

# SENATE NO. 1409

## **AN ACT** EXEMPTING LOW EMISSION VEHICLES FROM MAINTENANCE AND EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 142M of Chapter 111, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 official  
2 edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new definition:-

3 “Clean alternative fuel vehicle” shall mean natural gas, hydrogen or electricity when used as a motor  
4 vehicle fuel or propane when used as a motor vehicle fuel if such a vehicle meets the federal fleet  
5 emissions standards under the federal Clean Air Act or any emissions standards adopted by the  
6 Commissioner of Environmental Protection as part of the Commonwealth’s implementation plan  
7 under said act.”

8 SECTION \_\_. Section 7A of Chapter 90, of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official  
9 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fifth paragraph the following paragraph:-

10 “The emissions and maintenance inspection programs provided for in this article shall not apply to any  
11 qualified hybrid motor vehicle or clean alternative fuel if such vehicle obtains a rating from the U.S.  
12 Environmental Protection Agency of at least 50 miles per gallon during city fuel economy tests unless  
13 remote sensing devices indicate the hybrid vehicle or clean alternative fuel vehicle may not meet

14 current emissions standards. The Commissioner shall promulgate such regulations as may be required  
15 to implement this exemption.”