



IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE

December 29th, 2022

Mr. Twos (for himself) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To amend US Code to promote cleaner transportation and provide information about greenhouse gas emissions of motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Clean Transportation Act”, or “S.7”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

- (a) The use of cleaner forms of transportation such as cycling, electric vehicle, bus, train or tram must be promoted and expanded.
- (b) Therefore, actions by the government to promote and expand their use are necessary.

SEC. 3. AMENDING ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX CREDITS FOR TWO AND THREE-WHEELED ELECTRIC VEHICLES

(a) 26 U.S. Code § 30D [g] is amended to read as follows -

(g) Credit allowed for 2- and 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicles

(1) In general

In the case of a qualified 2- or 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicle—

(A) there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of the applicable amount with respect to each such qualified 2- or 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicle placed in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year, and

(B) the amount of the credit allowed under subparagraph (A) shall be treated as a credit allowed under subsection (a).

(2) Applicable amount

For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable amount is an amount equal to the lesser of—

(A) 10 percent of the cost of the qualified 2- or 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicle, or

(B) \$2,500.

(3) Qualified 2- or 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicle

The term “qualified 2- or 3-wheeled plug-in electric vehicle” means any vehicle which—

(A) has 2 or 3 wheels,

(B) meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (E), and (F) of subsection (d)(1) (determined by substituting “1 kilowatt hours” for “7 kilowatt hours” in subparagraph (F)(i)),

(C) is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, cycleways, and highways,

(D) is capable of achieving a speed of 15 miles per hour or greater, and

(E) is acquired—

(i) after December 31, 2011, or

(ii) in the case of a vehicle that has 2 wheels, after December 31, 2014.

(h) Termination

No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to any vehicle placed in service after December 31, 2035.

SEC. 4. DIRECTION FOR A REPORT INTO THE EXPANSION OF AMTRAK

- (a) SECRETARY OF DEVELOPMENT- The Sec. of Development shall, within 120 days of the signature of this legislation—
 - (i) Publish a report investigating the cost and feasibility of expanding Amtrak’s operations in the United States.

SEC. 5. AMTRAK REFORM

- (a) 49 U.S. Code § 24302 [a] is amended to read the following -

(a)Composition and Terms.—

(1)The Amtrak Board of Directors (referred to in this section as the “Board”) is composed of the following 10 directors, each of whom must be a citizen of the United States:

(A)The Secretary who heads the Department of Transportation.

(B)The Chief Executive Officer of Amtrak, who shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board.

(C) The Chair of the Amtrak Workers Service Council.

(D)7 individuals appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, with general business and financial experience, experience or qualifications in transportation, freight and passenger rail transportation, travel, hospitality, cruise line, or passenger air transportation businesses, or representatives of employees or users of passenger rail transportation or a State government, at least 1 of whom shall be an individual with a disability (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) who has a demonstrated history of, or experience with, accessibility, mobility, and inclusive transportation in passenger rail or commuter rail.

(2)In selecting individuals described in paragraph (1) for nominations for appointments to the Board, the President shall consult with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the Senate.

(3)An individual appointed under paragraph (1)(C) of this subsection shall be appointed for a term of 5 years. Such term may be extended until the individual’s successor is appointed and qualified. Not more than 5 individuals appointed under paragraph (1)(C) may be members of the same political party.

(4)Of the individuals appointed pursuant to paragraph (1)(C)—

(A)2 individuals shall reside in or near a location served by a regularly scheduled Amtrak service along the Northeast Corridor;

(B)3 individuals shall reside in or near regions of the United States that are geographically distributed outside of the Northeast Corridor, of whom—

(i)2 individuals shall reside in States served by a long-distance route operated by Amtrak;

(ii)1 individual shall reside in States served by a State-supported route operated by Amtrak; and

(iii)an individual who resides in a State that is served by a State-supported route and a long-distance route may be appointed to serve either position referred to in clauses (i) and (ii);

(C)2 individuals shall reside either—

(i)in or near a location served by a regularly scheduled Amtrak service on the Northeast Corridor; or

(ii)in a State served by long-distance or a State-supported route; and

(D)each individual appointed to the Board pursuant to this paragraph may only fill 1 of the allocations set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(5)The Board shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson, other than the Chief Executive Officer of Amtrak, from among its membership. The vice chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.

(6)The Board shall meet at least semi-annually with—

(A)representatives of Amtrak employees;

(B)representatives of persons with disabilities; and

(C)the general public, in an open meeting with a virtual attendance option, to discuss financial performance and service results.

(7)The Secretary may be represented at Board meetings by the Secretary's designee.

(b) 49 U.S. Code § 24102 [7][C] is amended to read the following -

(C)long-distance routes of more than 750 miles between endpoints operated by Amtrak; and

(c) 49 U.S. Code § 32302 [a] is amended to read the following -

(a) Information Program.—The Secretary of Transportation (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall maintain a program for developing the following information on passenger motor vehicles:

(1)damage susceptibility.

- (2) crashworthiness, crash avoidance, and any other areas the Secretary determines will improve the safety of passenger motor vehicles.
- (3) the degree of difficulty of diagnosis and repair of damage to, or failure of, mechanical and electrical systems.
- (4) emissions of greenhouse gases over the lifetime of the vehicle and per mile travelled.

SEC. X. ENACTMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE.— The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately after passage.

BILL AUTHOR'S NOTES:

1. *Republicans are red*
2. *Democrats are blue*
3. *The earth is burning down*
4. *And we'll all be fucked soon*