



## **ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Retail Sale of Zero Emission Vehicles

**PURPOSE:** To obtain testimony on the law relating to the retail sale of zero emission vehicles

ALBANY  
Roosevelt Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building  
Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Albany, New York

### **ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY**

The federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reports that transportation activity in 2019 emitted more greenhouse gases in the United States than any other sector of the national economy, consisting of 29% of total emissions. Electric-drive zero emission vehicles are one of the technologies available to reduce greenhouse gases. These vehicles include hybrid electric vehicles (HEV), plug-in electric vehicles (PHEV), battery electric vehicles (BEV) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV). Department of Motor Vehicles data indicates that more than 54,600 electric-drive vehicles were registered in New York State as of October 1, 2021. Across the nation this year, September sales of HEVs were up by almost 41% and PHEVs by more than 26% over September 2020.

New York is one of at least thirteen states to have adopted California's low-emission vehicle (LEV) and zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) standards requiring manufacturers to sell a certain number of ZEVs per year. Additionally, New York joined fourteen states and the District of Columbia in signing a multi-state agreement committing to achieving a ZEV sales target of 100% for new medium- and heavy-duty vehicles by 2050, with an interim target of 30% by 2030. New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law requires persons engaged in the business of buying, selling or dealing in motor vehicles to be registered as a dealer. With limited exceptions, no dealer registration can be issued to franchisors, manufacturers, distributors, distributor branches or factory branches, or to any of their subsidiaries, affiliates or controlled entities. One exception allows registration certificates issued to the aforementioned entities prior to 2014 to be renewed, if they manufacture or assemble ZEVs exclusively. This hearing will provide the Assembly Standing Committee on Transportation an opportunity to obtain testimony on this law in order to review and assess the structure under which zero emission vehicles are sold at retail.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**William B. Magnarelli**

**Member of Assembly  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on the Retail Sale of Zero Emission Vehicles to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Transportation on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
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