenger vehicles of not more than fifteen  
 2 Passengers ..... \$20.00  
 3 Private passenger vehicles over fifteen passengers..... 23.00  
 4 Provided, that a fee of only one dollar (\$1.00) shall be charged for any  
 5 vehicle given by the federal government to any veteran on account of  
 6 any disability suffered during war so long as such vehicle is owned by  
 7 the original donee or other veteran entitled to receive such gift under  
 8 Title 38, section 252, United States Code Annotated.
- 9 (6) Private Motorcycles. – The base tax on private passenger motorcycles  
 10 shall be nine dollars (\$9.00); except that when a motorcycle is  
 11 equipped with an additional form of device designed to transport  
 12 persons or property, the base tax shall be sixteen dollars (\$16.00). A  
 13 An additional tax of three dollars (\$3.00) is imposed on each private  
 14 motorcycle registered under this subdivision in addition to the base  
 15 tax. The revenue from the additional tax shall be ~~deposited in the~~  
 16 ~~General Fund.~~ credited to the General Fund and may be used to  
 17 implement the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program created in G.S.  
 18 115D-72.
- 19 (7) Dealer License Plates. – The fee for a dealer license plate is the regular  
 20 fee for each of the first five plates issued to the same dealer and is  
 21 one-half the regular fee for each additional dealer license plate issued  
 22 to the same dealer. The "regular fee" is the fee set in subdivision (5) of  
 23 this section for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than 15  
 24 passengers.
- 25 (8) Driveaway Companies. – Any person engaged in the business of  
 26 driving new motor vehicles from the place of manufacture to the place  
 27 of sale in this State for compensation shall pay a fee of one-half of the  
 28 amount that would otherwise be payable under this section for each set  
 29 of plates.
- 30 (9) House Trailers. – In lieu of other registration and license fees levied on  
 31 house trailers under this section or G.S. 20-88, the registration and  
 32 license fee on house trailers shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) for the  
 33 license year or any portion thereof.
- 34 (10) Special Mobile Equipment. – The fee for special mobile equipment for  
 35 the license year or any part of the license year is two times the fee in  
 36 subdivision (5) for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than  
 37 15 passengers.
- 38 (11) Any vehicle fee determined under this section according to the weight  
 39 of the vehicle shall be increased by the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) to  
 40 arrive at the total fee.
- 41 (b) In addition to the fees authorized by subsection (a) of this section, two dollars  
 42 (\$2.00) shall be paid annually to the Division to fund the Alternative Fuel Vehicle  
 43 Rebate and Infrastructure Grant Program created by G.S. 113B-30."

1           **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2001. The  
2 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.