

HOUSE BILL NO. 4491

April 27, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Rogers, Hood, Steckloff, Brabec, MacDonell, McFall, Wilson, Rheingans, Churches, Snyder, Conlin, Paiz, Morgan, Andrews, Scott, Tyrone Carter and Brixie and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to establish an electric bicycle transportation incentive program; to provide discount vouchers to certain individuals for the purchase of an eligible electric bicycle; to establish a process for applying, issuing, and reimbursing discount vouchers issued under the program; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state entities and officers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "Michigan e-bike
2 transportation incentive program act".

1 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Department" means the department of treasury.

3 (b) "Electric bicycle" or "e-bike" means electric bicycle as
4 that term is defined in section 13e of the Michigan vehicle code,
5 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.13e.

6 (c) "Eligible electric bicycle retailer" means an electric
7 bicycle retailer that has registered with this state to participate
8 in the e-bike transportation incentive program established under
9 this act.

10 (d) "Eligible e-bike" means an e-bike that has a base
11 manufacturer's retail price of not more than \$8,000.00 and has a
12 minimum manufacturer's warranty period of 1 year and offers service
13 under that warranty within this state.

14 (e) "Income-qualified resident" means a resident of this state
15 who meets 1 of the following:

16 (i) Is currently enrolled in the Michigan low-income energy
17 assistance program (LIEAP).

18 (ii) Is currently enrolled in the Michigan weatherization
19 assistance program (WAP).

20 (iii) Is currently enrolled in the supplemental nutrition
21 assistance program (SNAP).

22 (iv) Is currently enrolled in the temporary assistance for
23 needy families program (TANF).

24 (v) Is currently enrolled in a medical assistance program
25 administered by this state and established under section 105 of the
26 social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105.

27 (vi) Is an individual or family with a household income that is
28 less than or equal to 300% of the federal poverty level for an
29 individual or for that family's family size.

1 (f) "Office of future mobility and electrification" means the
2 Michigan office of future mobility and electrification created by
3 the department of labor and economic opportunity pursuant to
4 Executive Directive 2020-1.

5 (g) "Qualified resident" means a resident of this state who is
6 at least 18 years of age and has not received a discount voucher
7 under this act in the immediately preceding 3 years.

8 (h) "Resident" means an individual who has in this state the
9 individual's true, fixed, and permanent home and principal
10 establishment to which the individual intends to return whenever
11 absent. An individual is a resident until the individual
12 establishes a permanent establishment outside this state.

13 Sec. 5. (1) The department, in consultation with the office of
14 future mobility and electrification, shall establish, implement,
15 and administer an e-bike transportation incentive program to issue
16 discount vouchers to residents of this state for the purchase of
17 eligible e-bikes. The department, in cooperation with the office of
18 future mobility and electrification, shall conduct outreach
19 programs and implement a marketing campaign for promotion of the e-
20 bike transportation incentive program.

21 (2) The department shall develop an application process for
22 residents to apply for a discount voucher that may be presented to
23 an eligible electric bicycle retailer and applied at the point of
24 sale. The department may require applicants to submit documentation
25 with the application as necessary to determine eligibility of the
26 applicant for a discount voucher under the e-bike transportation
27 incentive program.

28 (3) Subject to the limitations under this section, upon
29 receipt of a completed application, the department shall determine

1 if the applicant is a qualified resident or an income-qualified
2 resident and, if eligible, issue a discount voucher, along with a
3 list of eligible electric bicycle retailers in this state, to that
4 applicant as follows:

5 (a) For a qualified resident, a discount voucher in an amount
6 equal to 90% of the retail price of the eligible e-bike or \$500.00,
7 whichever is less.

8 (b) For an income-qualified resident, a discount voucher in an
9 amount equal to 90% of the retail price of the eligible e-bike or
10 \$1,250.00, whichever is less.

11 (4) From the funds appropriated to support the e-bike
12 transportation incentive program, the department shall, if
13 possible, utilize at least 50% of the annual amount funded to issue
14 discount vouchers to income-qualified residents.

15 (5) The department shall not issue more than 1 discount
16 voucher per applicant. The qualified resident or income-qualified
17 resident must redeem the discount voucher issued under the e-bike
18 transportation incentive program within 1 year from the date of
19 issuance.

20 (6) The department shall not issue discount vouchers under the
21 e-bike transportation incentive program after December 31, 2027.

22 Sec. 7. (1) An electric bicycle retailer that wants to
23 participate in the e-bike transportation incentive program must
24 register with the department. If the electric bicycle retailer has
25 a physical retail location in this state, that retailer must
26 provide the department with the name and location of each place of
27 business in this state operated by that retailer that sells
28 eligible e-bikes. If the electric bicycle retailer does not have a
29 physical retail location in this state, that retailer must provide

1 the department with the name and location of its principal place of
2 business.

3 (2) Unless the discount voucher has expired as described in
4 section 5(5), an eligible electric bicycle retailer must honor a
5 discount voucher issued under the e-bike transportation incentive
6 program for the purchase of an eligible e-bike. An eligible
7 electric bicycle retailer shall honor a discount voucher issued
8 under this program only for an eligible e-bike.

9 (3) To be reimbursed for discount vouchers redeemed, the
10 eligible electric bicycle retailer shall, in a form and manner as
11 prescribed by the department, return the voucher to the department
12 along with a copy of the receipt and supporting documentation that
13 the discount voucher was used to purchase an eligible e-bike. The
14 department shall not reimburse an eligible electric bicycle
15 retailer for a voucher that was expired as described in section
16 5(5) at the time of redemption.

17 Sec. 9. Not later than May 15, 2024 and each May 15 after 2024
18 through 2028, the department, in consultation with the office of
19 future mobility and electrification, shall submit to the governor,
20 the clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of the
21 senate, the chairperson of each standing committee that has
22 jurisdiction over matters relating to the environment and
23 transportation, and the chairperson of each legislative budget
24 subcommittee that has jurisdiction over environment and
25 transportation issues an annual report concerning the operation and
26 effectiveness of the e-bike transportation incentive program
27 established under this act. The report shall include all of the
28 following information for the immediately preceding calendar year:

29 (a) The number of eligible electric bicycle retailers

1 participating in the e-bike transportation incentive program and
2 the names of those retailers.

3 (b) The number of applicants that applied for a discount
4 voucher and the number of discount vouchers issued to qualified
5 residents and income-qualified residents, respectively.

6 (c) The total amount of discount vouchers that were used and
7 reimbursed to eligible electric bicycle retailers.