

California

On July 22, 2002, former Governor Gray Davis signed AB 1493, which directed the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt regulations that would achieve the "maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles." The standard requires that new vehicles, on average, achieve an emissions reduction of 30 percent by 2016, and was adopted by ARB on September 24, 2004.

In 2004, a lawsuit was filed by major automakers in an attempt to block California from implementing its Clean Cars Law (AB 1493), but California won the case in December 2007 when Judge Anthony Ishii dismissed the lawsuit. Also in 2007, the Supreme Court ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority to regulate GHG emissions from the transportation sector under the Clean Air Act, and in 2009 the EPA granted a waiver allowing California to regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from vehicles within the state.

California has agreed to conform to the federal standard from 2012 to 2016. With the waiver decision, the state will be able to regulate vehicle emissions using its own standard from now until the federal standard takes effect in 2012, and after 2016.

2004 Press Release

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Colorado

On November 7, 2007, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter released Colorado's Climate Action Plan, under which the Governor will issue an executive order directing Colorado's Air Quality Control Division to propose clean car standards.

Press ReleaseColorado Climate Action Plan

Connecticut

Connecticut adopted California vehicle emission standards in 2005 with the passage of its Clean Cars Law. Compliance began with the 2008 model year.

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Delaware

In December 2010 Delaware passed their National Low-Emission Vehicle Regulation, which includes the California vehicle emission standards. Compliance begins in the 2014 model year.

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Maine

In December 2005, the Board of Environmental Protection adopted amendments to Chapter 127, New Motor Vehicle Emission Standards, which incorporated California's vehicle emissions standards for new motor vehicles sold in Maine.

Chapter 127

Maryland

On April 24, 2007, Governor Martin O'Malley signed SB 103, the Maryland Clean Cars Act, officially pledging Maryland to adopt California's vehicle emissions standards. Compliance began with model year 2011.

Press ReleaseSB 103

Massachusetts

On January 9, 2006, Secretary of Environmental Affairs Stephen R. Pritchard announced the state's adoption of California's vehicle emissions standards, designed to produce cleaner air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Massachusetts. The standards took effect in Massachusetts starting with 2009 model year vehicles.

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New Jersey

On January 14, 2004, Governor James E. McGreevey signed legislation that adopted California's vehicle emissions standards for automobiles sold in New Jersey.

Senate Bill 2351

New Mexico

On December 28, 2006, Governor Bill Richardson issued executive order 2006-69, establishing goals and timetables for

steps the state can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including adopting California's vehicle emissions standards. In November 2007, the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Air Quality Control Board and the Environmental Improvement Board adopted the vehicle standards, which took effect with Model Year 2011.

Executive Order 2006-69

New York

On November 9, 2005, the New York State Environmental Board approved state regulations that require significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles by adhering to California's vehicle emissions standards.

Regulation

Oregon

In December 2005, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) adopted temporary rules requiring Oregon to meet California's vehicle emissions standards. On June 22, 2006, the EQC permanently adopted rules requiring all new motor vehicles sold in Oregon to meet California's vehicle emissions standards beginning with model year 2009.

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Pennsylvania

On September 19, 2006, Pennsylvania's Environmental Quality Board approved the Clean Vehicles Program, a plan to meet California's vehicle emissions standards. On November 2, 2006, the state's Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the implementation of the plan. Despite support from Governor Edward G. Rendell, in late 2006, the Pennsylvania General Assembly debated SB 1025, a rollback bill threatening to block the state from implementing the Clean Cars Law. On November 22, 2006, however, Pennsylvania concluded its 'lame duck' session without having voted on the SB 1025.

Regulation
SB 1025

Rhode Island

On October 13, 2005, Governor Don Carcieri announced Rhode Island's intention to adopt California's vehicle emissions standards. The standards were officially adopted on December 22, 2005 with approval of Air Pollution Control Regulation no.37, Rhode Island's Low Emission Vehicle Program.

Regulation

Vermont

On November 7, 2005, the Vermont Air Pollution Control Division adopted a rule amending its low emission vehicles regulation to be identical to that of California's vehicle emissions standards.

Regulation

Washington

On May 6, 2005, Governor Christine Gregoire signed HB 1397, adopting California's vehicle emissions standards for Washington, conditional on Oregon's adoption of the standard.

Press Release
HB 1397