

From the Dallas Business Journal

[:http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/news/2012/04/20/texas-drivers-could-save-775b-from.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/news/2012/04/20/texas-drivers-could-save-775b-from.html)

Texas drivers could save \$7.75B from new fuel-efficiency standards

Dallas Business Journal by Olivia Pulsinelli, Web producer

Date: Friday, April 20, 2012, 1:57pm CDT

Related:

[Environment](#), [Energy](#), [Automotive](#), [Oil & gas](#)



[Olivia Pulsinelli](#)

Web producer - *Houston Business Journal*

[Email](#)

Texas drivers could save \$7.75 billion in fuel costs once the Obama administration's new fuel-efficiency standards are fully implemented, a Natural Resources Defense Council report shows.

That's the most savings of any state, the nonprofit agency's report said. The 54.5 miles-per-gallon standard is set to be finalized in August and would go into effect in 2025. By 2030, drivers nationwide could save \$68 billion.

The study measured savings in 2030 to give more efficient vehicles time to make it onto the roadways.

Over the life of a vehicle, individual drivers could potentially save \$4,400, after considering the cost of fuel-saving technologies, the report suggests.

Here's a list of the top 20 states where drivers would save the most from the fuel-efficiency standards and their net savings, reflecting the actual fuel savings at the pump and the costs associated with fuel-saving technologies, based on the agency's estimates:

1. Texas: \$7.75 billion
2. California: \$7.27 billion
3. Florida: \$6.68 billion
4. New York: \$2.95 billion
5. North Carolina: \$2.79 billion
6. Georgia: \$2.56 billion
7. Virginia: \$2.17 billion
8. Pennsylvania: \$2 billion
9. Tennessee: \$1.95 billion
10. Arizona: \$1.88 billion
11. Illinois: \$1.85 billion
12. Ohio: \$1.66 billion
13. Washington: \$1.54 billion
14. Maryland: \$1.52 billion
15. Michigan: \$1.52 billion
16. New Jersey: \$1.45 billion
17. Alabama: \$1.27 billion
18. Kentucky: \$1.2 billion
19. Missouri: \$1.2 billion
20. Minnesota: \$1.16 billion

Olivia Pulsinelli is the web producer for the Houston Business Journal's award-winning website.