

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Brodeur

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to energy; amending s. 212.08, F.S.;
3 defining the term "electric vehicle conversion";
4 exempting certain components and labor used for
5 electric vehicle conversion from sales tax; amending
6 s. 286.29, F.S.; revising the selection criteria for
7 purchasing or leasing vehicles for state agencies,
8 state universities, community colleges, and local
9 governments under a state purchasing plan; deleting a
10 provision requiring the use and procurement of ethanol
11 and biodiesel blended fuels; requiring the Department
12 of Management Services, before a specified date, to
13 make recommendations to state agencies, state
14 universities, community colleges, and local
15 governments relating to the procurement and
16 integration of electric and natural gas fuel vehicles;
17 amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising the definition of
18 the term "single-trade inspection"; providing an
19 effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23 Section 1. Paragraph (qqq) is added to subsection (7) of
24 section 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

25 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and
26 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the
27 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
28 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
29 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this

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30 chapter.

31 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any
32 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is
33 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a
34 representative or employee of the entity by any means,
35 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even
36 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed
37 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by
38 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is
39 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has
40 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department
41 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as
42 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made
43 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this
44 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an
45 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict
46 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and
47 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer
48 this subsection.

49 (qqq) Electric vehicle conversion components and labor.—

50 1. As used in this paragraph, the term "electric vehicle
51 conversion" means replacing the gas or diesel powertrain
52 technology of a motor vehicle with 100 percent battery electric
53 powertrain technology.

54 2. Electric vehicle components and labor hours used for
55 electric vehicle conversion are exempt from the tax imposed by
56 this chapter.

57 Section 2. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 286.29,
58 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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59 286.29 Climate-friendly public business.—The Legislature
60 recognizes the importance of leadership by state government in
61 the area of energy efficiency and in reducing the greenhouse gas
62 emissions of state government operations. The following shall
63 pertain to all state agencies when conducting public business:

64 (4) When procuring new vehicles, all state agencies, state
65 universities, community colleges, and local governments that
66 purchase vehicles under a state purchasing plan shall first
67 define the intended purpose for the vehicle and determine which
68 of the following use classes for which the vehicle is being
69 procured:

70 (a) State business travel, designated operator;

71 (b) State business travel, pool operators;

72 (c) Construction, agricultural, or maintenance work;

73 (d) Conveyance of passengers;

74 (e) Conveyance of building or maintenance materials and
75 supplies;

76 (f) Off-road vehicle, motorcycle, or all-terrain vehicle;

77 (g) Emergency response; or

78 (h) Other.

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80 Vehicles described in paragraphs (a) through (h), when being
81 processed for purchase or leasing agreements, must be selected
82 based on the lowest lifetime ownership costs, including costs
83 for fuel, operations, and maintenance, for the greatest fuel
84 efficiency available for a given use class when fuel economy
85 data are available. Exceptions may be made for individual
86 vehicles in paragraph (g) when accompanied, during the
87 procurement process, by documentation indicating that the

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88 operator or operators will exclusively be emergency first
89 responders or have special documented need for exceptional
90 vehicle performance characteristics. Any request for an
91 exception must be approved by the purchasing agency head and any
92 exceptional performance characteristics denoted as a part of the
93 procurement process prior to purchase.

94 ~~(5) All state agencies shall use ethanol and biodiesel~~
95 ~~blended fuels when available. State agencies administering~~
96 ~~central fueling operations for state-owned vehicles shall~~
97 ~~procure biofuels for fleet needs to the greatest extent~~
98 ~~practicable.~~

99 Section 3. Before July 1, 2024, the Department of
100 Management Services shall make recommendations to state
101 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local
102 governments regarding the procurement of electric and natural
103 gas fuel vehicles and best practices for integrating such
104 vehicles into existing fleets.

105 Section 4. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section
106 553.791, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

107 553.791 Alternative plans review and inspection.—

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

109 (p) "Single-trade inspection" means any inspection focused
110 on a single construction trade, such as plumbing, mechanical, or
111 electrical. The term includes, but is not limited to,
112 inspections of door or window replacements; fences and block
113 walls more than 6 feet high from the top of the wall to the
114 bottom of the footing; stucco or plastering; reroofing with no
115 structural alteration; HVAC replacements; installation of
116 electric vehicle charging stations; solar energy and energy

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117 storage installations or alterations; ductwork or fan
118 replacements; alteration or installation of wiring, lighting,
119 and service panels; water heater changeouts; sink replacements;
120 and repiping.

121 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.