

Sec. 177 States ZEV Readiness Field Updates

A growing coalition of business, environmental, consumer and health stakeholders is supporting the emerging ZEV market beyond California in states that have adopted the California program. This update highlights some of the activities to promote ZEV readiness in those states.



New York State just approved its first vehicle rebate program providing consumers with a \$2,000 per vehicle credit. The program is designed to help achieve the Cuomo Administration's commitments to reducing climate pollution 80 percent by 2050 in part by putting more than 800,000 ZEVs on the roads of New York by 2025.

The New York City Council is considering a bill to create a pilot program for installation of city-owned car charging stations in all five boroughs. The bill has the backing of the Chair of the Transportation Committee and is being pushed by the NRDC and Sierra Club.

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering a suite of policies to support the ZEV marketplace including HOV lane access, EV-only parking options for cities, building code requirements, fair access to charging and a commitment for the state to purchase at least 25% ZEVs by 2025. At a recent transportation hearing, supportive testimony was provided by a large cross-section of ZEV supporters including American Lung Association, ChargePoint as well as business leaders from Ceres, E2 and even a representative from Global Automakers.

The <u>Connecticut State Legislature</u> is considering a bill that would support EV infrastructure and expand Connecticut's EV programs. The bill's core components have the support of nonprofit organizations and industry, including NRG. The bill passed the energy committee on March 22. The Connecticut Electric Vehicle Coalition is coordinating advocates and engaging bi-partisan support for the initiative after honoring <u>Governor Malloy</u> for his support for EVs at last year's CT Auto Show.

Maine Governor Paul LePage recently announced a partnership with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard to expand electric vehicle infrastructure between the State of Maine and Quebec.