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Legislation Establishing Electric Vehicle Road User Charge Sent to Governor
Legislation, Senate Bill 656, establishing a Road User Charge for Electric Vehicles was passed by the Senate in a bi-partisan fashion and is now on the Governor's desk for his review. The fee, which is set at \$200 for EV's under 14,000 pounds, will be paid concurrently when an EV owner also registers or renews their vehicle registration in 2025. Owners of plug-in hybrid vehicles will pay a fee of \$50 in 2025.

The goal of the legislation is to bring greater parity for vehicles using Pennsylvania roads. The issue of how to equitably address the need to for all vehicle owners to pay their fair share of highway costs has been discussed in the General Assembly over the last number of years.

The Road User Charge is a user fee that is meant to be a payment in lieu of the gas tax that pays for the maintenance of Pennsylvania highways. According to the Commonwealth's Independent Fiscal Office, the average driver in Pennsylvania paid \$285 in gas taxes in 2021. Initially, Senate Bill 656 set the EV fee at \$285, but was amended in the House down to \$200 for 2025.

The Road User Charge will increase to \$250 for EV's and \$63 for plug-in hybrid EV's in 2026 and in subsequent years will be adjusted annually for inflation. Total revenue projections in 2025 for the fee is slightly over \$16 million and in 2026 at slightly over \$21 million. The revenue will be deposited into the Motor License Fund and be added to the Oil Company Franchise Tax, i.e. the gas tax, for highway maintenance and construction.

EV owners are currently required to pay the Alternative Fuels Tax (AFT) on electricity; however, it is self-reporting tax and last year the state collected less than \$778,000 in revenue. The AFT is repealed for EV charging stations used exclusively to charge an EV at private residences or an EV of tenants, residences and nonlocal visitors at common interest communities or groups of private residences. The AFT will continue to be imposed on EV charging stations for public use.



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