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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for fuel-efficient motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Oil Independence, Lim-  
5 iting Subsidies, and Accelerating Vehicle Efficiency  
6 (OILSAVE) Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. TAX CREDIT FOR FUEL-EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHI-**  
8 **CLES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part IV of sub-  
10 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 (relating to other credits) is amended by inserting  
 2 after section 30C the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 30D. FUEL-EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHICLE CREDIT.**

4       “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—There shall be al-  
 5 lowed a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for  
 6 the taxable year an amount equal to the applicable amount  
 7 for each new qualified fuel-efficient motor vehicle placed  
 8 in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

9       “(b) NEW QUALIFIED FUEL-EFFICIENT MOTOR VE-  
 10 HICLE.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘new quali-  
 11 fied fuel-efficient motor vehicle’ means a motor vehicle (as  
 12 defined under section 30(c)(2))—

13               “(1) which is a passenger automobile or a light  
 14 truck,

15               “(2) which—

16                       “(A) in the case of a passenger automobile,  
 17 achieves a fuel economy of not less than 34.5  
 18 miles per gallon, and

19                       “(B) in the case of a light truck, achieves  
 20 a fuel economy of not less than 27.5 miles per  
 21 gallon,

22               “(3) the original use of which commences with  
 23 the taxpayer,

24               “(4) which is acquired for use or lease by the  
 25 taxpayer and not for resale, and

1           “(5) which is made by a manufacturer for  
2           model year 2009, 2010, or 2011.

3           “(c) APPLICABLE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this  
4           section, the applicable amount shall be determined as fol-  
5           lows:

If the motor vehicle achieves a fuel economy of:	In the case of a pas- senger auto- mobile, the applicable amount is:	In the case of a light truck, the applicable amount is:
27.5 miles per gallon .....	\$0	\$630
28.5 .....	0	710
29.5 .....	0	780
30.5 .....	0	850
31.5 .....	0	920
32.5 .....	0	980
33.5 .....	0	1,040
34.5 .....	630	1,090
35.5 .....	700	1,140
36.5 .....	760	1,190
37.5 .....	820	1,240
38.5 .....	880	1,280
39.5 .....	940	1,320
40.5 .....	990	1,360
41.5 .....	1,040	1,400
42.5 .....	1,090	1,430
43.5 .....	1,140	1,470
44.5 .....	1,180	1,500
45.5 .....	1,220	1,530
46.5 .....	1,260	1,560
47.5 .....	1,300	1,590
48.5 .....	1,340	1,620
49.5 .....	1,370	1,640
50.5 .....	1,410	1,670
51.5 .....	1,440	1,690
52.5 .....	1,470	1,720
53.5 .....	1,500	1,740
54.5 .....	1,530	1,760
55.5 .....	1,560	1,780
56.5 .....	1,590	1,800
57.5 .....	1,610	1,820
58.5 .....	1,640	1,840
59.5 or more .....	1,660	1,860

1 “(d) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

2 For purposes of this section—

3 “(1) FUEL ECONOMY.—The term ‘fuel econ-  
4 omy’ has the meaning given such term under section  
5 32901(a)(10) of title 49, United States Code.

6 “(2) MODEL YEAR.—The term ‘model year’ has  
7 the meaning given such term under section  
8 32901(a)(14) of such title.

9 “(3) OTHER TERMS.—The terms ‘passenger  
10 automobile’, ‘light truck’, and ‘manufacturer’ have  
11 the meaning given such terms in regulations pre-  
12 scribed by the Administrator of the Environmental  
13 Protection Agency for purposes of the administra-  
14 tion of title II of the Clean Air Act.

15 “(4) REDUCTION IN BASIS.—For purposes of  
16 this subtitle, the basis of any property for which a  
17 credit is allowable under subsection (a) shall be re-  
18 duced by the amount of such credit so allowed.

19 “(5) NO DOUBLE BENEFIT.—

20 “(A) COORDINATION WITH OTHER VEHI-  
21 CLE CREDITS.—No credit shall be allowed  
22 under subsection (a) with respect to any new  
23 qualified fuel-efficient motor vehicle for any tax-  
24 able year if a credit is allowed with respect to

1 such motor vehicle for such taxable year under  
2 section 30 or 30B.

3 “(B) OTHER TAX BENEFITS.—The amount  
4 of any deduction or credit (other than the credit  
5 allowable under this section and any credit de-  
6 scribed in subparagraph (A)) allowable under  
7 this chapter with respect to any new qualified  
8 fuel-efficient motor vehicle shall be reduced by  
9 the amount of credit allowed under subsection  
10 (a) for such motor vehicle for such taxable year.

11 “(6) PROPERTY USED OUTSIDE THE UNITED  
12 STATES, ETC., NOT QUALIFIED.—No credit shall be  
13 allowable under subsection (a) with respect to any  
14 property referred to in section 50(b)(1) or with re-  
15 spect to the portion of the cost of any property  
16 taken into account under section 179.

17 “(7) ELECTION NOT TO TAKE CREDIT.—No  
18 credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) for any  
19 vehicle if the taxpayer elects not to have this section  
20 apply to such vehicle.

21 “(8) INTERACTION WITH AIR QUALITY AND  
22 MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.—Unless oth-  
23 erwise provided in this section, a motor vehicle shall  
24 not be considered eligible for a credit under this sec-  
25 tion unless such vehicle is in compliance with—

1           “(A) the applicable provisions of the Clean  
2           Air Act for the applicable make and model year  
3           of the vehicle (or applicable air quality provi-  
4           sions of State law in the case of a State which  
5           has adopted such provision under a waiver  
6           under section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act), and

7           “(B) the motor vehicle safety provisions of  
8           sections 30101 through 30169 of title 49,  
9           United States Code.

10          “(e) CREDIT MAY BE TRANSFERRED.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A taxpayer may, in connec-  
12          tion with the purchase of a new qualified fuel-effi-  
13          cient motor vehicle, transfer any credit allowable  
14          under subsection (a) to any person who is in the  
15          trade or business of selling new qualified fuel-effi-  
16          cient motor vehicles, but only if such person clearly  
17          discloses to such taxpayer, through the use of a win-  
18          dow sticker attached to the new qualified fuel-effi-  
19          cient vehicle—

20           “(A) the amount of any credit allowable  
21          under subsection (a) with respect to such vehi-  
22          cle, and

23           “(B) a notification that the taxpayer will  
24          not be eligible for any credit under section 30  
25          or 30B with respect to such vehicle unless the

1 taxpayer elects not to have this section apply  
2 with respect to such vehicle.

3 “(2) CONSENT REQUIRED FOR REVOCATION.—  
4 Any transfer under paragraph (1) may be revoked  
5 only with the consent of the Secretary.

6 “(3) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may pre-  
7 scribe such regulations as necessary to ensure that  
8 any credit described in paragraph (1) is claimed  
9 once and not retransferred by a transferee.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) Section 1016(a) of the Internal Revenue  
12 Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the  
13 end of paragraph (36), by striking the period at the  
14 end of paragraph (37) and inserting “, and”, and by  
15 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

16 “(38) to the extent provided in section  
17 30D(d)(4).”.

18 (2) Section 6501(m) of such Code is amended  
19 by inserting “30D(d)(7),” after “30C(e)(5),”.

20 (3) The table of section for subpart C of part  
21 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is  
22 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
23 tion 30C the following new item:

“Sec. 30D. Fuel-efficient motor vehicle credit.”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
25 this section shall apply to property placed in service after

1 the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to model  
2 years 2009, 2010, and 2011.

3 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING OFFSETTING**  
4 **REVENUES.**

5 It is the sense of the Senate that the cost of the  
6 amendments made by section 2 shall be offset by equiva-  
7 lent revenues specified in related legislation.

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