

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2875**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bradford 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:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bradford Hill*

*4th Essex*

*Michael J. Soter*

*8th Worcester*

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2875) of Bradford Hill and Michael J. Soter 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1751 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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 2016 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.