1	HOUSE BILL 412
2	56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES; CREATING THE ELECTRIC
12	VEHICLE INCOME TAX CREDIT; CREATING THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
13	CHARGING UNIT INCOME TAX CREDIT; REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL
14	REGISTRATION FEE FOR ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC
15	VEHICLES; PROVIDING THAT THE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEES BE
16	DISTRIBUTED TO THE STATE ROAD FUND AND THE TRANSPORTATION
17	PROJECT FUND.
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
20	SECTION 1. A new section of the Income Tax Act is enacted
21	to read:
22	"[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCOME TAX CREDIT
23	A. A taxpayer who is not a dependent of another
24	individual and who, beginning on the effective date of this
25	section and prior to January 1, 2028, purchases an electric
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vehicle or enters into a new lease of at least three years for an electric vehicle may claim a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability imposed pursuant to the Income Tax Act in an amount provided in Subsection B of this section. The tax credit provided by this section may be referred to as the "electric vehicle income tax credit".

B. The electric vehicle income tax credit shall be in an amount equal to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), except that the amount of credit shall be in an amount equal to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a taxpayer with an annual household adjusted gross income equal to or less than two hundred percent of the federal poverty level guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services.

C. A taxpayer shall apply for certification of eligibility for the electric vehicle income tax credit from the department on forms and in the manner prescribed by the department. Except as provided in Subsection H of this section, only one electric vehicle income tax credit shall be allowed for each electric vehicle purchased or leased. The application shall include proof of purchase or lease, the electric vehicle's registration or application for registration and any additional information that the department may require to determine eligibility for the credit. The department shall issue a dated certificate of eligibility to the taxpayer .225057.1

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providing the amount of the electric vehicle income tax credit for which the taxpayer is eligible and the taxable year in which the credit may be claimed for an electric vehicle that was purchased or leased.

The aggregate amount of electric vehicle income 5 D. 6 tax credit claims that may be authorized for payment in any 7 calendar year is ten million dollars (\$10,000,000). If a 8 taxpayer submits a claim for a tax credit but is unable to 9 receive the tax credit because the claims for the calendar year 10 exceed the limitation provided in this subsection, the 11 taxpayer's claim shall be placed at the front of a queue of 12 credit claimants for the subsequent calendar year in the order 13 of the date on which the credit was authorized for payment. 14 Completed applications for the tax credit shall be considered 15 in the order received by the department.

E. Applications for certification of an electric vehicle income tax credit shall be made no later than one calendar year from the date in which the electric vehicle is purchased or the lease is entered into.

F. A certificate of eligibility for an electric vehicle income tax credit may be sold, exchanged or otherwise transferred to another taxpayer for the full value of the credit. The parties to such a transaction shall notify the department of the sale, exchange or transfer within ten days of the sale, exchange or transfer.

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G. That portion of an approved electric vehicle income tax credit claimed by a taxpayer that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability in the taxable year in which an electric vehicle income tax credit is claimed shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

H. 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.

I. A taxpayer may be allocated the right to claim the 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 or limited liability company and that business entity has met all of the requirements to be eligible for the credit. The total credit claimed by all members of the partnership or limited liability company shall not exceed the allowable credit pursuant to this section.

J. A taxpayer shall submit to the department information required by the department with respect to the purchase or lease of an electric vehicle by the taxpayer during the taxable year for which the electric vehicle income tax credit is claimed.

K. A taxpayer allowed an electric vehicle income tax credit shall report the amount of the tax credit to the .225057.1

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1 department on a form and in a manner required by the 2 department.

The department shall compile an annual report on 3 L. the electric vehicle income tax credit that shall include the 4 5 number of taxpayers approved by the department to receive the 6 tax credit, the aggregate amount of tax credits approved and 7 any other information necessary to evaluate the tax credit. 8 The department shall compile and present the annual report to 9 the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and the 10 legislative finance committee with an analysis of the cost of 11 the tax credit. 12 As used in this section: М. 13 "electric vehicle" means a new motor (1)14 vehicle registered or purchased in New Mexico that derives all 15 or part of the vehicle's power from electricity stored in a 16 battery that: 17 has a capacity of not less than six (a) 18 kilowatt-hours; 19 (b) is capable of powering the vehicle 20 for a range of at least thirty miles; and 21 is capable of being recharged from (c) 22 an external source of electricity; and 23 "motor vehicle" means a vehicle with four (2)24 wheels that: 25 (a) is required under the Motor Vehicle

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1 Code to be registered in this state; 2 (b) is made by a manufacturer; 3 has a base manufacturer suggested (c) 4 retail price, before options and destination charges, of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) or less, before any taxes 5 are imposed; 6 7 is manufactured primarily for use on (d) 8 public streets, roads or highways; 9 (e) has not been modified from the 10 original manufacturer specifications; 11 (f) is rated at not less than two 12 thousand two hundred pounds unloaded base weight and not more 13 than nine thousand seven hundred fifty pounds unloaded base 14 weight; and 15 (g) has a maximum speed capability of at 16 least sixty-five miles per hour." 17 SECTION 2. A new section of the Income Tax Act is enacted 18 to read: 19 "[<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING UNIT INCOME TAX 20 CREDIT.--21 For taxable years beginning prior to January 1, Α. 22 2028, a taxpayer who is not a dependent of another individual 23 and who purchases and installs an electric vehicle charging 24 unit may claim a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability 25 imposed pursuant to the Income Tax Act. The tax credit .225057.1 - 6 -

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1 provided by this section may be referred to as the "electric 2 vehicle charging unit income tax credit".

The electric vehicle charging unit income tax Β. credit shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300) or the cost to purchase and install an electric vehicle charging unit, whichever is less.

C. A taxpayer shall apply for certification of eligibility for the electric vehicle charging unit income tax 8 credit from the department on forms and in the manner 10 prescribed by the department. The aggregate amount of electric 11 vehicle charging unit income tax credits that may be certified 12 as eligible in any calendar year is one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Completed applications shall be considered in the order received. If a taxpayer submits a claim for a tax credit but is unable to receive the tax credit because the claims for the calendar year exceed the limitation provided in this subsection, the taxpayer's claim shall be placed at the front of a queue of credit claimants for the subsequent calendar year in the order of the date on which the credit was 20 authorized for payment.

An application for certification of eligibility D. shall include a receipt for the purchase of the electric vehicle charging unit, a copy of the data sheet that specifies the connector type, plug type, voltage and current of the electric vehicle charging unit and any additional information .225057.1

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that the department may require to determine eligibility for the credit. The department shall issue a dated certificate of eligibility to the taxpayer providing the amount of the electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit for which the taxpayer is eligible and the taxable year in which the credit may be claimed.

E. Applications for certification of an electric vehicle charging unit income tax credit shall be made no later than one calendar year from the date in which the electric vehicle charging unit for which the credit is claimed is purchased and installed.

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 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 the 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 .225057.1

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income tax purposes as a partnership or limited liability company and that business entity has met all of the requirements to be eligible for the credit. The total credit claimed by all members of the partnership or limited liability company shall not exceed the allowable credit pursuant to 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. The department shall present the annual report 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:

(1) "electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle subject to the registration fee pursuant to Section 66-6-2 or 66-6-4 NMSA 1978 that derives all or part of the vehicle's power from electricity stored in a battery that:

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1 (a) has a capacity of not less than six 2 kilowatt-hours: 3 is capable of powering the vehicle (b) 4 for a range of at least thirty miles; and 5 is capable of being recharged from (c) 6 an external source of electricity; and 7 "electric vehicle charging unit" means a (2) 8 device that: 9 (a) is used to provide electricity to an 10 electric vehicle; 11 (b) is designed to create a connection 12 between an electricity source and the electric vehicle; 13 (c) uses the electric vehicle's control 14 system to ensure that electricity flows at an appropriate 15 voltage and current level; and 16 is installed on residential property (d) 17 located in the state." 18 SECTION 3. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is 19 enacted to read: 20 "[NEW MATERIAL] ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE--ELECTRIC AND 21 PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES.--22 For registration of vehicles subject to the Α. 23 registration fees imposed by Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 24 1978, there is imposed an additional annual fee of eighty 25 dollars (\$80.00) for which an electric vehicle with a gross .225057.1 - 10 -

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vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less is
 registered.

B. 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 annual fee of forty
dollars (\$40.00) for which a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
with a gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or
less is registered.

9 C. All fees collected pursuant to this section
10 shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the motor
11 vehicle suspense fund with distribution in accordance with
12 Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

D. As used in this section:

(1) "electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle
that derives all of the vehicle's power from electricity stored
in a battery that:

(a) has a capacity of not less than sixkilowatt-hours;

19 (b) is capable of powering the vehicle20 for a range of at least thirty miles; and

(c) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity; and

(2) "plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle that derives part of the vehicle's power from electricity stored in a battery that:

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1 (a) has a capacity of not less than six 2 kilowatt-hours: 3 is capable of powering the vehicle (b) 4 for a range of at least thirty miles; and is capable of being recharged from 5 (c) an external source of electricity." 6 7 SECTION 4. Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read: 8 9 "66-6-23. DISPOSITION OF FEES.--10 After the necessary disbursements for refunds Α. 11 and other purposes have been made, the money remaining in the 12 motor vehicle suspense fund, except for remittances received 13 within the previous two months that are unidentified as to 14 source or disposition, shall be distributed as follows: 15 (1) to each municipality, county or fee agent 16 operating a motor vehicle field office: 17 an amount equal to six dollars (a) 18 (\$6.00) per driver's license and five dollars (\$5.00) per 19 identification card or motor vehicle or motorboat registration 20 or title transaction performed; 21 for each such agent determined by (b) 22 the secretary pursuant to Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978 to have 23 performed ten thousand or more transactions in the preceding 24 fiscal year, other than a class A county with a population 25 exceeding three hundred thousand or a municipality with a .225057.1

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population exceeding three hundred thousand that has been 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:

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(a) an amount equal to the fees

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collected pursuant to Sections 66-7-413 and 66-7-413.4 NMSA 1 2 1978; 3 an amount equal to the fee collected (b) 4 pursuant to Section 66-3-417 NMSA 1978; (c) the remainder of each driver's 5 6 license fee collected by the department employees from an 7 applicant to whom a license is granted after deducting from the 8 driver's license fee the amount of the distribution authorized 9 in Paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to that 10 collected driver's license fee; [and] 11 (d) an amount equal to fifty percent of 12 the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 NMSA 1978; and 13 (e) an amount equal to seventy-seven 14 percent of the fees collected pursuant to Section 3 of this 15 2023 act; 16 to the local governments road fund, the (4) 17 amount of the fees collected pursuant to Subsection B of 18 Section 66-5-33.1 NMSA 1978 and the remainder of the fees 19 collected pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-5-408 NMSA 20 1978; 21 (5) to the transportation project fund, an 22 amount equal to twenty-three percent of the fees collected 23 pursuant to Section 3 of this 2023 act; 24 [(5)] (6) to the department: 25 (a) any amounts reimbursed to the .225057.1 - 14 -

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1 department pursuant to Subsection D of Section 66-2-14.1 NMSA 2 1978; 3 an amount equal to two dollars (b) (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee collected pursuant 4 5 to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978; 6 (c) an amount equal to the fees provided 7 for in Subsection D of Section 66-2-7 NMSA 1978, Subsection E 8 of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978, Subsections K and L of Section 9 66-3-6 NMSA 1978 other than the administrative fee, Subsection 10 C of Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 and Subsection B of Section 11 66-5-408 NMSA 1978; 12 the amounts due to the department (d) 13 for the manufacture and issuance of a special registration 14 plate collected pursuant to the section of law authorizing the 15 issuance of the specialty plate; 16 (e) an amount equal to the registration fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-6.1 NMSA 1978 for the 17 18 purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Mandatory Financial 19 Responsibility Act and for creating and maintaining a 20 multilanguage noncommercial driver's license testing program; 21 and after those purposes are met, the balance of the 22 registration fees shall be distributed to the department to 23 defray the costs of operating the [motor vehicle] division; 24 (f) an amount equal to fifty cents 25 (\$.50) for each administrative fee remitted to the department .225057.1

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1 by a county or municipality operating a motor vehicle field 2 office pursuant to Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978; 3 an amount equal to one dollar (g) twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for each administrative fee collected 4 5 by the department or any of its agents other than a county or 6 municipality operating a motor vehicle field office pursuant to 7 Subsection A of Section 66-2-16 NMSA 1978; and 8 (h) an amount equal to the royalties or 9 other consideration paid by commercial users of databases of 10 motor vehicle-related records of the department pursuant to 11 Subsection C of Section 14-3-15.1 NMSA 1978 for the purpose of 12 defraying the costs of maintaining databases of motor vehicle-13 related records of the department; and after that purpose is 14 met, the balance of the royalties and other consideration shall 15 be distributed to the department to defray the costs of 16 operating the [motor vehicle] division or for use pursuant to 17 Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978; 18 [(6)] (7) to each New Mexico institution of 19 higher education, an amount equal to that part of the fees 20 distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of 21 Section 66-3-416 NMSA 1978 proportionate to the number of 22 special registration plates issued in the name of the 23 institution to all such special registration plates issued in

the name of all institutions;

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1	fund, the amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of
2	Subsection E of Section 66-3-419 NMSA 1978;
3	[(8)] <u>(9)</u> to the children's trust fund, the
4	amount to be distributed pursuant to Paragraph (2) of
5	Subsection D of Section 66-3-420 NMSA 1978;
6	[(9)] <u>(10)</u> to the department of
7	transportation, an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant
8	to Section 66-5-35 NMSA 1978;
9	$[\frac{(10)}{(11)}]$ to the state equalization
10	guarantee distribution made annually pursuant to the general
11	appropriation act, an amount equal to one hundred percent of
12	the driver safety fee collected pursuant to Subsection D of
13	Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978;
14	[(11)] (12) to the motorcycle training fund,
15	two dollars (\$2.00) of each motorcycle registration fee
16	collected pursuant to Section 66-6-1 NMSA 1978;
17	[(12)] (13) to the recycling and illegal
18	dumping fund:
19	(a) fifty cents (\$.50) of the tire
20	recycling fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section
21	66-6-1 NMSA 1978;
22	(b) fifty cents (\$.50) of each of the
23	tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
24	Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978; and
25	(c) twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each of
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1 the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-6-5 2 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978; 3 [(13)] (14) to the highway infrastructure 4 fund: 5 fifty cents (\$.50) of the tire (a) recycling fee collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 7 66-6-1 NMSA 1978; 8 (b) one dollar (\$1.00) of each of the 9 tire recycling fees collected pursuant to the provisions of 10 Sections 66-6-2 and 66-6-4 NMSA 1978; and 11 (c) twenty-five cents (\$.25) of each of 12 the tire recycling fees collected pursuant to Sections 66-6-5 13 and 66-6-8 NMSA 1978; 14 [(14)] (15) to each county, an amount equal to 15 fifty percent of the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-6-19 16 NMSA 1978 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is 17 the total mileage of public roads maintained by the county and 18 the denominator of which is the total mileage of public roads 19 maintained by all counties in the state; 20 [(15)] (16) to the litter control and 21 beautification fund, an amount equal to the fees collected 22 pursuant to Section 66-6-6.2 NMSA 1978; 23 [(16)] (17) to the local government division 24 of the department of finance and administration, an amount 25 equal to the fees collected pursuant to Section 66-3-424.3 NMSA .225057.1 - 18 -

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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)] <u>(18)</u> 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 5. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this act is January 1, 2024.

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