

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3490

TITLE: An Act relative to the sale of electric vehicles

SPONSOR: Representative Paul K. Frost

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: May 14, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3798, sent to study

CURRENT LAW:

An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind advanced offshore wind, grid modernization, transportation electrification, and building decarbonization. Within transportation electrification, the Act specifically:

- Made the sale of non-zero emissions vehicles by a dealership an unfair or deceptive act or practice under Chapter 93B after January 1, 2035; increased the availability and amount of electric vehicle incentives; established an intergovernmental coordinating council to implement an EV charging infrastructure deployment plan; required state building and electrical codes to include EV charging ready requirements; and established EV charging infrastructure adoption requirements for MassDOT and the MBTA.
- Required the DPU's TNC division to manage the reduction of TNC emissions.
- Required DESE and DOER to study the electrification of school bus fleets; required regional transportation authorities to develop their electrification rollout plans; required that new MBTA bus purchases and leases to be ZEBs by 2030, and for the entire MBTA fleet to be ZEB by 2040.
- MBTA must prioritize deployment of zero-emission buses on routes that go through underserved communities.

SUMMARY:

SECTION 1: Removes the section of An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind which prohibits motor vehicle dealers from selling a non-zero emissions vehicles after January 1, 2035.

SECTION 2: An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind established an intergovernmental coordinating council to implement an electric vehicle charging infrastructure deployment plan, which must facilitate, among other things, the cessation, by December 31, 2035, of in-state sales of non-zero-emission vehicles. This bill removes that requirement.

SECTION 3: Removes the effective date of the sections in An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind that prohibit the sale of non-zero emissions vehicles.