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Section 177 needs to be repealed and DE should not be following California law regarding electric cars. Why? 1) Practical issues: the lithium batteries are dangerous when they catch fire as it is a chemical fire that cannot be put out with water; this puts a huge burden on the fire-fighting system in DE due to the time it takes to try and put out the fire and violates any clean air standard with chemical waste being put into the air. A GO-SLOW APPROACH SHOULD BE TAKEN BY ADMINISTRATORS IN DE. UNTIL FURTHER EVIDENCE OF BATTERY FIRE PREVENTION AND CURE CAN BE ADDRESSED. 2) Public policy issues: DE is a different state than California. California is a huge state that can risk the huge negative economic impact of experimenting with an unproven product. DE is too small and too economically fragile to be taking this risk. There are other means to clean air quality besides requiring, in a short period of time, that Delawarians buy a certain product whose battery, when on fire, causes more air quality problems than what DE has now. 3) Constitutional issues: the basis of our constitutional system is personal Liberty. If DE lawmakers want to provide a choice of products for Delawarians, and/or promote a certain product -- fine. NEITHER LAWMAKERS nor GOVERNORS ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY ALLOWED TO MANDATE PARTICULAR PRODUCTS THAT CONSUMERS MUST BUY as it takes away citizen Liberty to choose. What has been done should be repealed and re-examined in light of both practical and constitutional issues.