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Ought not to pass.

EV vehicles are more expensive to maintain and operate and that is BEFORE the battery needs to be replaced. Hertz rental cars just made a decision to liquidate 20,000 of its EVs specifically for this reason. Then median and mean incomes of the citizens of Maine do not put them in a position to be able to afford the maintenance costs associated with EV's.

Further, there is currently no way to dispose of these batteries which contain heavy metals and are toxic to people and the environment. And not to mention the approximately \$6,000 replacement cost for when the EV battery loses it's charge-holding capacity.

There would be additional expenses to retrofit a home/garage in order to install charging stations.

Leave the purchase of EVs to those that can afford it and that want to purchase on one their own accord. Do not mandate EV sales!

Thank you for considering these points.
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