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House Bill 4434

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to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then Government Organization]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §17-14-1, and §17-14-2, all relating to prohibiting all state agencies and local governmental units from restricting use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 14. prohibited governmental actions regarding sale and use of motor vehicles based on power source.

§17-14-1. Definition.

“Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled device designed to transport persons or property from one place to another, and includes, for purposes of this article, farm tractors and implements as defined in §17A-1-1(g) & (q).

§17-14-2. Prohibitions based on energy source.

(a) No state agency, nor any political subdivision of this state, may restrict the use or sale of motor vehicles based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle, including use for propulsion or use for powering other functions of the motor vehicle.

(b) This subsection does not affect any policy established by a state agency, nor by any political subdivision of this state, related to the purchase of motor vehicles for the use of the state agency or political subdivision.