

# HB6047



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/10/2010, by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 120/30

Amends the Alternate Fuels Act. Provides that a conversion cost rebate may be issued for the cost of converting a conventional vehicle or a hybrid vehicle (now, just a conventional vehicle) to an alternate fuel vehicle. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Alternate Fuels Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 30 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 120/30)

7 Sec. 30. Rebate program. Beginning January 1, 1997, and as  
8 long as funds are available, each owner of an alternate fuel  
9 vehicle shall be eligible to apply for a rebate. Beginning July  
10 1, 2005, each owner of a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel  
11 is eligible to apply for a fuel cost differential rebate under  
12 subsection (c) of this Section. The Agency shall cause rebates  
13 to be issued under the provisions of this Act. An owner may  
14 apply for only one of 3 types of rebates with regard to an  
15 individual alternate fuel vehicle: (i) a conversion cost  
16 rebate, (ii) an OEM differential cost rebate, or (iii) a fuel  
17 cost differential rebate. Only one rebate may be issued with  
18 regard to a particular alternate fuel vehicle during the life  
19 of that vehicle. A rebate shall not exceed \$4,000 per vehicle.  
20 Over the life of this rebate program, an owner of an alternate  
21 fuel vehicle or a vehicle using domestic renewable fuel may not  
22 receive rebates for more than 150 vehicles per location or for  
23 300 vehicles in total.

1           (a) A conversion cost rebate may be issued to an owner or  
2 his or her designee in order to reduce the cost of converting  
3 ~~of~~ a conventional vehicle or a hybrid vehicle to an alternate  
4 fuel vehicle. Conversion of a conventional vehicle or a hybrid  
5 vehicle to alternate fuel capability must take place in  
6 Illinois for the owner to be eligible for the conversion cost  
7 rebate. Amounts spent by applicants within a calendar year may  
8 be claimed on a rebate application submitted within 12 months  
9 after the month in which the conversion of the vehicle took  
10 place. Approved conversion cost rebates applied for during or  
11 after calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all approved  
12 conversion costs claimed and documented. Approval of  
13 conversion cost rebates may continue after calendar year 2002,  
14 if funds are still available. An applicant may include on an  
15 application submitted in 1997 all amounts spent within that  
16 calendar year on the conversion, even if the expenditure  
17 occurred before promulgation of the Agency rules.

18           (b) An OEM differential cost rebate may be issued to an  
19 owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the cost  
20 differential between a conventional vehicle or engine and the  
21 same vehicle or engine, produced by an original equipment  
22 manufacturer, that has the capability to use alternate fuels.

23           A new OEM vehicle or engine must be purchased in Illinois  
24 and must either be an alternate fuel vehicle or used in an  
25 alternate fuel vehicle, respectively, for the owner to be  
26 eligible for an OEM differential cost rebate. Large vehicles,

1 over 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight, purchased outside  
2 Illinois are eligible for an OEM differential cost rebate if  
3 the same or a comparable vehicle is not available for purchase  
4 in Illinois. Amounts spent by applicants within a calendar year  
5 may be claimed on a rebate application submitted within 12  
6 months after the month in which the new OEM vehicle or engine  
7 was purchased.

8 Approved OEM differential cost rebates applied for during  
9 or after calendar year 1997 shall be 80% of all approved cost  
10 differential claimed and documented. Approval of OEM  
11 differential cost rebates may continue after calendar year  
12 2002, if funds are still available. An applicant may include on  
13 an application submitted in 1997 all amounts spent within that  
14 calendar year on OEM equipment, even if the expenditure  
15 occurred before promulgation of the Agency rules.

16 (c) A fuel cost differential rebate may be issued to an  
17 owner or his or her designee in order to reduce the cost  
18 differential between conventional fuels and domestic renewable  
19 fuels or alternate fuels purchased to operate an alternate fuel  
20 vehicle. The fuel cost differential shall be based on a 3-year  
21 life cycle cost analysis developed by the Agency by rulemaking.  
22 The rebate shall apply to and be payable during a consecutive  
23 3-year period commencing on the date the application is  
24 approved by the Agency. Approved fuel cost differential rebates  
25 may be applied for during or after calendar year 1997 and  
26 approved rebates shall be 80% of the cost differential for a

1 consecutive 3-year period. Approval of fuel cost differential  
2 rebates may continue after calendar year 2002 if funds are  
3 still available.

4 Twenty-five percent of the amount that is appropriated  
5 under Section 40 to be used to fund programs authorized by this  
6 Section during calendar year 2001 shall be designated to fund  
7 fuel cost differential rebates. If the total dollar amount of  
8 approved fuel cost differential rebate applications as of July  
9 1, 2001 is less than the amount designated for that calendar  
10 year, the balance of designated funds shall be immediately  
11 available to fund any rebate authorized by this Section and  
12 approved in the calendar year.

13 An approved fuel cost differential rebate shall be paid to  
14 an owner in 3 annual installments on or about the anniversary  
15 date of the approval of the application. Owners receiving a  
16 fuel cost differential rebate shall be required to demonstrate,  
17 through recordkeeping, the use of domestic renewable fuels  
18 during the 3-year period commencing on the date the application  
19 is approved by the Agency. If the vehicle ceases to be  
20 registered to the original applicant owner, a prorated  
21 installment shall be paid to that owner or the owner's designee  
22 and the remainder of the rebate shall be canceled.

23 (d) Vehicles owned by the federal government or vehicles  
24 registered in a state outside Illinois are not eligible for  
25 rebates.

26 (Source: P.A. 96-537, eff. 8-14-09.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.