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To amend title 49, United States Code, to set minimum fuel economy requirements for federal vehicles, to authorize grants to States to purchase fuel efficient vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fuel-Efficient Fleets
5 Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FUEL ECONOMY OF THE FEDERAL FLEET.**

7 Section 32917 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(c) NEW VEHICLES.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), or by a waiver granted by the
4 Administrator of the General Services Administra-
5 tion, each passenger automobile purchased, or leased
6 for at least 60 consecutive days, by an executive
7 agency after the date of enactment of the Fuel-Effi-
8 cient Fleets Act of 2006 shall achieve a minimum
9 fuel economy as follows:

10 “(A) For vans (except minivans), not less
11 than 15 miles per gallon.

12 “(B) For minivans, not less than 20 miles
13 per gallon.

14 “(C) For pickup trucks, not less than 24
15 miles per gallon.

16 “(D) For sport utility vehicles, not less
17 than 36 miles per gallon.

18 “(E) For passenger automobiles not de-
19 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (D), not
20 less than 45 miles per gallon.

21 “(2) PHASE-IN PERIOD.—Of the automobiles
22 described in paragraph (1), not fewer than—

23 “(A) 25 percent of such automobiles pur-
24 chased by an executive agency during the 1-
25 year period beginning on the date of the enact-

1 ment of the Fuel-Efficient Fleets Act of 2006
2 shall achieve the minimum fuel economy de-
3 scribed in paragraph (1)(D);

4 “(B) 50 percent of such automobiles pur-
5 chased by an executive agency during the 1-
6 year period beginning 1 year after the date of
7 the enactment of the Fuel-Efficient Fleets Act
8 of 2006 shall achieve the minimum fuel econ-
9 omy described in paragraph (1)(D); and

10 “(C) 75 percent of such automobiles pur-
11 chased by an executive agency during the 1-
12 year period beginning 2 years after the date of
13 the enactment of the Fuel-Efficient Fleets Act
14 of 2006 shall achieve the minimum fuel econ-
15 omy described in paragraph (1)(D); and

16 “(D) 100 percent of such automobiles pur-
17 chased by an executive agency during the 1-
18 year period beginning 3 years after the date of
19 the enactment of the Fuel-Efficient Fleets Act
20 of 2006 shall achieve the minimum fuel econ-
21 omy described in paragraph (1)(D).”.

22 **SEC. 3. FUEL ECONOMY STANDARD EVALUATION.**

23 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Energy, in consulta-
24 tion with the Secretary of Transportation, shall annually
25 evaluate the fuel economy standards under section

1 32917(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code, based on rel-
2 evant technological advances during the previous year.

3 (b) INCREASED STANDARDS.—If the Secretary of
4 Energy determines that significant technological improve-
5 ments make it feasible to achieve higher fuel economy, the
6 Secretary shall increase the fuel economy standards under
7 section 32917(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code con-
8 sistent with such determination.

9 **SEC. 4. GRANTS TO STATES.**

10 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Trans-
11 portation may award grants to assist States to purchase
12 vans, trucks, sport utility vehicles, minivans, or passenger
13 automobiles that meet the fuel economy requirements for
14 new federal fleet vehicles described in section 32917(c) of
15 title 49, United States Code, as added by section 2.

16 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Grants shall be made available to
17 States that comply with the minimum fuel economy stand-
18 ards described in section 32917(c) of title 49, United
19 States Code.

20 (c) DURATION.—The Secretary shall award grants to
21 eligible States under this section for periods not to exceed
22 1 year.

23 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-
24 tion shall be used to purchase vehicles that meet the fuel
25 economy requirements described in subsection (b).

1 (e) APPLICATION.—The appropriate official of a
2 State seeking a grant under this section shall submit an
3 application to the Secretary of Transportation, at such
4 time and in such manner as the Secretary may require,
5 containing a vehicle purchase plan in accordance with sub-
6 section (b).

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 for fiscal
9 year 2007, which shall remain available for the 5-year pe-
10 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 for grants to eligible States under this section.

12 **SEC. 5. BUY AMERICAN PREFERENCE.**

13 An executive agency (as defined in section 32917(a)
14 of title 49, United States Code) that purchases or leases
15 (for at least 60 consecutive days) passenger automobiles
16 (as defined in section 32901 of title 49, United States
17 Code) shall, when determining which models to purchase,
18 give a preference to automobiles that are assembled in the
19 United States from components, of which not less than
20 50 percent were manufactured in the United States.

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