



SUPPORT

A. 3159/S. 5455 (Fahy/Jackson)

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to exempting the sale of the first thirty-five thousand dollars of a battery, electric, or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle from state sales and compensating use taxes, and to authorize cities and counties to elect such exemption.

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 3159/S. 5455 (Fahy/Jackson), which would provide an exemption for the sale of the first \$35,000 for a battery, electric, or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle from state sales and compensating use taxes. It would also authorize local governments to elect such incentives.

The transportation sector contributes significantly to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that cause climate change and is responsible for 28% of GHG emissions in the United States, with light-duty vehicles such as cars contributing to nearly 60% of those emissions. Electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles reduce these emissions, can help improve local air quality, and will help New York achieve our goals under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles save money for consumers over time with lower fuel and maintenance costs, but the initial cost is what prevents many people from making the switch to an electric car.

A. 3159 /S. 5455 would help incentivize the purchase of electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by providing state sales and compensating use tax exemptions for the first \$35,000 of a car's price, meaning that the subsidy is targeted to avoid subsidizing luxury vehicles. This would help more New Yorkers make the switch to electric cars sooner.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 3159 /S. 5455.

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