

HOUSE No. 1751

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford R. Hill

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act codifying the electric vehicle consumer rebate program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bradford R. Hill

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Essex

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1751) of Bradford R. Hill that the Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources establish a program providing rebates to consumers who purchase or lease qualifying plug-in electric vehicles. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act codifying the electric vehicle consumer rebate program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 11I the following new section:—

3 Section 11J. (a) The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to establish a
4 program providing rebates to consumers who purchase or lease a qualifying plug-in electric
5 vehicle. For the purpose of this , qualified vehicles are those that (1) are made by a manufacturer
6 primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways, (2) have not been modified from the
7 original manufacturer’s specifications, (3) have been acquired for use or lease by the consumer
8 and not for resale, (4) have a shipping weight not exceeding 8,500 pounds, (5) have a speed
9 capability of at least 55 miles per hour, (6) are capable of being recharged from an external
10 source of electricity and (7) must be propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that
11 draws electricity from a battery. The initial rebate for vehicles with a battery capacity of 10

12 kilowatt-hours or more shall be up to \$2,500. The rebate for vehicles with a battery capacity of
13 not less than 4 kilowatt-hours, but less than 10 kilowatt-hours shall be up to \$1,500.

14 (b) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
15 administer the rebate program established in this section.