MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2021

By: Representative Lamar

To: Ways and Means

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1441

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT AND INSURANCE 2 PREMIUM TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS FOR THE COSTS OF ANY QUALIFIED 3 ALTERNATIVE-FUEL FUELING STATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES THAT IS PLACED 4 INTO SERVICE BY THE TAXPAYER DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021, 2022 OR 5 2023; TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT 6 UNUSED PORTIONS OF A CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR FIVE 7 CONSECUTIVE YEARS FROM THE CLOSE OF THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT WAS EARNED; TO DEFINE THE TERM "QUALIFIED ALTERNATIVE-FUEL 8 9 FUELING STATION"; TO IMPOSE A FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLES CHARGED AT 10 QUALIFIED ALTERNATIVE-FUEL FUELING STATIONS IN THIS STATE; AND FOR 11 RELATED PURPOSES.

12BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:13SECTION 1.(1)For the purposes of this section, the

14 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 15 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

17 (b) "Motor vehicle" means and has the same definition

18 as that term has in Section 27-19-3.

19 (c) "Qualified alternative-fuel fueling station" means

20 a metered-for-fee, public access recharging system for motor

21 vehicles propelled, in whole or in part, by electricity. Such

22 fueling station must be new and must not have been previously

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installed or used to refuel motor vehicles by any means, and must be capable of universal charging for all electric vehicles. The term "qualified alternative-fuel fueling station" does not include a building or its structural components.

27 (2)Subject to the provisions of this section, any (a) 28 taxpayer who places a qualified alternative-fuel fueling station in service during calendar year 2021, 2022 or 2023 shall be 29 eligible to receive a credit against the taxes imposed by Sections 30 31 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123. The amount of credit 32 that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be 33 limited to an amount not to exceed the lesser of seventy-five 34 percent (75%) of the costs of any qualified alternative-fuel 35 fueling station that is placed in service by the taxpayer during 36 calendar year 2021, 2022 or 2023, or the total tax liability of 37 the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law for the 38 taxable year. However, a taxpayer may not receive a credit for 39 any costs paid for with federal funds received by the taxpayer. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any 40 41 taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years 42 from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned. 43 (3) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for the credit by submitting 44 an application to the department. The application shall include: 45 (i) The name of the taxpayer;

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47 fueling stations that will be placed in service by the taxpayer
48 during calendar year 2021, 2022 or 2023; and

49 (iii) Any other information required by the50 department.

51 (b) If the taxpayer qualifies for the credit, the 52 department shall approve the application and shall notify the 53 taxpayer of the amount of credits approved.

(4) The department shall consider applications for the credit under this section in the order in which the department receives the applications. The aggregate amount of credits that may be approved by the department under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in calendar year 2021, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in calendar year 2022, and Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in calendar year 2023.

A taxpayer claiming a credit under this section shall 61 (5) 62 submit an annual report to the Department of Environmental Quality. The report shall be submitted for the year in which the 63 64 qualified alternative-fuel fueling station is placed in service 65 and for each of the next four (4) years thereafter. The report 66 shall include the following information for each qualified 67 alternative-fuel fueling station for which a credit is claimed: 68 (a) The number of charging events in the reporting

69 period;

H. B. No. 1441 21/HR31/R1673CS PAGE 3 (BS\JAB) 70 (b) The number of motor vehicles that were charged71 during the reporting period;

72 (c) The total kilowatt-hours dispensed for each73 charging event in the reporting period; and

74 (d) The average kilowatt-hours dispensed for all75 charging events in the reporting period.

76 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) For the purposes of this section, the 77 following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in 78 this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means and has the same definitionas that term has in Section 27-19-3.

(b) "Qualified alternative-fuel fueling station" means a metered-for-fee, public access recharging system for motor vehicles propelled, in whole or in part, by electricity, regardless of whether the recharging system is capable of universal charging for all electric vehicles. The term "qualified alternative-fuel fueling station" does not include a building or its structural components.

(2) (a) In addition to any other fees and taxes, there is
imposed a fee of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) on each motor
vehicle charged at a qualified alternative-fuel fueling station in
this state. The owner or operator of the qualified

92 alternative-fuel fueling station shall collect the fee at the time 93 of the motor vehicle charging and shall remit the proceeds of the 94 fee to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall

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99 Beginning July 1, 2022, and each succeeding July 1 (b) 100 thereafter, the rate of the fee imposed under this section and in 101 effect at the end of the preceding state fiscal year shall be 102 adjusted by increasing the fee by a percentage amount equal to the 103 United States inflation rate for the previous calendar year ending on December 31 as certified by the Department of Finance and 104 Administration. The United States inflation rate for a calendar 105 106 year shall be the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year for 107 urban consumers as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of 108 the United States Department of Labor. In adjusting the amount of 109 the fee, amounts equal to or greater than Fifty Cents $(50\diamond)$ shall 110 be rounded to the next highest whole dollar.

(3) The Department of Revenue shall have all powers
necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this
section, and the department shall promulgate rules and
regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative
Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.
SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new

117 section in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. Nothing in Section 1 of this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of

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SECTION 5. Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2021, and the remaining sections of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.