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House Bill 4434

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to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure
then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
2 designated §17-14-1, and §17-14-2, all relating to prohibiting all state agencies and local
3 governmental units from restricting use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 14. PROHIBITED GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS REGARDING SALE AND
USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES BASED ON POWER SOURCE.**

§17-14-1. Definition.

1 "Motor vehicle" means a self-propelled device designed to transport persons or property
2 from one place to another.

§17-14-2. Prohibitions based on energy source.

1 (a) No state agency and no local governmental unit may restrict the use or sale of motor
2 vehicles based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle, including use for propulsion
3 or use for powering other functions of the motor vehicle.

4 (b) This subsection does not affect any policy established by a state agency or local
5 governmental unit related to the purchase of motor vehicles for the use of the state agency or
6 local governmental unit.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit state agencies and local government units from restricting the sale or use of motor vehicles based on the energy sources used to power the vehicles.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.