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By Senators Jacobsen and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to electric and hybrid vehicles; and amending RCW
2 82.44.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.44.010 and 1990 c 42 s 301 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 For the purposes of this chapter, unless (~~{the}~~) the context
7 otherwise requires:

8 (1) "Department" means the department of licensing.

9 (2) "Motor vehicle" means all motor vehicles, trailers, and
10 semitrailers used, or of the type designed primarily to be used, upon
11 the public streets and highways, for the convenience or pleasure of the
12 owner, or for the conveyance, for hire or otherwise, of persons or
13 property, including fixed loads and facilities for human habitation;
14 but shall not include (a) vehicles carrying exempt licenses, (b) dock
15 and warehouse tractors and their cars or trailers, lumber carriers of
16 the type known as spiders, and all other automotive equipment not
17 designed primarily for use upon public streets(~~(-)~~) or highways, (c)
18 motor vehicles or their trailers used entirely upon private property,
19 (d) mobile homes and travel trailers as defined in RCW 82.50.010,

1 ((~~or~~)) (e) motor vehicles owned by nonresident military personnel of
2 the armed forces of the United States stationed in the state of
3 Washington provided personnel were also nonresident at the time of
4 their entry into military service, or (f) electric vehicles or hybrid
5 vehicles.

6 (3) "Truck-type power or trailing unit" means any vehicle that is
7 subject to the fees under RCW 46.16.070 except vehicles with an unladen
8 weight of six thousand pounds or less, RCW 46.16.079, (~~(46.16.080,)~~)
9 46.16.085, or 46.16.090.

10 (4) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle powered by an electric motor
11 supplied by an on-board battery, flywheel storage unit, or super-
12 capacitor electrical storage unit.

13 (5) "Hybrid vehicle" means a vehicle that can run as an electric
14 vehicle or as a fuel-burning, engine-driven vehicle. There are two
15 subclasses:

16 (a) A series hybrid always runs as an electric vehicle. Some or
17 all of the electric power is supplied by an on-board generator using an
18 engine-driven generator, a fuel cell generator, or a thermophotovoltaic
19 generator.

20 (b) A parallel hybrid can run as a pure electric vehicle for
21 distances up to twenty-five miles or as an engine-driven vehicle for
22 distances over twenty-five miles.

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