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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

### *INCREASE SALES OF ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES*

#### S.7767 – HARCKHAM (NO SAME AS)

**Description:** Allows manufacturers of zero-emissions vehicles (ZEVs) to sell ZEVs in the state through direct sales centers if the state does not meet certain ZEV sales targets

#### **Justification**

New York is a national leader when it comes to combating climate change and driving down greenhouse gas emissions. The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) requires the State to achieve a carbon-free electric grid by 2040 and an 85% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (economy-wide) by 2050. According to the New York State Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan, the transportation sector is the second highest source of greenhouse gas emissions, responsible for roughly 28% of the state's emissions.

To help address emissions from the transportation sector, NY passed a law to require 100% of passenger vehicles sold in New York to be zero emission by the year 2035. In order to facilitate this necessary deployment of zero-emission vehicles and to meet our climate goals, New Yorkers must have greater access to purchase ZEVs.

This bill will expand competition in the ZEV market by allowing for more ZEV sales centers to open across New York if traditional auto dealers are unable to meet the sales targets needed to reach our climate goals. The results will be greater access to ZEVs for New Yorkers and additional options for buyers.

To achieve this, NYSERDA, the Departments of Motor Vehicles and Transportation, in consultation with other state agencies, will be required to report on a bi-annual basis from 2024 until 2034 the sale of ZEVs in the state by new motor vehicle dealers, not including manufacturers specializing exclusively in ZEVs. If the 2024 report finds that ZEV sales projections fail to show that thirty-five percent of their sales will be ZEVs by 2026, then the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue up to ten certificates of registration for entities that manufacture or assemble ZEVs and have no franchised motor vehicle dealers in New York. The requirement of the ZEV sales proportion will increase to sixty-eight percent in 2028 and up to one hundred percent by 2033, or additional certificates will be issued bi-annually.

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**S.7767—Increasing Sales of Zero-Emission Vehicles**

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