

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 573**

By Senators Queen, Rose, and Taylor

[Introduced February 24, 2025; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure]

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

*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, and includes, for purposes of this article, farm tractors and implements  
3 as defined in §17A-1-1(g) and (q) of this code.

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

1 (a) No state agency, nor any political subdivision of this state, may restrict the use or sale of  
2 motor vehicles based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle, including use for  
3 propulsion or use for powering other functions of the motor vehicle.

4 (b) This subsection does not affect any policy established by a state agency, nor by any  
5 political subdivision of this state, related to the purchase of motor vehicles for the use of the state  
6 agency or political subdivision.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide prohibitions on the use and sale of motor vehicles based on the energy source used to power the vehicle.

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