

1 SENATE BILL  
2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**  
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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO STATE VEHICLES; REQUIRING THE TRANSPORTATION  
12 SERVICES DIVISION OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO  
13 PURCHASE ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN A MANNER IN WHICH THOSE VEHICLES  
14 WOULD CONSTITUTE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ALL STATE  
15 VEHICLES BY JANUARY 1, 2030; REQUIRING RULEMAKING.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. Section 15-8-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,  
19 Chapter 119, Section 7) is amended to read:

20 "15-8-7. PURCHASE OF STATE VEHICLES--PROCUREMENT CODE--  
21 EQUIPMENT.--

22 A. All state vehicle purchases shall be pursuant to  
23 the provisions of the Procurement Code. All purchases of state  
24 vehicles, even those not assigned to the motor pool, shall be  
25 approved by the director.

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1           B. Subject to legislative appropriations and  
2 directives and the approval of the secretary, the director  
3 shall determine the type and number of state vehicles to be  
4 purchased each year and how they shall be equipped.

5           C. The division shall, pursuant to rules  
6 established by the general services department, create a plan  
7 for and purchase electric vehicles in a manner in which those  
8 vehicles would constitute at least seventy-five percent of all  
9 state vehicles by January 1, 2030. The general services  
10 department shall establish those rules by December 31, 2023.

11           D. As used in this section, "electric vehicle"  
12 means a motor vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with  
13 four wheels that:

14                   (1) is made by a manufacturer;

15                   (2) is manufactured primarily for use on  
16 public streets, roads or highways;

17                   (3) has not been modified from the original  
18 manufacturer specifications;

19                   (4) is rated at not less than two thousand two  
20 hundred pounds unloaded base weight and not more than eight  
21 thousand five hundred pounds unloaded base weight;

22                   (5) has a maximum speed capability of at least  
23 sixty-five miles per hour; and

24                   (6) is propelled to a significant extent by an  
25 electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that:

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(a) has a capacity of not less than four kilowatt-hours; and

(b) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity."

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