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LEV/ZEV and Electric Vehicle Charger Tax Credit Fact Sheet

The State of Georgia is offering the following tax credits:

1. Alternative Fuel Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV): the allowable credit is the lesser of 10% of the vehicle cost or \$2,500 for the purchase or lease of a new low-emission vehicle that is fueled solely by an alternative fuel.
2. Converted Vehicle: Lesser of 10% of the conversion cost or \$2,500 tax credit for a vehicle to be converted to run solely on an alternative fuel and meets the standards for a low-emission vehicle.
3. Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV): the lesser of 20% of the vehicle cost or \$5,000 tax credit is allowed for the purchase or lease of a new zero emission vehicle provided the vehicle does not receive its electricity from an on-board combustion device.
4. Electric Vehicle Charger: the lesser of 10% of the vehicle cost or \$2,500 tax credit is allowed for the purchase and installation of qualified electric vehicle charger. This tax credit applies only to business enterprises.

Any of these tax credits that are claimed but that are not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five years from the close of the taxable year in which the vehicles were purchased or converted. In no event shall the amount of any of these tax credits exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is responsible for issuing certificates for qualified vehicles, conversions, and chargers. The certificate is used as verification that the taxpayer purchased/leased a qualified LEV or ZEV, properly converted a vehicle, or purchased and installed a qualified electric vehicle charger. The certificates are to be sent in with the taxpayer's income tax return in order to qualify for the tax credits. The Department of Revenue is responsible for approving and issuing the tax credit.

LEV, ZEV, and Conversion General Facts

1. Tax credit available beginning January 1, 2001.
2. No sunset provision (However, the state legislature can amend the tax code.).
3. Vehicles must be powered solely fueled by an alternative fuel. (Note: hybrid electric, flex fuel, and bi-fuel vehicles do **not** qualify)
4. Vehicles that qualify for the LEV tax credit typically include vehicles solely powered by natural gas or propane: Natural gas examples include the Honda Civic GX and GMC 2500 series pickups; A propane example includes the GMC medium duty truck.
5. Vehicles that qualify for the ZEV tax credit typically include full size electric vehicles.
6. Vehicles must be registered in Georgia.

7. Systems that convert a gasoline or diesel vehicle to an alternative fuel must be certified by the manufacturer to allow the vehicle to meet at a minimum low emission vehicle standards and the gasoline/diesel fuel system must be disabled or completely removed from the vehicle.

Electric Vehicle Charger General Facts

1. Tax credits are allowed only for business enterprises which include any business engaged in manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, processing, telecommunications, tourism, and research and development. (Such term shall not include retail businesses.)
2. The charger must be rated greater than 130 volts and must be designed to charge on-road vehicles.
3. The charger must be installed in Georgia for a minimum of five consecutive years.
4. The charger must be located for and allowed public access.

To Receive Your Specific Tax Credit

1. Obtain LEV/ZEV, Conversion, or Electric Vehicle Charger Certification Form(s) from your dealer or EPD.
2. Complete the Certification Form(s) and send the original(s) to EPD along with copies of the following documents to EPD: (a) Bill of sale in the name of the taxpayer claiming the credit and (b) tag receipt (only for vehicles) or (c) Manufacturer Statement/Certificate of Origin (only for new vehicles). Vehicles that have been converted need to include a copy of the certificate of conformity from the manufacturer stating that the conversion will allow the vehicle to meet at a minimum LEV standards. The form(s) and documents should be sent to the attention to:

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3. EPD will review the completed form(s) and documents. If all of the requirements have been met, EPD will sign the form(s) and send it back to the taxpayer.
4. The taxpayer should attach the original approved Certification Form(s) to their Georgia Income Tax Return (Form 500) or Georgia Amended Tax Return (Form 500 X). Schedule 2 of the 500 form should reflect the amount of the anticipated credit (not to exceed your current year's tax liability). **Omission of the original Certificate Form(s) will result in the credit claimed being disallowed.**

For more information about qualified alternative fueled LEV's or about the LEV certificate form, please contact EPD at (404) 363-7028.

For more information about how to obtain your tax credit once you have received your completed LEV certificate form, please contact the Georgia Department of Revenue at (404) 417-2441.