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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the transportation services bureau; to amend
2 section 81-1018, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
3 change provisions relating to the purchase or lease of
4 state-owned passenger cars; and to repeal the original
5 section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1018, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 81-1018 (1) The Legislature hereby declares that the
4 purpose and intent of this section are to take positive steps to
5 reduce the consumption of gasoline in this state and to make the most
6 efficient and economical use of the nation's resources and the
7 state's funds.

8 (2) ~~After August 24, 1975, all~~ All state-owned passenger
9 cars, except those vehicles which are considered duty stations as
10 ~~defined~~ described in section 81-1011, purchased, leased, or approved
11 for purchase or lease by the transportation services bureau, shall be
12 of the intermediate, compact, or subcompact class. Not less than
13 fifty percent of such state-owned passenger cars shall be of the
14 compact or subcompact class unless the costs to operate and maintain
15 such state-owned passenger cars are not to the advantage of the state
16 or such requirement fails to meet the intent of ~~sections 81-1011,~~
17 ~~81-1015, 81-1017, and 81-1018.~~ this section and section 81-1008.01.
18 For purposes of this section, classes of passenger cars shall be as
19 defined by the motor vehicle manufacturers.

20 (3) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, all state-
21 owned passenger cars purchased, leased, or approved for purchase or
22 lease by the transportation services bureau shall also be (a)
23 identified as Fuel Economy Leaders in the annual Fuel Economy Guide
24 issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, (b)
25 flex-fuel vehicles, (c) hybrid electric vehicles, (d) electric or

1 plug-in electric vehicles, (e) hydrogen or fuel cell vehicles, or (f)
2 other alternative fuel vehicles, except that the chief of the
3 transportation services bureau may exempt the purchase or lease or
4 approval for purchase or lease of a state-owned passenger car from
5 the requirements of this subsection if he or she determines that the
6 cost of compliance with this subsection would exceed the projected
7 gasoline consumption cost savings.

8 Sec. 2. Original section 81-1018, Reissue Revised
9 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.