

SENATE No. 2129

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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 to make electric vehicles more affordable.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2129) of Michael J. Barrett, Jason M. Lewis, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Barry R. Finegold and other members of the General Court for legislation to make electric vehicles more affordable. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to make electric vehicles more affordable.

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. Section 16 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “section”, in line 1, the following
3 words:- and section 18.

4 SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of said section 16 of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is
5 hereby amended by adding the following definition:-

6 “Zero-emission vehicle”, a motor vehicle that produces no engine exhaust carbon
7 emissions.

8 SECTION 3. Said chapter 25A is hereby further amended by adding the following
9 section:-

10 Section 18. (a) The commissioner shall, subject to appropriation, establish a program to
11 provide rebates or other financial incentives to consumers who purchase or lease and register and

12 insure in the commonwealth a zero-emission vehicle. Vehicles qualifying for rebates under this
13 section shall: (i) be manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways; (ii)
14 have an engine that is not modified from the original manufacturer's specifications; and (iii) have
15 been acquired for use or lease by the consumer and not for resale.

16 (b) For vehicles classified by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
17 as within the Class 1 weight class, a rebate under this section shall not be less than \$5,000 per
18 vehicle, provided that no rebate shall be provided for vehicles with a sales price that exceeds
19 \$60,000.

20 (c) The commissioner may promulgate regulations to administer the program established
21 under this section. At least once per calendar year, the commissioner shall provide outreach to
22 underserved consumers and consumers in communities with a high percentage of low-income
23 households with information about the zero-emission vehicle incentive program established
24 under this section.

25 (d) The commissioner shall publish and regularly update data regarding program usage
26 including, but not limited to: (i) the number and amount of rebates or incentives provided each
27 month; (ii) the make, model and type of vehicle for which the rebate or incentive was issued; (iii)
28 the zip code in which the vehicle is registered; and (iv) the estimated total greenhouse gas
29 emissions reductions achieved from the rebate or incentive issued.