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Adoption of the proposed rule will result in the creation of a new problem for Maine voters, namely the establishment by fiat of a requirement that cars using gas engines will not be offered in the state.

The result will be that voters will be offered electric vehicles which are 20 to 30% more expensive than gas models. have limited range and are more expensive to repair.

The state should let the market drive the solution.

In addition, the Board might consider adding a new rebate aimed at the purchase of hybrid electric cars models deliver 500 mile range.

The proposed rule should be put on the ballot at the next election to allow the voters to decide the resolution of the issue.

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