

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 to improve the access and affordability of electric vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/16/2022</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2022</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>

<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/17/2022</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>3/18/2022</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>3/18/2022</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2022</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/21/2022</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/24/2022</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2022</i>
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/13/2022</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>4/14/2022</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O'Connor and Bradley H. Jones, Jr. for legislation to improve the access and affordability of electric vehicles. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to improve the access and affordability of electric vehicles.

*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 2020 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 11I the following new section:—

3           Section 11J. (a) (1). 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 \$3,000 for vehicles with a retail value of \$60,000 or less.

13 The rebate for vehicles with a battery capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt-hours, but less than 10  
14 kilowatt-hours shall be up to \$2,000 for vehicles with a retail value of \$50,000 or less.

15 (a)(2). Said program shall be funded from amounts remaining in the settlement of  
16 Commonwealth v. Volkswagen AG, No. 16-2266D, together with appropriations from the  
17 general fund and any funds available from the United States Government.

18 (b) The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to establish a program providing  
19 rebates to consumers who install an electric vehicle charging stations. The rebate shall be \$500.

20 (c) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to  
21 administer the rebate programs established in these sections.

22 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall expire three years from its passage unless  
23 otherwise modified, terminated or extended.