

Sec. 4a-67d. Purchase of cars and light duty trucks. Gasoline mileage ratings. Alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles. Requirements. Exemptions. Reports.

(a) The fleet average for cars or light duty trucks purchased by the state shall: (1) On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1, 2003, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, (2) comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor vehicle fleet, and (3) obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of carbon dioxide emitted in its class. The alternative-fueled vehicles purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on fuel that is available in the state.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, (1) on and after January 1, 2008: (A) At least fifty per cent of all cars and light duty trucks purchased or leased by the state shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, (B) all alternative-fueled vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall be certified to the California Air Resources Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, (C) all gasoline-powered light duty and hybrid vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall, at a minimum, be certified to the California Air Resource Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, and (2) on and after January 1, 2012, one hundred per cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services determines that the vehicles required by the provisions of this subsection are not available for purchase or lease, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall include an explanation of such determination in the annual report described in subsection (f) of this section.

(c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to any vehicle of the Department of Public Safety that the Commissioner of Public Safety designates as necessary for the Department of Public Safety to carry out its mission, provided the Commissioner of Administrative Services approves of such designation and, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Safety, provides an explanation of why the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section should not apply to such vehicles.

(d) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty truck" shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy Publication DOE/CE-0019/8, or any successor publication.

(e) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall file a report with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, the environment and energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet, including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or used by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, the make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses, and (2) a copy of the determination made by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of public act 07-4 of the June special session*. The Departments of Transportation and Public Safety shall submit all data requested of such departments by the Department of Administrative Services in connection with the preparation of such report.

(f) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall file a report with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, the environment and energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet, including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or used by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, the make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses, (2) any changes to the determination made by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session* or any update concerning the waiver application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session*, as applicable, (3) a listing of any vehicle exempted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section along with the Commissioner of Administrative Services' explanation for such exemption, (4) any changes or amendments to the plan required by subsection (b) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session*, and (5) any changes or amendments to the plan required by subsection (c) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session*. The Departments of Transportation and Public Safety shall submit all data requested of such departments by the Department of Administrative Services in connection with the preparation of such report.

(g) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may enter into any agreement necessary to carry out the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

(h) For purposes of this section, "hybrid" means a passenger car that draws acceleration energy from two on board sources of stored energy that consists of either an internal combustion or heat engine which uses combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system, and, for any passenger car or light duty truck with a model year of 2004 or newer, that is certified to meet or exceed the California LEV (Low Emission Vehicle) II LEV Standard.

(i) In performing the requirements of this section, the Commissioners of Administrative Services and Environmental Protection shall, whenever possible, consider the use of and impact on Connecticut-based companies.

(P.A. 90-219, S. 5; P.A. 93-37, S. 1, 2; 93-199, S. 5, 6; P.A. 01-168, S. 2; P.A. 04-231, S. 2; P.A. 07-242, S. 122; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 07-4, S. 34.)

*Note: Section 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session is special in nature and therefore has not been codified but remains in full force and effect according to its terms.

History: P.A. 93-37 amended Subsec. (a) to modify the gasoline mileage requirements and added Subsec. (d) re requirements for purchase of alternative fuel vehicles, effective April 22, 1993; P.A. 93-199 changed mileage rating in Subsec. (a) from 26 to 29 miles per gallon for cars and from 20 to 24 miles per gallon for light duty trucks and added exemption in Subsec. (b) for certain vehicles purchased by state and intended for conversion to alternative fuel use, effective July 1, 1993; P.A. 01-168 amended Subsec. (a) by redefining the highway gasoline mileage rating required in the state motor vehicle fleet, and deleted Subsec. (d) re requirements for the purchase of car and light duty trucks powered by combustion of natural gas or electricity in calendar years 1993 and 1994; P.A. 04-231 added Subsec. (a)(3) re best achievable mileage per pound of carbon dioxide and amended Subsec. (b) to delete exception for cars or trucks intended for conversion into natural gas or electric-powered vehicles; P.A. 07-242 added new Subsec. (b) re efficiency ratings, redesignated existing Subsecs. (b) and (c) as Subsecs. (c) and (d), and made exception in Subsec. (c) applicable to new Subsec. (b) as well as Subsec. (a),

effective June 4, 2007; June Sp. Sess. P.A. 07-4 added new Subsec. (b) re requirements for alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, amended Subsec. (c) by replacing provision re vehicles purchased for law enforcement or special use purposes with provision re vehicles of the Department of Public Safety, and added Subsecs. (e) to (i), effective June 29, 2007.

(P.A. 94-170, S. 3, 5; P.A. 96-183, S. 2, 4; 96-222, S. 35, 41; P.A. 99-173, S. 30, 65; May 9 Sp. Sess. P.A. 02-4, S. 12; P.A. 04-231, S. 6.)

History: P.A. 94-170 effective July 1, 1994; P.A. 96-183 deleted requirement that fuel be sold to a covered fleet as defined in the federal Clean Air Act, effective May 31, 1996, and applicable to calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 1996; P.A. 96-222 substituted July 1, 2001, for July 1, 1999, and deleted same proviso as P.A. 96-183, effective June 4, 1996, and applicable to calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 1996; P.A. 99-173 extended sunset from July 1, 2001, to July 1, 2002, effective June 23, 1999; May 9 Sp. Sess. P.A. 02-4 extended the sunset for the exemption from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2004, effective July 1, 2002, and applicable to sales or use occurring on or after July 1, 2002; P.A. 04-231 extended the sunset for the exemption from July 1, 2004, to July 1, 2008, effective July 1, 2004.