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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1608

Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski

February 7, 2012

An act to add Section 39617.8 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1608, as amended, Wieckowski. Clean Vehicle Rebate Project and Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project.

Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards. Existing law generally designates the state board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution.

This bill would require the state board in implementing the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, with funds made available by the state board, to provide rebates for the purchase of eligible light-duty vehicles from a California manufacturer, as defined, in an amount ~~40%~~ 20% greater than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible light-duty vehicles not from a California manufacturer. The bill also would require the state board in implementing the Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, with funds made available by the state board, to provide rebates for the purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles from a California manufacturer, as defined, in an amount ~~40%~~ 20% greater than the rebates made available for the

purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles not from a California manufacturer.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39617.8 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 39617.8. (a) (1) In implementing the Clean Vehicle Rebate
4 Project (CVRP), with funds made available by the state board,
5 rebates shall be made available from those funds for the purchase
6 of eligible light-duty vehicles from a California manufacturer in
7 an amount ~~40~~ 20 percent greater than the rebates made available
8 for the purchase of eligible light-duty vehicles not from a California
9 manufacturer.

10 (2) In implementing the Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher
11 Incentive Project (HVIP), with funds made available by the state
12 board, rebates shall be made available from those funds for the
13 purchase of eligible medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles
14 from a California manufacturer in an amount ~~40~~ 20 percent greater
15 than the rebates made available for the purchase of eligible
16 medium- or heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles not from a
17 California manufacturer.

18 (b) (1) As used in this section, “California manufacturer” means
19 any sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or
20 other business entity that manufactures eligible vehicles in the
21 state and that meets either of the following criteria:

22 (A) The owners or policymaking officers are domiciled in the
23 state and the permanent principal office, or place of business from
24 which the manufacturer’s trade is directed or managed, is located
25 in the state.

26 (B) A business or corporation, including those owned by, or
27 under common control of, a corporation, that meets all of the
28 following criteria continuously during the five years prior to selling
29 an eligible vehicle to a rebate recipient:

30 (i) Owns and operates an in-state manufacturing facility that
31 builds or manufactures eligible vehicles.

32 (ii) Is licensed by the state to conduct business within the state.

33 (iii) Employs state residents for work within the state.

- 1 (2) For the purposes of qualifying as a California manufacturer,
- 2 a distribution or sales management office or facility does not
- 3 qualify as a manufacturing facility.

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