



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.



- More than 100 local elected leaders from Section 177 states (**CT, ME, MD, MA, NJ, NY, OR, RI** and **VT**) [signed letters demonstrating their support](#) for developing a

strong ZEV marketplace within their states, cities and communities. More than 18 state Legislators signed the letter, most of whom represent chairs of transportation, energy, climate or technology committees. Dozens of mayors from throughout the Section 177 states also lent their support.



- New York State** Governor Andrew Cuomo [launched a \\$70 million electric car rebate and outreach initiative](#) to encourage the growth of clean and non-polluting electric car use in New York and promote the reduction of carbon emissions in the transportation sector. The Drive

Clean rebates are now available to all New York residents who buy eligible cars through participating new car dealers. "Reducing vehicle emissions is a critical part of this administration's efforts to fight climate change and reduce New York's carbon footprint," Governor Cuomo said. "These highly-anticipated rebates will make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible and support this state's nation-leading efforts to build a cleaner, greener New York for generations to come." Governor Cuomo and CALSTART, a national clean transportation organization, also recently announced "[Charge to Work](#)," a first-of-its-kind EV Workplace Charging initiative to increase the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the greater New York City area. Charge to Work encompasses a multifaceted, three-year marketing and outreach campaign that seeks to engage over 100 businesses to encourage employees to replace their conventional gasoline vehicles with clean and highly-efficient EVs.

- o **New Jersey's** state legislature currently is considering a bill (S-3029) to utilize a significant portion of the state's VW settlement funds to [pay for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations](#) across the state. The bill is supported by ChargeVC, the Electric Vehicle Coalition of New Jersey that consists of electric utilities, EV charging companies and environmental nonprofits.



- o A new piece of [state legislation](#) will support **Massachusetts** energy officials' hopes to see the number of electric vehicles on Bay State roads swell from 8,000 to 300,000 over the next eight years. The bill, which the Legislature passed on the last day of its 2016 session and Republican Gov. Charlie Baker signed on Jan. 13, is designed to bolster electric vehicle parking and charging options. The state legislature is now considering a new bill to support EVs that would provide for additional incentive funding. The bill also includes a new charging station rebate program, a guide for cities and towns on curbside charging, calls for utilities to set EV time-of-use rates and for studies on the costs and benefits of EV adoption as well as on priority roads for public EV charging.

- o **Maryland** Republican Governor Larry Hogan's proposed [Clean Cars Act of 2017 \(HB 406\)](#) was passed by the State Assembly with huge bi-partisan support (123-11). This is one of several bills being considered to advance electric vehicles in the state. The Assembly is considering a number of bills related to electric vehicles and charging stations including extending the tax credits for plug-in vehicles and charging equipment and installation of charging equipment at condominium or homeowners associations.





Town of Morrisville is benefitting from an electric vehicle charging station, one of over 150 in the state and Vermont Electric Coop is offering an electric vehicle incentive to their customers.

- o The **State of Vermont** reported a [33% increase in registered electric vehicles in 2016 over 2015](#). "There has been more awareness of the technology out there so the automakers are beginning to roll out some exciting new vehicles that are capturing some attention," said Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur, of the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, coordinator of the Drive Electric Vermont program. In other news, the



- o **Connecticut** electric vehicle drivers can charge their batteries at almost [350 stations throughout the state](#) now. With increased funding for electric vehicle charging stations and the growing number of electric vehicle models to choose from, industry and government officials anticipate greater usage of electric vehicles in the coming years. The Connecticut legislature also is considering new legislation that would allow car companies like Tesla to sell vehicles directly to consumers in the state.

- o [Recently released reports and studies](#) show that many dealers in the Section 177 states are either not making available for sale any electric vehicles or only a handful of the more than 30 EVs now on the market. Additionally, car manufacturers are spending very little advertising dollars marketing EVs in the Section 177 states.

