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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Handy, Donovan, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar,
Fogarty, McEntee, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-11-2.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-11 entitled "Department
2 of Administration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-11-2.4. State Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund.**

4 (a) There is hereby created as a separate fund within the treasury to be known as the state
5 fleet replacement revolving loan fund which shall be administered by the general treasurer in
6 accordance with the same laws and fiscal procedures as the general funds of the state. This fund,
7 hereafter referred to as the "revolving loan fund", shall consist of such sums as the state may from
8 time to time appropriate, as well as money received from the disposal of used vehicles, loan, interest
9 and service charge payments from benefiting state agencies, as well as interest earnings, money
10 received from the federal government, gifts, bequests, donations, or otherwise from any public or
11 private source.

12 (b) This fund shall be used for the purpose of acquiring motor vehicles, both new and used,
13 and vehicle-related equipment and attachments for state departments and agencies.

14 (c) The proceeds from the repayment of any loans made for the purposes authorized under
15 this chapter shall be deposited in and returned to the revolving loan fund in order to constitute a
16 continuing revolving fund for the purposes listed above.

17 (d) The office of state fleet operations of the Rhode Island department of administration
18 shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with the purposes of this chapter and chapter 35 of title

1 42, in order to provide for the orderly and equitable disbursement and repayment of funds from the
2 revolving loan fund.

3 (e) Provided; however, a total of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000)
4 shall be made available as a direct grant from the revolving loan fund for the required twenty
5 percent (20%) match for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to obtain federal funds to
6 purchase buses through FY 2017. Any such sums need not be repaid to the revolving loan fund.

7 (f) As used in this section:

8 (1) "Light duty vehicle" means vehicles less than ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs) as
9 defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

10 (2) "Non-emergency vehicle" means a vehicle not designated or authorized to respond to
11 emergency situations involving law enforcement.

12 (3) "Zero emission vehicle" means a battery electric vehicle, a plug-in hybrid electric
13 vehicle, or a fuel cell vehicle.

14 (g) Beginning in fiscal year 2022, the department of administration shall purchase or lease
15 the following percentage of all new light duty, non-emergency vehicles as zero emission vehicles
16 in each fiscal year:

17 (1) Fifteen percent (15%) in fiscal year 2022;

18 (2) Twenty percent (20%) in fiscal year 2023;

19 (3) Twenty five percent (25%) in fiscal year 2024;

20 (4) Thirty percent (30%) in fiscal year 2025;

21 (5) Thirty five percent (35%) in fiscal year 2026;

22 (6) Forty percent (40%) in fiscal year 2027;

23 (7) Forty five percent (45%) in fiscal year 2028; and

24 (8) Fifty percent (50%) in fiscal year 2029.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would define light duty, non-emergency and zero emission vehicles and would
2 require the state to convert its fleet of vehicles to no less than fifty percent (50%) of vehicles in
3 those categories by the year 2029.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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