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HOUSE BILL NO. 4122



Introduced by Representative Jan Rurik D. Padiernos, GP (Galing sa Puso) Party-List

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State shall ensure the country's energy security and independence by reducing reliance on imported fuel for the transportation sector. There shall be an enabling environment for the development of electric vehicles, including options for micromobility as an attractive and feasible mode of transportation to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Hence, it is imperative to promote and support innovation in clean, sustainable, and efficient energy to accelerate social progress and human development by encouraging public and private use of low-emission and other alternative energy technologies.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11697, otherwise known as the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act, by specifying that an electric vehicle (EV) includes two-wheeled, three-wheeled, four-wheeled, or any other vehicle equipped with at least one (1) electric drive for propulsion. It also provides that the importation of completely built units of EVs shall be subject to a tariff rate of zero percent (0%) for a period of five (5) years from the date of the effectivity of this Act.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE TAX AND DUTY TREATMENT OF ELECTRIC
VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11697,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY
DEVELOPMENT ACT”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter I of Republic Act No. 11697, otherwise known as the “Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be defined as stated below:

“X X X

“(k) *Electric vehicle (EV)* refers to a **TWO-WHEELED, THREE-WHEELED, OR FOUR-WHEELED vehicle OR SUCH OTHER VEHICLES** with at least one (1) electric drive for vehicle propulsion. For purposes of this Act, it includes a BEV [hybrid-electric vehicle, light electric vehicle,] and a plug-in hybrid-electric vehicle;

“X X X.”

SEC. 2. Section 24(b) of Chapter IV of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 24. *Fiscal Incentives.* –

“X X X

“(b) Importation “The importation of completely built units of EVs shall be entitled to the incentives under Republic Act No. 10963, otherwise known as the “Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN)”*: Provided,* That in the case of imported electric jeepneys and electric tricycles, the Department of Finance, upon recommendation of the DTI, may suspend the exemption in order to protect local manufacturers.

“THE IMPORTATION OF COMPLETELY BUILT UNITS OF EVS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A TARIFF RATE OF ZERO PERCENT(0%) FROM 2025 TO 2030.

“The importation of completely built units of charging stations shall be exempt from the payment of duties for eight (8) years from the effectivity of this Act.”

“The importation of capital equipment and components used in the manufacture or assembly of EVs and construction or installation of charging stations shall undergo an evaluation process to determine [their] inclusion in the [strategic investment priority plan] **STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN** and [possible] entitlement to the incentives and for the length of time as provided under the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, as amended, Title XIII of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, and other applicable laws.

“X X X.”

SEC. 3. The Department of Transportation, in coordination with the National Economic and Development Authority, shall issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act not later than ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,