HOUSE BILL 40

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INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; CREATING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCOME TAX

CREDIT; CREATING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING UNIT INCOME TAX

CREDIT AND THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING UNIT CORPORATE INCOME

TAX CREDIT; REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR AN

ELECTRIC VEHICLE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE

TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATE ROAD FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Income Tax Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCOME TAX CREDIT.--

A. Prior to January 1, 2021, a taxpayer who is not a dependent of another individual and who purchases or leases a qualified electric vehicle is eligible for a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability imposed pursuant to the Income Tax Act .197412.2

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in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as the "electric vehicle income tax credit".

- The purpose of the electric vehicle income tax credit is to encourage consumers to purchase or lease qualified electric vehicles that may help to decrease the presence of greenhouse gas, carbon monoxide and ozone precursor emissions in the environment.
- Subject to the limitation in Subsection D of this section, a taxpayer may claim the electric vehicle income tax credit provided in this section for each taxable year in which the taxpayer:
 - purchases a qualified electric vehicle; or
- (2) begins a new lease with a term of at least two years for a qualified electric vehicle; provided that a taxpayer who is an individual shall not claim more than one electric vehicle income tax credit.
- The aggregate amount of electric vehicle income tax credit claims that may be authorized for payment in any fiscal year is two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The date a claim for an electric vehicle income tax credit is received by the department shall determine the order that a tax credit claim is authorized for payment by the department.
- That portion of an electric vehicle income tax credit approved by the department that exceeds a taxpayer's .197412.2

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income tax liability in the taxable year in which an electric vehicle income tax credit is claimed shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

- Married individuals filing separate returns for a taxable year for which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the electric vehicle income tax credit that would have been claimed on a joint return.
- A taxpayer may be allocated the right to claim an electric vehicle income tax credit in proportion to the taxpayer's ownership interest if the taxpayer owns an interest in a business entity that is taxed for federal income tax purposes as a partnership and that business entity has met all of the requirements to be eligible for the tax credit. total tax credit claimed by all members of the partnership or limited liability company shall not exceed the allowable tax credit pursuant to Subsection A of this section.
- A taxpayer shall submit to the department information required by the department with respect to the purchase or lease of a qualified electric vehicle by the taxpayer during the taxable year for which the electric vehicle income tax credit is claimed.
- A taxpayer allowed an electric vehicle income tax credit shall report the amount of the tax credit to the department in a manner required by the department.
- The department shall compile an annual report on J. .197412.2

the electric vehicle income tax credit that shall include the number of taxpayers approved by the department to receive the tax credit, the aggregate amount of tax credits approved and any other information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the tax credit. Beginning in 2019 and every five years thereafter that the tax credit is in effect, the department shall compile and present the annual reports to the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and the legislative finance committee, with an analysis of the effectiveness and cost of the tax credit and of whether the tax credit is performing the purpose for which it was created.

K. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures to certify the purchase or lease of a qualified electric vehicle for purposes of obtaining an electric vehicle income tax credit.

L. As used in this section:

- (1) "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that uses both an internal combustion engine and an electric motor, has a battery pack that holds at least four kilowatt-hours and is capable of operation without the use of the internal combustion engine for an all-electric range of at least ten miles; and
- (2) "qualified electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with four wheels that:

2	(b) is manufactured primarily for use on	
3	public streets, roads or highways;	
4	(c) has not been modified from the	
5	original manufacturer specifications;	
6	(d) is purchased or leased by a consumer	
7	from a dealer for the first time after delivery from the	
8	manufacturer to the dealer;	
9	(e) is rated at not less than two	
10	thousand two hundred pounds unloaded base weight and not more	
11	than eight thousand five hundred pounds unloaded base weight;	
12	(f) has a maximum speed capability of at	
13	least sixty-five miles per hour; and	
14	(g) is propelled to a significant extent	
15	by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery	
16	that: 1) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt-hours;	
17	and 2) is capable of being recharged from an external source of	
18	electricity."	
19	SECTION 2. A new section of the Income Tax Act is enacted	
20	to read:	
21	"[NEW MATERIAL] ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING UNIT INCOME TAX	
22	CREDIT	
23	A. Prior to January 1, 2021, a taxpayer who is not	
24	a dependent of another individual and who purchases and	
25	installs an electric vehicle charging unit that has passed	
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is made by a manufacturer;

inspection by a state-authorized construction-permitting governmental entity may apply for, and the department may allow, a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability imposed pursuant to the Income Tax Act. The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as the "electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit".

- B. The purpose of the electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit is to encourage businesses to purchase and install electric vehicle charging units to provide the infrastructure necessary to support the acceptance of electric vehicles that may help to decrease the presence of greenhouse gas, carbon monoxide and ozone precursor emissions in the environment.
- C. The electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit shall not exceed:
- (1) three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or thirty percent of the cost to purchase and install an electric vehicle charging unit, whichever is less; or
- (2) if the electric vehicle charging unit is powered primarily by solar power, five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or thirty percent of the cost to purchase and install the electric vehicle charging unit that is powered primarily by solar power, whichever is less.
- D. The department may allow a maximum annual aggregate of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in electric .197412.2

vehicle charging unit income tax credits and electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credits pursuant to Section 3 of this 2015 act per fiscal year. Applications for the tax credits shall be considered in the order received by the department.

- E. A taxpayer may claim an electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit for the taxable year in which the taxpayer purchases and installs an electric vehicle charging unit. To receive an electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit, a taxpayer shall submit a completed application to the department on forms and in the manner prescribed by the department; provided that a completed application shall include:
- (1) a receipt for the purchase of an electric vehicle charging unit;
- (2) a copy of the data sheet that specifies the connector type, plug type, voltage and current of the purchased electric vehicle charging unit; and
- (3) a final and approved electrical inspection document issued by the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department or other state-authorized construction-permitting governmental entity.
- F. That portion of an electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit that exceeds a taxpayer's income tax liability in the taxable year in which an electric vehicle .197412.2

charging unit income tax credit is claimed shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

- G. Married individuals filing separate returns for a taxable year for which they could have filed a joint return may each claim only one-half of the electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit that would have been claimed on a joint return.
- H. A taxpayer may be allocated the right to claim an electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit in proportion to the taxpayer's ownership interest if the taxpayer owns an interest in a business entity that is taxed for federal income tax purposes as a partnership and that business entity has met all of the requirements to be eligible for the tax credit. The total tax credit claimed by all members of the partnership or limited liability company shall not exceed the allowable tax credit pursuant to Subsection C of this section.
- I. A taxpayer allowed a tax credit pursuant to this section shall report the amount of the tax credit to the department in a manner required by the department.
- J. The department shall compile an annual report on the electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit that shall include the number of taxpayers approved by the department to receive the tax credit, the aggregate amount of tax credits approved and any other information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the tax credit. Beginning in 2019 and every

five years thereafter that the tax credit is in effect, the department shall compile and present the annual reports to the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and the legislative finance committee with an analysis of the effectiveness and cost of the tax credit and whether the tax credit is performing the purpose for which it was created.

- K. As used in this section, "electric vehicle charging unit" means a wall-mounted or pedestal-style device that:
- (1) is used to provide electricity to an electric vehicle;
- (2) is designed to create a connection between an electric grid and the electric vehicle;
- (3) communicates with the electric vehicle's control system to ensure that electricity flows at an appropriate voltage and current level; and
- (4) is installed on nonresidential property located in the state."
- **SECTION 3.** A new section of the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act is enacted to read:
- "[NEW MATERIAL] ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING UNIT CORPORATE
 INCOME TAX CREDIT.--
- A. Prior to January 1, 2021, a taxpayer that files a New Mexico corporate income tax return that purchases and installs an electric vehicle charging unit that has passed .197412.2

inspection by a state-authorized construction-permitting governmental entity may apply for, and the department may allow, a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability imposed pursuant to the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax Act. The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as the "electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit".

- B. The purpose of the electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit is to encourage businesses to purchase and install electric vehicle charging units to provide the infrastructure necessary to support the acceptance of electric vehicles that may help to decrease the presence of greenhouse gas, carbon monoxide and ozone precursor emissions in the environment.
- C. The electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit shall not exceed:
- (1) three thousand dollars (\$3,000) or thirty percent of the cost to purchase and install an electric vehicle charging unit, whichever is less; or
- (2) if the electric vehicle charging unit is powered primarily by solar power, five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or thirty percent of the cost to purchase and install the electric vehicle charging unit that is powered primarily by solar power, whichever is less.
- D. The department may allow a maximum annual aggregate of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in electric .197412.2

vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credits and electric vehicle charging unit income tax credits pursuant to Section 2 of this 2015 act per fiscal year. Applications for the tax credits shall be considered in the order received by the department.

- E. A taxpayer may claim an electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit for the taxable year in which the taxpayer purchases and installs an electric vehicle charging unit. To receive an electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit, a taxpayer shall apply to the department on forms and in the manner prescribed by the department; provided that a completed application shall include:
- (1) a receipt for the purchase of an electric vehicle charging unit;
- (2) a copy of the data sheet that specifies the connector type, plug type, voltage and current of the purchased electric vehicle charging unit; and
- (3) a final and approved electrical inspection document issued by the construction industries division of the regulation and licensing department or other state-authorized construction-permitting governmental entity.
- F. That portion of an electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit that exceeds a taxpayer's liability, pursuant to the Corporate Income and Franchise Tax .197412.2

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Act, in the taxable year in which an electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit is claimed shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

- G. A taxpayer allowed a tax credit pursuant to this section shall report the amount of the tax credit to the department in a manner required by the department.
- The department shall compile an annual report on the electric vehicle charging unit corporate income tax credit that shall include the number of taxpayers approved by the department to receive the tax credit, the aggregate amount of tax credits approved and any other information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the tax credit. Beginning in 2019 and every five years thereafter that the tax credit is in effect, the department shall compile and present the annual reports to the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and the legislative finance committee with an analysis of the effectiveness and cost of the tax credit and whether the tax credit is performing the purpose for which it was created.
- As used in this section, "electric vehicle charging unit" means a wall-mounted or pedestal-style device that:
- (1) is used to provide electricity to an electric vehicle;
- is designed to create a connection between (2) an electric grid and the electric vehicle;

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control system to	ensure that	electricity f	lows at a	n
appropriate volta	ge and currer	it level; and		

- (4) is installed on nonresidential property located in the state."
- SECTION 4. Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 282, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-6-6.1. ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE.--

A. For registration of vehicles subject to the registration fees imposed by Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978, there is imposed an additional fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each twelve-month period for which a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight under twenty-six thousand pounds is registered. Amounts collected pursuant to this [section] subsection are appropriated to the department and may be expended in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act and for creating and maintaining a multilanguage noncommercial driver's license testing program. After those purposes are met, the balance of the registration fees collected pursuant to this section shall be used by the department to defray the costs of operating the motor vehicle division and for the purposes set forth in the provisions of Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. At the end of a fiscal year, unexpended and unencumbered balances of the

2	not revert to the general fund.
3	B. For registration of vehicles subject to the
4	registration fees imposed by Section 66-6-2 NMSA 1978, there is
5	imposed an additional annual fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for
6	which an electric vehicle is registered. All fees collected
7	pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the state
8	treasurer to the credit of the motor vehicle suspense fund with
9	distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978. For
10	purposes of this subsection, "electric vehicle" means a motor
11	vehicle with four wheels that:
12	(1) is made by a manufacturer;
13	(2) is manufactured primarily for use on
14	public streets, roads or highways;
15	(3) has not been modified from the original
16	manufacturer specifications;
17	(4) is purchased or leased by a consumer from
18	a dealer for the first time after delivery from the
19	manufacturer to the dealer;
20	(5) is rated at not less than two thousand two
21	hundred pounds unloaded base weight and not more than eight
22	thousand five hundred pounds unloaded base weight;
23	(6) has a maximum speed capability of at least
24	sixty-five miles per hour; and
25	(7) is propelled to a significant extent by an
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amounts collected pursuant to this [section] subsection shall

1	electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:
2	(a) has a capacity of not less than four
3	kilowatt-hours; and
4	(b) is capable of being recharged from
5	an external source of electricity."
6	SECTION 5. Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
7	Chapter 35, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read:
8	"66-6-23. DISPOSITION OF FEES
9	A. After the necessary disbursements for refunds
10	and other purposes have been made, the money remaining in the
11	motor vehicle suspense fund, except for remittances received
12	within the previous two months that are unidentified as to
13	source or disposition, shall be distributed as follows:
L 4	(1) to each municipality, county or fee agent
15	operating a motor vehicle field office:
16	(a) an amount equal to six dollars
17	(\$6.00) per driver's license and five dollars (\$5.00) per
18	identification card or motor vehicle or motorboat registration
19	or title transaction performed;
20	(b) for each such agent determined by
21	the secretary pursuant to Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 to have
22	performed ten thousand or more transactions in the preceding
23	fiscal year, other than a class A county with a population
24	exceeding three hundred thousand or a municipality with a
25	population exceeding three hundred thousand that has been
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designated as an agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, an amount equal to one dollar (\$1.00) in addition to the amount distributed pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph for each driver's license, identification card, motor vehicle registration, motorboat registration or title transaction performed; and

(c) to each military installation designated as a fee agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, an amount equal to one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) in addition to the amount distributed pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph for each administrative service fee remitted by the military installation to the department pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

(2) to each municipality or county, other than a class A county with a population exceeding three hundred thousand or a municipality with a population exceeding three hundred thousand that has been designated as an agent pursuant to Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 1978, operating a motor vehicle field office, an amount equal to one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) for each administrative service fee remitted by that county or municipality to the department pursuant to the provisions of Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

(3) to the state road fund:

(a) an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-7-413 and 66-7-413.4 NMSA .197412.2

1	1978;
2	(b) an amount equal to the fee collected
3	pursuant to Section 66-3-417 NMSA 1978;
4	(c) the remainder of each driver's
5	license fee collected by the department employees from an
6	applicant to whom a license is granted after deducting from the
7	driver's license fee the amount of the distribution authorized
8	in Paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to that
9	collected driver's license fee; [and]
10	(d) an amount equal to fifty percent of
11	the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978; and
12	(e) an amount collected pursuant to
13	Subsection B of Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978;
14	(4) to the local governments road fund, the
15	amount of the fees collected pursuant to Subsection B of
16	Section 66-5-33.1 NMSA 1978 and the remainder of the fees
17	collected pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-5-408 NMSA
18	1978;
19	(5) to the department:
20	(a) any amounts reimbursed to the
21	department pursuant to Subsection D of Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA
22	1978;
23	(b) an amount equal to two dollars
24	(\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected pursuant
25	to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;
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1	(c) an amount equal to the fees provided
2	for in Subsection D of Section 66-2-7 NMSA 1978, Subsection E
3	of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978, Subsections K and L of Section
4	66-3-6 NMSA 1978 other than the administrative fee, Subsection
5	C of Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 and Subsection B of Section
6	66-5-408 NMSA 1978;
7	(d) the amounts due to the department
8	for the manufacture and issuance of a special registration
9	plate collected pursuant to the section of law authorizing the
10	issuance of the specialty plate;
11	(e) an amount equal to the registration
12	fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 for the
13	purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial
14	Responsibility Act and for creating and maintaining a
15	multilanguage noncommercial driver's license testing program;
16	and after those purposes are met, the balance of the
17	registration fees shall be distributed to the department to
18	defray the costs of operating the [motor vehicle] division;

an amount equal to fifty cents (\$.50) for each administrative fee remitted to the department by a county or municipality operating a motor vehicle field office pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978;

(g) an amount equal to one dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for each administrative fee collected by the department or any of its agents other than a county or

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municipality operating a motor vehicle field office pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978; and

- (h) an amount equal to the royalties or other consideration paid by commercial users of databases of motor vehicle-related records of the department pursuant to Subsection C of Section 14-3-15.1 NMSA 1978 for the purpose of defraying the costs of maintaining databases of motor vehiclerelated records of the department; and after that purpose is met, the balance of the royalties and other consideration shall be distributed to the department to defray the costs of operating the [motor vehicle] division or for use pursuant to Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978;
- to each New Mexico institution of higher (6) education, an amount equal to that part of the fees distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of Section 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 proportionate to the number of special registration plates issued in the name of the institution to all such special registration plates issued in the name of all institutions:
- to the armed forces veterans license fund, the amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978;
- (8) to the children's trust fund, the amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of Section 66-3-420 NMSA 1978;

1	(9) to the department of transportation, an
2	amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-5-35
3	NMSA 1978;
4	(10) to the state equalization guarantee
5	distribution made annually pursuant to the general
6	appropriation act, an amount equal to one hundred percent of
7	the driver safety fee collected pursuant to Subsection D of
8	Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978;
9	(11) to the motorcycle training fund, two
10	dollars (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected
11	pursuant to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;
12	(12) to the recycling and illegal dumping
13	fund:
14	(a) fifty cents (\$.50) of the tire
15	recycling fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section
16	66-6-1 NMSA 1978;
17	(b) fifty cents (\$.50) of each of the
18	tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
19	Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978; and
20	(c) twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each of
21	the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-6-5
22	and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978;
23	(13) to the highway infrastructure fund:
24	(a) fifty cents (\$.50) of the tire
25	recycling fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section
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(b) one dollar (\$1.00) of each of the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978; and

(c) twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each of the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-6-5 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978;

(14) to each county, an amount equal to fifty percent of the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the total mileage of public roads maintained by the county and the denominator of which is the total mileage of public roads maintained by all counties in the state;

(15) to the litter control and beautification fund, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.2 NMSA 1978:

to the local government division of the department of finance and administration, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA 1978 for distribution to each county to support animal control spaying and neutering programs in an amount proportionate to the number of residents of that county who have purchased pet care special registration plates pursuant to Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA 1978; and

(17) to the Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad

commission, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) collected pursuant to the Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad special registration plate.

- B. The balance, exclusive of unidentified remittances, shall be distributed in accordance with Section 66-6-23.1 NMSA 1978.
- C. If any of the paragraphs, subsections or sections referred to in Subsection A of this section are recompiled or otherwise redesignated without a corresponding change to Subsection A of this section, the reference in Subsection A of this section shall be construed to be the recompiled or redesignated paragraph, subsection or section."

SECTION 6. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this act is January 1, 2016.

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