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SENATE, Thursday, March 1, 2018

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1840) of Eileen M. Donoghue for legislation to codify the electric vehicle consumer rebate program,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2315).

For the committee,
Michael J. Barrett

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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 Chapter 25A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 11L the following section:-

3 Section 11J. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
4 following meanings:

5 "Commissioner", the commissioner of energy resources;

6 (b) The commissioner shall establish a program providing rebates to consumers who
7 purchase or lease a qualifying electric vehicle, as defined in Section 16 of Chapter 25A of the
8 General Laws. For the purpose of this, qualified vehicles are those that (1) are made by a
9 manufacturer primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways, (2) have not been modified
10 from the original manufacturer's specifications, (3) have been acquired for use or lease by the
11 consumer and not for resale, (4) have a shipping weight not exceeding 8,500 pounds, (5) have a
12 speed capability of at least 55 miles per hour and (6) must be propelled to a significant extent by
13 an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery. The initial rebate for vehicles with a

14 battery capacity of 10 kilowatt-hours or more shall be up to \$2,500. The rebate for vehicles with
15 a battery capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours, but less than 10 kilowatt-hours shall be up to
16 \$1,500.

17 (c) The rebates shall be funded by proceeds deposited in the RGGI Auction Trust Fund,
18 established in section 35II of chapter 10 of the general laws.

19 (d) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to administer the rebate
20 program established in this section.