

By Senator Gaetz

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state purchasing of vehicles;  
3           providing definitions; requiring state agencies, state  
4           universities, and certain local governments to  
5           purchase hybrid, flex-fuel, or biodiesel vehicles if  
6           such vehicles are available; authorizing the  
7           Department of Management Services to adopt rules;  
8           providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. State purchasing of vehicles.-

13           (1) As used in this section, the term:

14           (a) "Hybrid vehicle" has the same meaning as in s.  
15 316.0741, Florida Statutes.

16           (b) "Flex-fuel vehicle" means a vehicle that is designed to  
17 run on gasoline or a blend of up to 85 percent ethanol.

18           (c) "Biodiesel vehicle" means a vehicle that is designed to  
19 run on biodiesel. For the purposes of this section, the term  
20 "biodiesel" means mono-alkyl esters of long-chain fatty acids  
21 derived from plant or animal matter for use as a source of  
22 energy and meeting the specifications for biodiesel and  
23 biodiesel blends with petroleum products as adopted by the  
24 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Biodiesel may  
25 refer to biodiesel blends designated BXX, where XX represents  
26 the volume percentage of biodiesel fuel in the blend.

27           (2) Any new motor vehicle purchased after January 1, 2010,  
28 by a state agency, state university, or local government through  
29 any state-purchasing plan must be a hybrid, flex-fuel, or

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30 biodiesel vehicle if such vehicle is available and otherwise  
31 meets the requirements for the vehicle's intended use.

32 (3) The Department of Management Services, by October 1,  
33 2009, shall adopt rules that establish criteria and procedures  
34 for the purchase of hybrid, flex-fuel, and biodiesel vehicles.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.