Bill 392

An Act respecting zero-GHG-emission motor vehicles

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this bill is to reduce Québec’s greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the supply of plug-in vehicles on the Québec market, setting sales objectives for such vehicles for new car manufacturers, and providing for annual monitoring of the application and enforcement of these provisions.
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AS greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced significantly to help improve the environment in the medium and long terms, and as the transport sector is responsible for 40% of Québec’s GHG emissions;

AS car manufacturers must increase the supply of such vehicles to give Québec consumers more models and units to choose from;

AS it is desirable that the owners of such vehicles buy Québec energy to reduce the cost of their use compared to gas-powered vehicles and spend their savings in the local economy, thereby creating wealth in Québec;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of this Act is to reduce Québec’s greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the supply of plug-in vehicles. It applies to all new motor vehicle manufacturers.

2. Motor vehicle manufacturers must include a minimum number of plug-in vehicles on their new sales list, as follows:
   (1) 2% of the vehicles in 2016;
   (2) 5% of the vehicles in 2017;
   (3) 8% of the vehicles in 2018;
   (4) 11% of the vehicles in 2019.

3. The Government may, by regulation, determine the conditions a new motor vehicle must meet to qualify as a plug-in vehicle within the meaning of this Act.

4. A manufacturer who contravenes section 2 is guilty of an offence and is liable to a penalty. The Minister may, by regulation, set the penalties and determine a credit system.

5. The Minister of Transport is responsible for the administration of this Act.
6. The Minister must, not later than 1 January 2017 and subsequently every year, report on the implementation of this Act.

The report is submitted to the President of the National Assembly, who tables it in the Assembly within 15 days of receiving it or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 15 days of resumption. The competent committee of the National Assembly subsequently examines the report.

7. This Act comes into force on (insert the date of assent to this Act).