

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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 studying the advantages and disadvantages of transitioning certain government fleets to clean energy.

PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2198 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act studying the advantages and disadvantages of transitioning certain government fleets to clean energy.

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 448 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 6 the following section:-

3 Section 6A. The department of energy resources, in consultation with the executive office
4 for administration and finance, the department of environmental protection, and the
5 intergovernmental electric vehicle infrastructure coordinating council established in section 81 of
6 chapter 179 of the acts of 2022, shall conduct, publish and periodically update a study of the
7 advantages and disadvantages of transitioning to clean energy the vehicles owned or leased by
8 municipalities, regional school districts and regional transit authorities authorized pursuant to
9 chapter 161B. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (a) an analysis of the cost of such a
10 transition together with possible methods of meeting such costs, including, but not limited to,

11 state financial support, federal financial support, and procurements by regional planning agencies
12 and other entities; (b) an analysis of the availability, sustainability, and suitability of zero-
13 emission motors or hybrid motors for use in the types of vehicles owned or leased by
14 municipalities, regional school districts, and regional transit authorities; and (c)
15 recommendations of possible exemptions from such transition requirements of certain vehicles
16 and the justifications for such possible exemptions. The department of energy resources shall
17 publish the study on its website not later than 18 months after the effective date of this section
18 and shall thereafter publish revisions of the study on its website not less than every 3 years. The
19 study and subsequent revisions shall be submitted to the clerks of the senate and house of
20 representatives, the joint committee on transportation and the joint committee on
21 telecommunications, utilities and energy.