



SUPPORT

S. 2758/A. 4302 (Harckham/Englebright)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to providing that one hundred percent of in-state sales of new passenger cars and trucks shall be zero-emissions by two thousand thirty-five

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 2758/A. 4302 (Harckham/Englebright), which would direct the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop a plan for one hundred percent of new passenger cars and trucks sold in New York State to be zero-emission by 2035 and one hundred percent of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to be zero-emission by 2045 wherever feasible.

In order to achieve the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's (CLCPA) mandate of reducing greenhouse gas emissions economy-wide by 85% by 2050, New York must decarbonize our transportation sector. This can be achieved primarily by switching to electric vehicles, with low carbon fuels also playing a role for some vehicle types that are more difficult to electrify.

S. 2758/A. 4302 would advance transportation decarbonization through two methods. First, by directing DEC to adopt regulations consistent with federal law to achieve the bill's 2035 and 2045 goals, the bill would functionally require New York to mirror California's Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Truck Rules, which share the 2035 and 2045 targets and are legally enforceable under the federal Clean Air Act. Second, the bill directs DEC to develop strategies, including marketing, financial incentives, and investments in pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure, to hasten transportation decarbonization.

Adopting California's new vehicle standards when they are final and developing local policies to support them are vital for achieving the CLCPA's goals. For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 2758/A. 4302.

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