

# HOUSE BILL 72

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Extension of Electric Vehicle Incentives Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Fiscal Year 2017 Electric Vehicle Recharging  
4 Equipment Rebate Program to provide certain rebates to certain individuals for the  
5 costs of acquiring and installing certain equipment during a certain fiscal year;  
6 requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Program in a  
7 certain manner; providing for the amount of a rebate; limiting the number of rebates  
8 that an individual may claim; limiting the rebate to certain applicants; allowing a  
9 credit against the motor vehicle excise tax for certain qualified plug-in electric drive  
10 vehicles; limiting the credit to certain applicants; authorizing an applicant to receive  
11 the credit as a refund of excise tax; providing for the calculation of the credit;  
12 providing that an individual may not receive a credit for the acquisition of more than  
13 a certain number of vehicles; providing that a credit may not be issued unless a  
14 certain vehicle is registered in the State and the manufacturer conforms to certain  
15 laws and regulations; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to administer the  
16 credit in a certain manner; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain  
17 funds be used to pay for the rebates and refunds for credits authorized under this  
18 Act; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
19 relating to a rebate for the purchase and installation of electric vehicle recharging  
20 equipment and an excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles.

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That:

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (2) "Administration" means the Maryland Energy Administration.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) “Electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate” means a rebate issued  
2 by the Administration under this section for the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging  
3 equipment.

4 (4) “Qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment” means property in the  
5 State that is used for recharging motor vehicles propelled by electricity.

6 (b) (1) There is a Fiscal Year 2017 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment  
7 Rebate Program.

8 (2) The purpose of the Program is to provide rebates to applicants who  
9 purchased qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment during fiscal year 2017 but did  
10 not receive the rebate.

11 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the  
12 Administration shall administer the Program in the same manner as the Program was  
13 administered under § 9–2009 of the State Government Article before July 1, 2017.

14 (ii) A business entity or a unit of State or local government may not  
15 apply for an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate under this section.

16 (c) (1) For fiscal year 2020, subject to the provisions of this section, an  
17 individual may apply to the Administration for an electric vehicle recharging equipment  
18 rebate for the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric vehicle recharging  
19 equipment during fiscal year 2017.

20 (2) The Administration may allow an applicant to include reasonable  
21 installation costs in the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment for the  
22 purpose of calculating the amount of an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate.

23 (d) Subject to subsections (e) and (f) of this section, the Administration may issue  
24 an electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate to an individual in an amount equal to the  
25 lesser of:

26 (1) 50% of the costs of acquiring and installing qualified electric vehicle  
27 recharging equipment; or

28 (2) \$900.

29 (e) An electric vehicle recharging equipment rebate issued under this section is  
30 limited to the acquisition of one recharging system per individual.

31 (f) The Administration may issue an electric vehicle recharging equipment  
32 rebate only to an applicant who purchased the qualified electric vehicle recharging  
33 equipment during fiscal year 2017 and owns the equipment on the date the applicant  
34 applies for the rebate.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

2 (a) In this section, “excise tax” means the tax imposed under § 13–809 of the  
3 Transportation Article.

4 (b) This section applies only to a plug-in electric drive vehicle that:

5 (1) has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications;

6 (2) is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale; and

7 (3) is purchased new and titled for the first time on or after July 1, 2016,  
8 but before July 1, 2017.

9 (c) (1) A credit is allowed against the excise tax imposed for a plug-in electric  
10 drive vehicle if the applicant is the vehicle’s original owner and owns the vehicle on the  
11 date that the applicant applies for the tax credit.

12 (2) An applicant who qualifies for a credit under this section may receive  
13 the credit as a refund of excise tax.

14 (d) The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the lesser of:

15 (1) the product of \$125 times the number of kilowatt-hours of battery  
16 capacity of the vehicle; or

17 (2) \$3,000.

18 (e) The credit allowed under this section is limited to the acquisition of one vehicle  
19 per individual.

20 (f) A credit may not be claimed under this section:

21 (1) for a vehicle unless the vehicle is registered in the State; or

22 (2) unless the manufacturer has already conformed to any applicable State  
23 or federal laws or regulations governing clean-fuel vehicle or electric vehicle purchases  
24 applicable during the calendar year in which the vehicle is titled.

25 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Motor  
26 Vehicle Administration shall administer the credit under this section in the same manner  
27 as the credit was administered under § 13–815 of the Transportation Article before July 1,  
28 2017.

29 (2) A business entity may not claim the credit under this section.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
2 Assembly that:

3 (1) any rebates authorized under Section 1 of this Act be paid from the  
4 Strategic Energy Investment Fund established under § 9–20B–05 of the State Government  
5 Article; and

6 (2) any refunds for credits authorized under Section 2 of this Act be paid  
7 from the Transportation Trust Fund established under § 3–216 of the Transportation  
8 Article.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this  
11 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
12 further force and effect.