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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: January 24, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-11 of the General Laws entitled "Department of  
2 Administration" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-11-2.6 State fleet replacement.** – In order to reduce fuel consumption, improve fuel  
4 efficiency to a minimum of federal corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards, reduce  
5 pollution emissions, and purchase vehicles that provide the best value on a lifecycle cost basis:

6 (1) State fleet motor vehicle purchases shall comply with the Energy Policy Act of 1992  
7 by ensuring that a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the vehicles purchased shall be  
8 alternatively fueled and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of all new vehicles purchased  
9 shall be hybrid electric vehicles to the greatest extent possible.

10 (2) Unless there is a demonstrated need to the contrary, all new light duty trucks in the  
11 state fleet will achieve a minimum of nineteen miles per gallon (19 mpg) city for the fleet and be  
12 certified as low emission vehicles. All new passenger vehicles will achieve a minimum of twenty-  
13 three miles per gallon (23 mpg) city for the state fleet. The department of administration will  
14 periodically review these standards with the objective of achieving greater fuel efficiency than the  
15 federal standards for the state fleet.

16 (3) The department of administration shall continue to apply the state fleet operations  
17 SUV policy to discourage the purchase of sport utility vehicles. All state agencies shall purchase  
18 the most economical, fuel efficient and low emission vehicles appropriate to the mission.

1           (4) Fleet operators shall investigate the use of low rolling resistance specifications for the  
2 purchase of replacement tires for the fleet's passenger vehicles and trucks, and shall require  
3 bidders on replacement tire contracts to submit information on rolling resistance using an  
4 appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers test procedure. Fleet operators shall purchase low  
5 rolling resistance tires that also have superior tread life when possible. Emergency vehicles are  
6 exempt from this provision.

7           (5) Since proper vehicle maintenance can reduce greenhouse gases and other pollutant  
8 emissions, all state fleet vehicles shall be maintained according to manufacturer specifications,  
9 including maintaining specified tire pressures and ratings.

10           (6) The director of the department of administration shall annually prepare a report on the  
11 state's compliance and fuel efficiency goals articulated in this section. The report shall be  
12 distributed to the governor, the general assembly and the department of environmental  
13 management.

14           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would require the department of administration to purchase economical fuel
- 2 efficient and low emission vehicles when feasible and to purchase low rolling resistance tires.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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