



## S. 7767 (Harckham)

*AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to increasing sales of zero-emission vehicles*

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S.7767 (Harckham), which would, if necessary, increase the certificates of registration for entities that manufacture or assemble zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) to open sales locations in New York State.

In New York State, one-third of greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. These emissions are also linked to childhood asthma and other severe health issues. The transition to 100% ZEVs could save billions of dollars in avoided health impact costs, prevent hundreds of premature deaths, and avoid thousands of asthma attacks by 2050. However, New York is falling behind in its transportation emission reduction goals. This lag in hitting our transportation emission goals is partially attributed to the limited access New Yorkers have to purchasing ZEVs. This is due to an artificial cap on the number of direct sales locations for manufacturers who only sell ZEVs and the widespread failure of traditional auto dealers to sell ZEVs in significant numbers.

S. 7767 would gradually raise the cap on direct sales locations for ZEV manufacturers if New York is not on track to meet ZEV sales goals set by the bill. This bill would direct DEC, NYSERDA, and the Department of Motor Vehicles to report on a biannual basis the number of ZEVs sold in the state. If New York fails to hit our biannual targets set in this bill, then the appropriate agencies would be directed to allow for the gradual increase in the number of direct sales stores to open in New York State. This will give New Yorkers more options to buy or lease electric vehicles and make the switch to more sustainable forms of transportation.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 7767.

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