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LCO No. 5450



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDES ISSUED BY ELECTRIC VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS FOR EXTINGUISHING FIRES IN ELECTRIC
VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "electric vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in section 16-19eee
3 of the general statutes.

4 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, each manufacturer licensed under
5 the provisions of section 14-67a of the general statutes, as amended by
6 this act, who offers electric vehicles for sale in this state shall issue a
7 guide for extinguishing fires in electric vehicles that is specific to each
8 electric vehicle model offered for sale in this state by such manufacturer.
9 Each such guide shall include, but need not be limited to, information
10 on how to address chemical chain reactions, prevent the reignition of a
11 battery fire inside the electric vehicle and safely store the electric vehicle
12 in the event that such electric vehicle has a damaged battery. The
13 manufacturer shall provide each such guide to the State Fire Marshal
14 and the State Fire Marshal shall distribute each such guide to each local

15 fire marshal in the state. Upon receipt of each such guide, the local fire
16 marshal shall distribute such guide to the persons providing fire
17 protection in each town, city or borough under the local fire marshal's
18 jurisdiction.

19 Sec. 2. Section 14-67a of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

21 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business of
22 manufacturing motor vehicles for sale in this state without having been
23 issued a manufacturer's license, which license shall expire biennially on
24 the last day of June. Application for such license or renewal thereof may
25 be made to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in such form as the
26 commissioner shall require. The commissioner may require with such
27 application all of the following, which [he] the commissioner may
28 consider in determining the fitness of such applicant to engage in
29 business as a manufacturer of motor vehicles for sale in this state:

30 (1) Information relating to the applicant's solvency and [his] financial
31 standing;

32 (2) A certified copy of any warranty made by the manufacturer or any
33 other party in whom title to such motor vehicle may have been vested
34 prior to possession of such motor vehicle being transferred to a person
35 licensed under the provisions of this section;

36 (3) A copy of the applicant's standard franchise agreement and all
37 supplements thereto, together with a list of the applicant's authorized
38 dealers or distributors in this state and their [address] addresses. Such
39 applicant shall notify the commissioner immediately of the
40 appointment of any additional dealers or distributors or any revisions
41 of or additions to the basic franchise agreement on file with [him] the
42 commissioner, or of any individual dealer or distributor supplements to
43 such agreement;

44 (4) A certified copy of the delivery and preparation obligations of the

45 applicant's new car dealers, which obligations shall constitute such new
46 car dealers' only responsibility for product liability between the dealer
47 and the manufacturer;

48 (5) An affidavit stating the rates such applicant pays or agrees to pay
49 any authorized new car dealer for parts and labor used and expended
50 by such authorized new car dealer for the manufacturer under delivery
51 and preparation obligations under the new car warranty;

52 (6) On and after January 1, 2027, an affidavit stating that such
53 applicant has provided to the State Fire Marshal any guide required
54 pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of this act;

55 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) A biennial license fee of two thousand three hundred dollars,
56 which fee shall not be subject to refund or proration; and

57 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) Any other pertinent matter commensurate with the
58 safeguarding of the public interest.

59 (b) An application for renewal of such license filed with the
60 commissioner after the expiration date of such license shall be
61 accompanied by a late fee of two hundred fifty dollars. The
62 commissioner shall not renew any license under this section which has
63 expired for more than forty-five days.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	14-67a

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require each motor vehicle manufacturer that offers electric vehicles for sale in this state to (A) issue a guide for extinguishing fires in electric vehicles that is specific to each electric vehicle model offered for sale in this state by such manufacturer, and (B) provide each such guide to the State Fire Marshal, and (2) authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to require an affidavit from each applicant for a motor

vehicle manufacturer's license stating that such applicant has provided to the State Fire Marshal any such guide.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]