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S 874. ENERGY EFFICIENT STATE MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET. Filed 3/25/09. *TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO NEW PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES THAT HAVE A FUEL ECONOMY THAT IS IN THE TOP FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THAT CLASS OF COMPARABLE AUTOMOBILES FOR PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES PURCHASED BY THE STATE.*

Amends GS 143-341(8) to define *fuel economy*, *class of comparable automobiles*, and *passenger motor vehicle*. Requires that the Department of Administration include in every request for proposals for the purchase of new passenger motor vehicles a preference for vehicles that have a fuel economy for the new vehicle's model year that is in the top 15 percent of its class of comparable automobiles. The contract award for the purchase of a new passenger motor vehicle must be based on the Department of Administration's evaluation of the best value for the State, taking into account fuel economy ratings and life cycle costs that reasonably consider both projected fuel costs and acquisition costs. Exempt from this requirement are law enforcement, emergency medical response, and firefighting vehicles. Specifies reporting requirements. Effective July 1, 2010, and applies to contracts to purchase passenger motor vehicles on or after that date. The first report required under the statute is due on or before October 1, 2011.

Intro. by Sen. Clodfelter.

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