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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2564

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 44274.3 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to vehicular air pollution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2564, as amended, Cooper. Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project.

Existing law establishes the Air Quality Improvement Program that is administered by the State Air Resources Board for the purposes of funding projects related to, among other things, the reduction of criteria air pollutants and improvement of air quality. Pursuant to its existing statutory authority, the state board has established the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, as a part of the Air Quality Improvement Program, to promote the production and use of zero-emission vehicles by providing rebates for the purchase of new zero-emission vehicles.

The Charge Ahead California Initiative requires the state board to adopt, no later than June 30, 2015, revisions to the criteria and other requirements for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project to, among other things, limit eligibility based on income.

This bill would require the state board to adopt regulations for the purposes of the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project that would establish the maximum gross annual income at specified levels for a person to be

eligible for a rebate; increase rebate payments by \$500 for applicants with household incomes less than or equal to 300% of the federal poverty level; *low-income applicants, as defined*; include outreach to disadvantaged communities, as specified, to increase consumer awareness; *low-income households*; and prioritize rebate payments for low-income applicants.

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 44274.3 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:
3 ~~44274.3. The~~
4 *44274.3. (a) For purposes of this section, “low income” means*
5 *a resident whose household income is less than or equal to 300*
6 *percent of the federal poverty level.*
7 *(b) The state board, in consultation with the State Energy*
8 *Resources Conservation and Development Commission, districts,*
9 *and the public, shall adopt regulations for the purposes of the Clean*
10 *Vehicle Rebate Project, established as part of the Air Quality*
11 *Improvement Program, that do all of the following:*
12 ~~(a)~~
13 *(1) Limit eligibility based on income by providing that, for all*
14 *eligible vehicle types except fuel cell electric vehicles, the gross*
15 *annual income, as reported on Line 22 of the Internal Revenue*
16 *Service Form 1040, Line 15 of the Internal Revenue Service Form*
17 *1040A, or Line 4 of the Internal Revenue Service Form 1040EZ,*
18 *for a person to be eligible for a rebate payment shall not exceed*
19 *the following:*
20 ~~(1)~~
21 *(A) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for*
22 *single filers.*
23 ~~(2)~~
24 *(B) One hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) for*
25 *head-of-household filers.*
26 ~~(3)~~
27 *(C) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for joint*
28 *filers.*

- 1 ~~(b) For an applicant with a household income less than or equal~~
2 ~~to 300 percent of the federal poverty level;~~
3 (2) *For a low-income applicant*, increase the rebate payment
4 by five hundred dollars (\$500) for all eligible vehicle types.
5 ~~(e)~~
6 (3) Include outreach to ~~disadvantaged communities, as identified~~
7 ~~pursuant to Section 39711, to increase consumer awareness.~~
8 *low-income households.*
9 ~~(d)~~
10 (4) Prioritize rebate payments for low-income applicants.

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