

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1840**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Eileen M. Donoghue***

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act codifying the electric vehicle consumer rebate program.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Eileen M. Donoghue*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex*

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1840) of Eileen M. Donoghue for legislation to codify the electric vehicle consumer rebate program. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act codifying the electric vehicle consumer rebate program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 11I the following new section:-

3 Section 11J. (a) The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to establish a  
4 program providing rebates to consumers who purchase or lease a qualifying plug-in electric  
5 vehicle. For the purpose of this , qualified vehicles are those that (1) are made by a manufacturer  
6 primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways, (2) have not been modified from the  
7 original manufacturer’s specifications, (3) have been acquired for use or lease by the consumer  
8 and not for resale, (4) have a shipping weight not exceeding 8,500 pounds, (5) have a speed  
9 capability of at least 55 miles per hour, (6) are capable of being recharged from an external  
10 source of electricity and (7) must be propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor that  
11 draws electricity from a battery. The initial rebate for vehicles with a battery capacity of 10

12 kilowatt-hours or more shall be up to \$2,500. The rebate for vehicles with a battery capacity of  
13 not less than 4 kilowatt-hours, but less than 10 kilowatt-hours shall be up to \$1,500.

14 (b) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to  
15 administer the rebate program established in this section.