

SEC. 2844. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE USE OF ELECTRIC AND HYBRID MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) Preference- Subchapter II of chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

` Sec. 2922g. Preference for motor vehicles using electric or hybrid propulsion systems

` (a) Preference- In leasing or procuring motor vehicles for use by a military department or Defense Agency, the Secretary of the military department or the head of the Defense Agency shall provide a preference for the lease or procurement of motor vehicles using electric or hybrid propulsion systems, including plug-in hybrid systems, if the electric or hybrid vehicles--

` (1) will meet the requirements or needs of the Department of Defense; and

` (2) are commercially available at a cost, including operating cost, reasonably comparable to motor vehicles containing only an internal combustion or heat engine using combustible fuel.

` (b) Exception- Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to tactical vehicles designed for use in combat.

` (c) Relation to Other Vehicle Technologies That Reduce Consumption of Fossil Fuels- The preference required by subsection (a) does not preclude the Secretary of Defense from authorizing the Secretary of a military department or head of a Defense Agency to provide a preference for another vehicle technology that reduces the consumption of fossil fuels if the Secretary of Defense determines that the technology is consistent with the energy performance goals and plan of the Department required by section 2911 of this title.

` (d) Hybrid Defined- In this section, the term `hybrid', with respect to a motor vehicle, means a motor vehicle that draws propulsion energy from onboard sources of stored energy that are both--

` (1) an internal combustion or heat engine using combustible fuel; and

` (2) a rechargeable energy storage system.'

(b) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

<i>` 2922g. Preference for motor vehicles using electric or hybrid propulsion systems.'</i>

(c) Regulations- The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to implement section 2922g of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.